

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday July 31, 2014

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: Terry Humberstone, Allan Gauvin, Steve Walsh
Conference: Dan Archibald, Jacques Nadeau, Ken King
Absent: Nick Oud

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 20:03 by President Humberstone. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

2. Guest Speaker

President Humberstone introduced a guest speaker he had arranged to attend this evening; Kimberly McGuire of American Income Life. For over 60 years American Income Life has been dedicated to working families. They have the following no-cost programs available to our members

\$3,000 Group AD&D Benefit – provides 24 hour coverage for all members. Each member will be given the opportunity to designate a beneficiary.

Child Safe Kits – provides vital information, including photo's and fingerprints, to assist authorities should a child become lost or missing. Endorsed by the International Union of Police Associations.

Family Information Guide – helps eliminate confusion over funeral arrangements, insurance papers and estate information.

Family Eye Care Discount Card – provides household discounts on prescription eyewear.

3 Simple Steps

- An approved letter is mailed to all members on the CU's letterhead, signed by the President. A reply card with postage-paid envelope is mailed to all members.
- All printing and mailing charges are at no cost to the CU.

- Members who return the reply card will be contacted by an AIL representative to arrange a convenient time to deliver the no-cost benefits and explain additional benefits available on a voluntary basis
- Kimberly would prepare all the packagers in the CU Office. Our mailing list will not be shared with the insurance company.

20:13 Kimberly's presentation concluded and she departed.

Motion: to accept Kimberly's presentation as presented on behalf of our members.

Moved By: Ken
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By: Dan
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No one declared a conflict of interest for the purposes of this meeting agenda.

5. Minutes - Meeting of May 29, 2014

5.1 **Motion:** that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday May 29, 2014 as circulated by email be accepted.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

6. Action Items List

6.1 Nomination Committee – 2014

- This is an election year.
- All positions are open.
- This action item has been posted on the CRPU web site and emailed by Mail Chimp all members who have provided us with email addresses, twice.
- To date we have one volunteer; Connie Steacy.

- What do we do?
- If we cannot get volunteers for the nomination committee are we done?
- There is a lot of work to be done in a short time.
- We do not have staff to undertake this challenge.
- Discussion.

The constitution states:

"A Nomination Committee consisting of three (3) CRPU Members in good standing shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee shall accept nominations from the CRPU membership for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three directors and shall formally announce the slate of eligible candidates to the Membership by posting all names for each position on the CRPU web site.

Prior to formally releasing the candidate names, the Nomination Committee shall contact each person nominated to obtain the assurance that the nominee will serve in the specified office, if elected.

The Nomination Committee shall encourage members to seek election in the event the general membership has not nominated at least one member for each vacant position of office.

A member of the Nomination Committee may be nominated for office, but in the event that he or she accepts the nomination, that person shall withdraw from the Nomination Committee and the Board of Directors shall appoint a new replacement. The Nomination Committee must provide notice to each Active CRPU Member of the date of the elections and procedure for elections.

The Nomination Committee will provide one mass mailing for all candidates combined. Each candidate will supply all printed campaign materials at his/her expense for the mailing. The maximum amount of material per candidate will be determined by the Nominating Committee.

The Nomination Committee will cause a properly constituted election to be held in accordance with the provisions outlined in Section 6.12 Referendum Vote.

Section 6.12 Referendum Vote:

Questions that are considered to merit a referendum vote by the Board of Directors or by a General Meeting shall be dealt with in the following manner.

The Board of Directors shall have prepared a ballot which shall have stated upon it the question to be voted upon and shall be communicated by prepaid mail to each member in good standing to his/her most recent address as listed with the

Head Office of the CRPU, accompanied by a resume of the question and a pre addressed, postage paid envelope for return of the ballot. A deadline shall be clearly marked on the ballot form, which shall not be less than twenty one (21) days from the date of mailing. Each member in good standing shall, if he/she chooses, mark the ballot form to indicate his/her choice, seal it in the return envelope and mail prior to the deadline. The pre addressed, postage paid envelope shall bear the return address of an independent auditor, who shall be engaged for the purpose of counting the ballots. The ballots mailed by the deadline shall be counted and the results of the ballot count communicated immediately to the Board of Directors, who shall advise the membership of the results of the ballot count within fourteen (14) clear days of the deadline."

Motion: that the BOD recommend to the membership at the 2014 AGM that the CU close its doors effective December 31, 2014 if there are not sufficient volunteers for the Nominating Committee or the BOD for this next 3 year term.

Mover By: Steve
Seconded By: Jacques

President Humberstone called for a recorded vote:

Ken – Ya
Dan – Ya
Jacques – Ya
Allan – Ya
Steve – Ya

The motion was carried.

6.2 AGM 2014

- The Hamilton Central RPC has volunteered to host the 2014 AGM at their club house.
- Date: Saturday October 18, 2014.
- Nick was not available to present his report on the AGM at this meeting.

6.3 Membership for 2014

- We closed the books for 2013 with 937 members.
- Denise reports that as of July 25th we have 786 members.
- **We have 151 fewer members this year.**
- The CU cannot survive with a declining membership.
- Discussion.
- Consensus is there is nothing we can do. The earlier motion speaks to the bigger issue.

6.4 Band Order 2015

- The 2015 band order has been submitted to BENZING...
- Delivery has been requested for November 1st.
- We received the BENZING invoice on July 28th for 5, 690, 35 euro.
- The bands are identical to last year; meeting FCI requirements in all categories EXCEPT our bands will not carry the FCI initials and logo.
- The colour for 2015 is “Silver” (FCI rule).
- 28 individuals ordered 6,360 personalized bands in 2014.
- 25 individuals have ordered 5,760 personalized bands for 2015.
- **That is 3 fewer members and 600 fewer bands.**
- 51 clubs ordered 34,040 bands in 2014.
- 47 clubs have ordered 28,890 bands for 2015.
- **That is 4 fewer clubs ordering 5,150 fewer bands.**
- The CU ordered 32,000 CU bands in 2014.
- That order has been cut to 20,000 CU bands for 2015.
- There are 11,700 unsold 2014 CU bands.
- Bottom line, our band sales for 2015 will be 54,650 bands ordered down from 81,000 just a couple years ago.

6.5 By-Law Updates

Town of Georgina (Keswick)

- We have a new compliant.
- A By Law officer attended a fancier’s home on July 16th and asked to see the birds.
- Permission was granted. The By Law Officer was shown the birds and took photographs of the “aviary”.
- The By Law Officer informed the fancier of a zoning violation and they would have to apply for a minor variance.
- By Registered Mail the fancier received an order to get rid of the aviary immediately and prepare for re-inspection on August 4th.
- The fee for a minor variance application is \$750.
- The fancier contacted the CU.
- This fancier was not a CU member. Her membership fee has now been paid.
- I provided our member with cases I found on the Town of Georgina web site where minor variances (2) were previously granted to allow pigeons.
- Our member provided this information to the Town and expressed her desire to apply for a minor variance.
- The municipality has since informed her she will be unsuccessful. They have not allowed a pigeon in a residential neighbourhood

since the last minor variance was approved in 2000. They do not want the fancier to waste her money.

- I have directed our member to get a hold of Municipal Councillor to solicit her support.

Pigeon Concern / Issue Grande Prairie Alberta

Ken updated us on an issue he is working on in Alberta. The members club are directly involved. This is not a CU issue at this time.

Motion: that the bylaw report as presented be accepted.

Moved By:	Steve	
Seconded By:	Allan	CARRIED

6.6 Ricoh Photo Copier

- Jacques advised the BOD that there is not much cooperation on behalf of Ricoh to resolve this issue.

6.7 Race Results 2014

- Nick advised via Terry that the race results program should be up and operational next week.

6.8 Interim Office Manager Replacement

- Linda has continues to support the CU by doing our books for us.
- Our Accounting Firm has provided 2 new names of book keepers that may take us on as a new client.

6.9 Benzing – Agent in Canada

- An email was received from Mr. Hanno Troll; BENZING that Ms. Connie Steacy is now the BENZING Agent for Canada.
- I have replied to Mr. Troll that we will direct all BENZING business to Ms. Steacy in the future

7.0 Financial

- 7.1 **Motion:** that the General Ledger report date June 30th, to July 25th the Accounts Receivable Report and Accounts Payable report circulated to the BOD on Friday July 25th be accepted as a true accounting of this months business activities to date.

AND FURTHER

That the comparative Balance Sheets, Income Statements ,Statement of Cash Flows, Vendor Aged Summaries, Customer Aged Summaries, General Ledger Reports and the Vendor Purchases Detailed Reports for the periods September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 AND September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 **AND** the TD Credit Card statement **AND** the Inventory Summaries for June 30, 2014 and July 28, 2014 as circulated on July 28th be accepted as a true accounting for our business activities this fiscal year.

Moved By: Ken
Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

7.2 Budget Review

- Ken provided us a budget review for this fiscal year to date. We are in the black

Motion: that Ken's budget review is accepted.

Moved By: Ken
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

21: 20 8. Other Business

8.1 Next Regular Board Meeting Date.....August 21

21:30 9. Adjournment – 21:55

Moved By: Al
Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

Terry Humberstone, President

Steve Walsh, Secretary