

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday November 7, 2013

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: Terry Humberstone, Nick Oud, Steve Walsh
Conference: Dan Archibald, Ken King, Jacques Nadeau, Tom de Munnik

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 20:06 by President Humberstone. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No one declared a conflict of interest with tonight's agenda.

4. Motion to Accept Electronic Voting Minutes

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

4.1 Motion: That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday October 10, 2013 as circulated by email be accepted.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

4.2 Motion: That the BOD authorizes the Law Firm to Clarke L. Melville to pursue Option #3 as outlined in correspondence from Ms. Jackie Day to wit: Request a Debtor Examination in the Woodstock Small Claims Court. We would serve Ms. Beadow with notice of the hearing, and she would be obliged to attend and answer questions about her job, income, property, bank accounts, debts, expenses and reasons for not paying. This would cost more (\$100 court fee + our preparation and attendance), and may not yield results if she ultimately has no money to give or income to garnish. If it works, the step after that would be, for instance, to garnish her wages or bank account.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

4.3 Motion: That the BOD authorizes Execulink Telecom Services make changes to our telephone system moving the voice over to its own connection to eliminate any voice issues that are happening due to the internet usage on the data connection at a cost of no more than \$13.00 per month.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

4.4 Motion: That the BOD authorizes the release of our 2011 / 2012 Financial Statement to Mr. Richard Aylsworth.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

5. Action Items List

5.1 Year Book 2013

- Tom presented his proposal for the 2013 year book (see amended report Appendix "A")
- Discussion
- No one is sure how many people want the yearbook any more.
- If we follow Tom's recommendation that way we will know how many members want the year book.

Motion: We take Tom's report to the AGM and let the members decide.

Moved By: Tom
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

5.2 Budget 2013 /2014 Fiscal Year

- Ken presented his budget proposal for the 2013 / 2014 fiscal year
- This is the first budget we can find record of that the CRPU ever has made
- Discussion on the options presented by Ken.
- Ken will provide us a new “clean” budget prior to his presentation at the AGM.
- We all agreed Ken did a remarkable job on this budget

Motion: that the budget as prepared by Ken and discussed this evening be approved as our operating budget for the 2013 / 2014 fiscal year.

Moved By: Ken
Seconded BY: Steve CARRIED

5.3 AGM Agenda (Terry)

- The draft agenda as circulated by Steve was discussed
- Terry pointed out the need to delete the word “Board” from the agenda title
- Correct title “Annual General Meeting”
- No motion needed.

5.4 Application for CU Membership

- 80 members for the 2013 membership year have failed to submit an application as requested by staff.
- 5 members crossed out sections of the application.
- 1 member crossed out the by law compliance area.
- The other 4 members crossed out the bylaw and rules area.
- Question: do we remove these two pieces from the application.
- Discussion

Motion: The application to join the CRPU be amended removing the “rules” section of the application.

Moved By: Dan
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

5.5 By Law Updates

City of Vaughan

- Everything is still status quo in Vaughan.

City of Hamilton

- City staff there has been directed by Council to prepare a favourable bylaw without a grandfathering clause to allow our sport to continue.
- I checked with Bill Young. That report is not yet ready.
- I have sent an email to the clubs to ascertain where we stand with respect to legal Counsel going forward.
- Trevor Smolenaars will check with the clubs and advice.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

- The bylaw department has ignored our request for information.
- A letter needs to be sent to the Municipality.

Town of Erin

- Not sure what is happening there.
- A call to the Mayor has not been responded to.
- The Mayor is suing Council so there are bigger problems there.
- Since the BOD feels the 7.5 meter set back is okay we'll let this one die?

City of Brampton

- OMB Hearing Date Tuesday April 15th at 10:00 in Brampton.

City of Cornwall

- We received a copy of their new draft bylaw on October 1st.
- Lillian Taillon from Cornwall called Mike. The new by-law passed. It allows for 80 pigeons and the members love it.
- There were two opposing councillors, all others voted in favour.
- The one dissenting councillor stated that he believed that all the pigeons should be gassed. That got him in hot water with his constituents and the Mayor. He was later forced to apologize.

- The other dissenting councillor offered no reason for his negative vote other than that he personally hates pigeons.
- Score a big win for the CU. We owe a lot of thanks to Mike van der Jagt for taking this one on for us.

Motion: That the bylaw report as presented be accepted.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Dan CARRIED

President Humberstone will write a letter to Past President Mike van der Jagt thanking him for his support in the City of Cornwall and City of Vaughan by law challenges

5.6 FCI Memberships – CRPU / AU / IF

- The question forwarded to the FCI BOD for response at their meeting October 14th – October 16th has gone unanswered.
- I will communicate further with the FCI asking for a response before our next BOD meeting.

5.7 Paratyphoid Bacterin

- Nothing further to report.

6.0 Financial

Motion: That the reports to wit the Balance Sheet and the

- Income Statement
- Cash Flow
- Aged A/R sub ledger
- Aged inventory report
- Aged A/P sub ledger
- Credit card statements
- Government remittances payable
- Monthly Bank Activity (Bank Statement and General Ledger)

as circulated by the Interim Office Manager dated November 4th be accepted a true accounting of this years fiscal position.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

7. In-Camera

Motion: That the CRPU BOD move into a closed meeting for the purpose of considering intimate financial or personal matters or other matters that may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

Rise and Report:

Moved By: Dan
Seconded By: Tom CARRIED

Collection Agency:

Jacques advises he has spoken directly to Mr. Lacerta in Montreal with respect to their claim that the CRPU owes monies to Savic. Jacques re-stated our position. We want an invoice confirming the monies owed.

Other Business

8 **Next Board Meeting Date – Thursday December 12th 20:00**

9 **Adjournment – 22:53 hours**

Moved By: Dan
Seconded By: Jacques CARRIED

Terry Humberstone, President

Steve Walsh, Secretary

APPENDIX A

AGM 2013 Year Book presentation by Tom de Munnik (BOD Director)

STATUS OF THE CRPU

When I decided to join this board for a short term I thought it is only a \$200,000.00 operation, how difficult can that be. Well my first impression is that it has become complicated and it is no longer a simple process.

The end of our 2012/2013 fiscal year we show a deficit of over \$ 22,500.00. The previous year we had a deficit of 35,900.00. How did that happen you might ask?

There are a lot of factors that go into this current situation. The fraud that occurred really accelerated the downward trend to where we are today. Even so we were heading in that direction one year at the time.

Our total income of \$ 131,000 is made up of three main revenue streams, membership, bands and the CRPU store.

A) Our membership has declined of late not only from an aging population but also clubs and members who have abandoned us.

B) We have maxed out our band pricing to generate needed income, to the point some clubs and members are purchasing bands elsewhere.

C) The store function of the CU was implemented many years ago and it too was to create needed income at that time. The idea of adding feed to the store program was to support freight costs on imported goods along with adding a small margin to overall sales. If this was a good fit is debatable but given the current situation it all helped.

The fact remains our current income cannot support the services we offer. The only reason we have managed this long is from volunteer support which we know is unsustainable, as is proven time and again.

YEAR BOOK

The year book has been subsidized for some time. Now with reserves strained and cash flow a real issue that affects paying our bills on time, it is time to take a new approach how we deal with this.

In the past we had free race result lines plus paid for lines. This option alone just killed us in order to manage it. Some wanted only free lines, others complained we published

too many lines and refused to pay. We are still trying to collect for last year's book. The cost of doing it this way really affects any of the contribution it is meant to make.

We have proceeded with getting a best price current quote for \$ 18.00 + tax per book, all in, based on an order of 1000 copies. We don't really know if the year book is even wanted by our membership but if it is, it needs to be a stand alone issue with a direct price of \$ 18.00 + tax all in (shipping and race result lines are included in this price) paid for directly by members or clubs, before we can have the year book published. We can make this happen by getting at least 90% of the membership subscription on order by Dec 31/2013 to get a shipping date of no later then March 1/2014. If we are unable to get the numbers then the year book is "done" and your money will be refunded in the form of a credit for membership or purchased goods.

The fact, that Dave Tichbourne is no longer able to offer his much appreciated volunteered time and service to our computer program is troubling. It will either collapse or we go out and hire professional help to serve our computer needs into the future. The yearbook could be the vehicle to do this, by taking all advertisement and roster revenue from it and hold it in reserve for program funding .This in no way will affect your year book cost. Programming is a big ticket item and can be costly but a necessary commodity for today's times.

The choice is yours do you want a year book for \$ 18.00 + tax. If so we need a confirmed 90% member subscription by Dec 31 2013. There are no other options available to us.

When sending in club rosters and ads where possible could you please send them in via email? This greatly helps us organizing the year book pages.

Please support us in this new approach to keep us moving forward to better days.