

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday June 26, 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 at 20:03 by Vice-President Humberstone. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Nick CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No one declared a conflict of interest with to-night's agenda.

4. Motion to Accept the Minutes of dated April 24, 2013

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

5. Action Items List

5.1 Year Book 2012 (Steve)

- The yearbook went to the publisher on May 10th.
- Original quote \$9342.83 + taxes & shipping (\$10.38092 per unit)
- Proof received June 5, 2013
- Race results font size of 4.57 deemed unacceptable.
- 8.5x11 is font is set at 6.48, and in the 6x9 the font is set at 4.57
- Last year's file font size was 7.5.
- If we were to go with an 8.5 x 11 print, the amount would be \$17,625.56 + taxes and shipping'.
- June 11th email from Curtis, best he can do is a font size of 6.5

- Publisher re-circulated a “proof” on June 21st.
- Curtis is working at the final changes, adding the Central Alberta race results tonight (June 26th)

Motion: to accept the yearbook report

Moved By: Steve

Seconded By: Nick CARRIED

5.2 Special Interest Groups (Dan)

- Dan tabled the policy statement he has been working on for further review tonight.
- This is a hot topic that the CRPU wants to be prepared for. One television station alluded to cruelty associated to the sport during a recent interview over the Hamilton bylaw issue.
- After a lively discussion Dan took his report back for some re-work.

5.3 Annual General Meeting 2013 (Steve)

- We need to hold our AGM in late October this year to get back on track.
- After some discussion Steve proposed that he approach SWOA to see if they are interested in hosting our AGM at the Polish Hall in London.
- The BOD agreed with this suggestion.

5.4 By Law Updates

Township of Woolwich

- The matter was adjourned to September 27th.

City of Vaughan

- On May 8th Cory Ouwendyk and Stan Caputo of the Pine Valley RPC and Walter Drobny of the Far North RPC and I met with staff and the City of Vaughan counsel to discuss this bylaw issue. At that meeting we were successful in negotiating an “annual loft registration” much the same as a kennel licence to allow our members to keep their birds.
- On May 21st this favourable staff report went to the Executive Council meeting for approval. One citizen had filed delegation papers and spoke against the staff report. Five members of the Pine Valley club were in attendance. Executive Council decided to send the whole issue to a full Council meeting on June 4th for decision.
- This agenda item was later moved to June 18th for decision.
- Pine Valley requested a member of the BOD attend this meeting.
- Past President Mike van der Jagt covered for the CRPU.

- The staff report passed with one exception. The set back requirements were amended to read that no loft could be closer than 10 meters from any residential residence.
- We have not yet seen the amended bylaw recommendation by staff.

City of Hamilton

- Devon Ryerse of the law firm Agro Zaffiro, City of Hamilton was retained to represent the Flamboro RPC, Hamilton Central RPC and the CRPU at the hearing on June 4th.
- This matter did not go ahead on June 4th. The matter was deferred to the Planning Committee's meeting on June 18th.
- On June 18th we faced a staff report recommending a grandfathering clause to allow present owners of racing pigeons to keep their birds.
- We were able to turn that around and get the matter kicked back to staff. They are to return with a report allowing our sport to continue in the new City of Hamilton. The fight is a long way from being over.
- The CRPU did receive extensive media coverage in the GTA area from newspapers, radio and television.

Motion: That the bylaw report as presented be accepted.

Moved By:	Steve	
Seconded By:	Nick	CARRIED

5.4 A CPFA / Bylaw Participation

- Ken has been in touch with Bob Jones about the CPFA's lack of presence at these bylaw challenges. This is a concern to us.
- Bob has advised he is not a member of the BOD so he has no say in the matter.
- Ken has been trying to reach out to the CPFA President but to date unsuccessfully. Ken will keep trying.
- On a side note we discussed the fact clubs should be self policing.
- An annual loft inspection of all members should be mandatory.
- Every club should have their own bylaw committee.
- We recognize that we cannot direct clubs to do this but the CRPU is going to have to step back to a role of providing guidance on these bylaw issues.
- The recent Hamilton publicity / presentation could be archived at the CRPU as a template on what a club might consider.

5.5 Newsletters (Dan/Steve)

- Our last newsletter was mailed on Monday April 22nd.
- After the mailing Dan suggested to Linda the newsletters be sent out by email.
- Nick has volunteered to look at Mail Monkey to do this for us

5.6 Band Order 2014

- Everyone had a copy of the new FCI specs for the 2014.
- Our band orders for 2014 are complete.
- Issue – personalized bands may contain too many characters to produce.
- Do we meet the FCI specs in size this year and add the FCI initial and logo next year?
- FCI only released their specs to us on Tuesday June 4th.
- I contacted the AU. They require one years notice to make a band change.
- The 2014 FCI specs have been added to our web site

Motion: we meet the new band specs in material, colour and size this year. We add FCI and Logo next year recognizing that personalized bands must end in 2015.

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Nick CARRIED

5.7 Forum Postings

- At present we allow anyone to post on Forum. You do not have to be a member of the CRPU.
- An individual is requesting to rejoin Forum after being removed previously.
- Question: do we allow persons to rejoin Forum if we have removed them?
- Question: should Forum be restricted to CRPU members?
- After discussion the Secretary was directed to write a letter to this individual and ask the applicant why he should be allowed to re-join Forum.

6.0 Financial

6.1 Motion: That the Accounts Payable report dated June 21st, 2013, the Accounts Receivable Report dated June 21st, 2013 and the General Ledger report for the period June 2, 2013 to June 21, 2013 as circulated by email on June 21, 2013 be accepted as true and accurate reports for our known expenses to date.

Moved By: Nick

Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

6.2 2011 Bands – Savic

This disputed account is still outstanding. Vice-President Humberstone has written a letter to Savic with an offer to settle. Savic has agreed to adjusting the final invoice by 485 euro's to reflect the 5,000 duplicate bands that were made in error. The amount owing is still unclear. Linda has corresponded with Mr. Murphy expressing our interest to settle this account forthwith in agreement with the terms of Vice Presidents Humberstone' letter. That correspondence has not been replied to.

Special Note: this is the last outstanding invoice owed / caused by the internal theft/fraud of monies. Recovery has been much quicker than we expected. Once again the CRPU is on solid ground financially.

Motion: to accept this report.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Ken CARRIED

6.3 Court Ordered Restitution

Our former Office Manager plead guilty to one count of fraud over \$5,000 on May 19th. We have formally asked the court for a disposition record so full sentencing details can be made to our members.

We are in possession of a restitution order from the court in the amount of \$18,363.36 that remains unpaid. What are the wishes of the BOD? Do we pursue this order in small claims court?

Motion: We advise Counsel to file this matter in Small Claims Court forthwith.

Moved By: Nick
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

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: Nick
Seconded By: Steve CARRIED

Rise and Report:

Moved By: Steve
Seconded By: Paul CARRIED

8.0 Other Business

- 8.1 Next Board Meeting Date – August 21, 2013
- 8.2 Vice President Humberstone will write a letter to every Club President to let them know the CRPU is in no danger of going under. The store is doing very well. We still have a solid membership base.
- 8.3 Ken is going to contact the Edmonton club to let them know the CRPU is not in any danger of going under. He will try to dispel the rumours that are floating in that area.
- 8.4 Ken is going to contact the Calgary Club to ascertain if they need any sort of assistance after the major flooding in their city.
- 8.5 Steve will contact Jim Jenner and advise him we would once again be proud to carry his films.
- 8.6 Oscar is returning as our President on July 1, 2013.
- 8.7 Ken will be out of the Country from July 10th to August 10th. He is off to see his new granddaughter in Austria. I asked him to pick up our 2014 bands when he was there. He said he would think about that. Lol.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 21:45 hours.

Moved By:
Seconded By:

Paul
Dan

CARRIED

Terry Humberstone, Vice-President

Steve Walsh, Secretary