

# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday April 24, 2013

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

**Present:** Terry Humberstone, Nick Oud, Steve Walsh  
**Conference:** Dan Archibald, Paul Finch, Ken King  
**Absent:** Oscar Devries (leave of absence)

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order promptly at 20:02 by Vice-President Humberstone. Due to commitments at home our President has asked to stand down for a period of time. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion:** to accept the agenda as circulated

**Moved By:** Nick  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Steve declared a conflict of interest with respect to work performance / compensation issues for Linda.

## 4. Motion to Accept the Electronic Voting Minutes as Listed in Items 4.1 to 4.4

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Nick CARRIED

4.1 **Motion:** The cost of transferring bands is hereby amended as per the attached fee schedule. (March 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Nick CARRIED

**4.2 Motion:** That the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. send \$1,000.00 towards the retainer fee required by the legal firm being retained by the Hamilton Central and Flamboro Racing Pigeon Clubs. (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Moved By:** Nick  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

**4.3 Motion:** That the set price for all seamless leg bands for 2014 be .60 per band. Club bands, minimum order 250. Personalized bands, minimum order 250. (March 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Terry CARRIED

**4.4 Motion:** That the minutes of the January 24, 2013 BOD meeting as circulated be accepted. (April 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Year Book 2012

- Where are we at?
- Yearbook billing for lines 2012

Nick reports he has about one more hour of work left to complete his part of the yearbook. He hopes to have that piece off to Curtis by the weekend and we should be ready to go to print by next weekend.

After discussion, it was decided to bill for the lines per club after the yearbook is published.

### 5.2 Yearbook 2013 (Ken)

- What has to happen to make it work better in the future?
- Where are we going for the 2013 year book, as far as line charge?

Ken originally tabled this action item anticipating the 2012 yearbook would have already gone to press. He wondered though if another year we might be better off to bill the clubs for their lines at the conclusion of each series of races to avoid conflict over who pays for what before the yearbook goes to press.

### **5.3 Annual General Meeting 2013 (Ken)**

We recognize we must get the 2013 AGM back on track. This meeting will be held at the end of October this year. We will post an advertisement that interested clubs contact the CRPU Executive if they are interested in hosting this meeting.

### **5.4 Fund Raising for By Law Fund (Ken)**

We have an inordinate amount of bylaw challenges this year. How are we going to fund these challenges as we go forward. Dan suggested an annual \$10 fee per member. No decision was made as to what we should do.

### **5.6 PETA (Dan)**

**Dan has captured the BOD position / response / policy with respect to challenges we know are forthcoming from PETA.**

P1 As the body responsible for the overall organization and governance of the sport of racing pigeons in Canada, the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union (CRPU) has become increasingly concerned with the aggressive manner in which PETA has been attacking racing pigeon organizations and individuals worldwide. These attacks are unwarranted, unjustified and unsubstantiated, detailing the exception rather than the norm.

P2 In Canada, the 800+ members of the CRPU are dedicated to the welfare of their racing pigeons. Guiding principles and ethical standards have been established for the bird's general well-being. Race liberations are carefully controlled with constant weather monitoring and attention to the nutritional requirements of our racers.

P3 The CRPU has an on-going policy of continuing education for our members as we constantly strive to improve best practices with the art of pigeon racing. Our constitution calls for sanctions against any member who is seen to perpetrate an act of cruelty against a racing pigeon. This is an extremely uncommon occurrence since, like the vast majority of pet owners in Canada; we truly love and appreciate these feathered athletes. For most pigeon fanciers, it is more than a mere hobby, it is indeed a way-of-life, some would say, a life style, that has often been passed down through generations of dedicated, responsible men and women.

P4 The PETA organization has begun attacking and victimizing, as open targets, the operators of one-loft races. These are races whereby pigeon breeders will send from 1 to 5 pigeons to a central loft location where the birds will be housed, trained and raced. Although endorsing one-loft futurity races is not a part of the CRPU's mandate, we see nothing wrong with the few that are being organized in Canada. They are

professionally run with excellent care given to the birds. Housing is spacious and great care is taken with liberations at the release point. Their activities are carefully monitored and certified by the international pigeon racing organization, FCI.

**P5 is not yet complete. Dan will finalize this piece for us for official approval at our next BOD meeting.**

The BOD thanked Dan for all the hard work he has put into this position paper. It is an excellent document that can be used by the CRPU, combines and clubs if they chose to adopt it.

## **5.7 By Law Updates**

### **Township of Woolwich**

- The Shannon's have been charged.
- First Appearance date was April 8<sup>th</sup>
- The matter was adjourned to April 29<sup>th</sup>  
The order was to remove their pigeons from their property by January 31, 2013. Bruce and I continue to work together on this matter.

### **Town of Amherstburg**

- Counsel was retained by the WIRPC
- The club, SWOA and the CRPU are all in partnership for this challenge; \$500 apiece.
- This has not gone well.
- Counsel met with the CAO of the community.
- There are a number of other issues on the table with respect to this property.

### **Town of Simcoe**

- The order to remove date is long past.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> is the magical six month date.

### **City of Vaughan**

- This is a new by law issue.
- Counsel want to re-write the bylaw
- The clubs have not been following what was previously agreed to; membership filed annually with the municipality.
- Four clubs are affected; York, Pine Valley, Far North and Humber Valley.
- I have tried to communicate with all clubs.
- Only York and Pine Valley have responded.
- There is a first meeting date set tentatively for May 8<sup>th</sup>

## City of Hamilton

- Counsel has been retained.
- We are meeting with the Planning Committee on June 4<sup>th</sup> to plead our case.

**Motion:** That the bylaw report as presented be accepted.

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

## 5.7 April Newsletter

- Was mailed on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We did have some discussion with respect to our next Newsletter. It was decided by agreement that everyone should be contributing an article to these newsletters to try and keep our members better informed.

## 6.0 Financial

**6.1 Motion:** That the Accounts Payable report dated April 19, 2013, the Accounts Receivable Report dated April 19, 2013 and the General Ledger report for the period March 31, 2013 to April 19, 2013 as circulated by email on April 19, 2013 be accepted as true and accurate reports for our known expenses to date.

**Moved By:** Nick  
**Seconded By:** Ken CARRIED

### 6.2 Jim Jenner Invoice – Paccom Productions

Monies are owed to Jim Jenner. To settle that account Jim has agreed to purchasing advertisement in our yearbook and future newsletters.

### 6.3 2011 Bands – Savic

This disputed account is still outstanding. Vice-President Humberstone will write a letter to Savic with an offer to settle before our next BOD Meeting.

## 7.0 In-Camera

**7.1 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:** Paul  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

Steve left the room for the compensation discussion to follow with respect to Linda's role as the Interim Office Manager.

### **Rise and Report:**

**Moved By:** Nick  
**Seconded By:** Paul CARRIED

## 8.0 Other Business

8.1 Next Board Meeting Date – May 29, 2013

8.2 Accountant Response to Letter dated March 18<sup>th</sup>

There has been no response to our letter to our former accountant. The Secretary will write another letter asking for a response and send this by registered mail

8.3 One Loft Races

Our position with respect to One Loft Races remains unchanged. These are private business ventures and are not the mandate of the CRPU.

8.4 Beyers Pigeon Feeds

We are working on our next order of Beyers Pigeon Feeds. The member response to this line of feed has been nothing short of overwhelming. It is important that the members know that the maple peas, small yellow peas, winter peas, canary seed and lentils are all a product of Canada grown by Canadian Farmers.

**9.0 Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn at 21:45 hours.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Paul	
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Dan	CARRIED

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Terry Humberstone, vice-President

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Steve Walsh, Secretary