

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2009 8:00 pm
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, M. Collins

Conference: J. Stevenson, V. Radoman, T. Brown, R. Hastie, M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries

Meeting called to order by R. Hastie at 8:00 pm

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by J. Stevenson to accept the minutes from October 1st, 2009 as written.
M. van der Jagt – abstained on vote, not in attendance
O. DeVries- abstained on vote, not in attendance
CARRIED

M. Collins opened floor up for nomination of President.

V. Radoman seconded by T. Brown to nominate M. van der Jagt for President's position of the C.R.P.U.

N. Oud moves nominations to be closed, seconded by T. Brown.

M. Collins asks M. van der Jagt to stand for President.

M. van der Jagt accepts position as President.

M. van der Jagt requests nominations for Vice- President

T. Brown nominates J. Stevenson as Vice President, seconded by N. Oud

V. Radoman seconded by J. Stevenson to nominate O. DeVries as Vice- President.

N. Oud moves nominations to be closed, seconded by T. Brown. O. Devries – accepts to stand
J. Stevenson – declined

O. DeVries as Vice-President by acclimation.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE: N. Oud: Chairman, M. van der Jagt

BYLAWS: R. Hastie: Chairman, T. Brown

AWARDS: O. DeVries: Chairman, N.Oud

RULES: J. Stevenson: Chairman R. Hastie

PROMOTIONS: V. Radoman: Chairman, J. Stevenson

RACE PROGRAM: R. Hastie: Chairman, M. van der Jagt

WEBSITE: N. Oud: Chairman, V. Radoman

The directors have a small discussion on how the database is set up and how it has been handled in the past.

DATABASE/ WEBSITE Committee: N. Oud: Chairman, J. Stevenson, O. DeVries, and M. Collins

N. Oud suggests a meeting be set up only to discuss database issues, later a date will be set.

HEALTH: N. Oud: Chairman, approach Dr. Chalmers or T. Cosstick for help if needed

Action Items

Health Committee – Nick to approach Dr. Chalmers about remaining with him on committee

Database – Nick to work with the committee to consolidate a report and set a special meeting to discuss with the full Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Directors discussed the revised rules presented at the annual general meetings which were sent out to the general membership. There was no motion made at the annual general meeting to adapt the revised rules. M. Collins will place a full page advertisement into yearbook stating that the C.R.P.U rules are available on the website. N.Oud will attach a link to the rules booklet on the website. If any new members join, a booklet will be given to them for review. The Directors will send their suggested rule changes to J. Stevenson, who will consolidate them, make a report and present it at a special rules meeting at a later date. M. van der Jagt requested that all articles be reviewed before being accepted for the yearbook. He would also like to see the President's awards moved closer to the front, right behind honorary members. The Directors discussed the band lists being printed in the yearbook. The Directors decide to remove the band list from the yearbook.

Action Item

Rules – John to coordinate a special meeting of the Board for a full rules review. All members are to complete a full personal review prior to the meeting. Discussion on two members clocking in one e-timer to be included in the review.

A General discussion was held on the future of life rings with the capabilities of holding the electronic chips for e clocks. O. DeVries mentioned that in Holland for 2009 these bands have come up with some major manufacturing issues with cracks. The directors will discuss bands before the next ordering begins for the 2011 bands. M. Collins has been instructed to develop a band ordering sheet so members can be more informed as to what will be available in 2011.

M. van der Jagt suggests that we limit vanity bands to only four letters. This will follow the rule of keeping full band particulars on a race result. The other suggestion was to only allow one number series so there is no duplicate number in a year. M. Collins suggests the CRPU develop a four digit acronym for each club or vanity band. The directors decided that this issue will be looked at in the future. 2010 bands have already been ordered and the next time this will be brought up will be for the 2011 order.

Action Item

O. DeVries will make a report on the various band options that are now available with recommendations on what the CU should offer the membership for 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE:

J. Jenner request for the CRPU to become a sponsor on a young children's documentary involving racing pigeons. J.Jenner is requesting a donation of one US dollar from each CRPU registered member which in turn benefits the CRPU as being an official sponsor on the movie. This will benefit the CRPU in more promotions material.

MOTION: N. Oud seconded T. Brown The CRPU will send Mr. J. Jenner a check for \$1200 US dollars for the WORLD of WINGS movie production giving the CRPU the right for sponsor development recognition on movie.

CARRIED

Dr. Chalmers sent in a request for future annual general meetings that more microphones be accessible. The Directors asked that when planning the annual general meeting that the hotel is asked for more microphones to be set up.

Action Item

Monik to communicate with Dr. Chalmers on microphone issue with CC to Ladies Auxiliary

Louis Santoro contacted the CU requesting that the 1-866 number be included on all CU issued bands.

Action Item

Monik to advise Louis Santoro that this issue was discussed and will be considered again as part of the larger issue on the 2011 band order.

C. Rothgeisser sent in a request for the CRPU to look at no clubs having overlapping boundaries and suggest that members have to fly in the nearest club to their location. C. Rothgeisser would like the CRPU to not allow clubs to use the word Invitational in the name of a club. The directors discussed different pros and cons of different scenarios that this involved. R. Hastie stated the word Invitational can be misleading and it is just a word. The Directors suggest all clubs normally vote new members in their own clubs already.

The CRPU does not see a role in telling clubs or combines who to accept as members.

C. Rothgeiser asks the CRPU for a position on the band collectors requesting CRPU bands from individual members. N. Oud would like to state for all CRPU members to use caution with giving bands to collectors especially out of the country. If these bands are placed on pigeons as the registered owner is responsible for retrieval. Mr. Nelson who has advertised in CRPU newsletter as a collector is a CRPU member and if CU bands are given to him they can be transferred. While the CU supports those that are bona fide band collectors, a notice will be placed in the newsletter regarding caution with sending bands out of the country, particularly if the collector is requesting more than a couple of bands from the same year.

Action Item

Monik to compose response to Mr. Rothgeisser

NEW BUISNESS:

The directors looked at rule (51 A) regarding two flyers being able to use the same clock for flying out of the same loft with two lists of assigned birds. The Directors will bring this rule up at the rules meeting.

V. Radoman wants to stress that when an issue arises in a Directors' Committee department that they are responsible for investigating the issue and reporting back to the Directors. M. van der Jagt says he will be setting up more of the meetings under committee headings; which should address this issue.

Action Item

Mike to prepare agenda for next meeting laid out with the bulk of the material to be covered under the sub-heading of each committee

D. Ottaway sent in the WINBIRD awards incorrectly and suggests we educate more clubs on how to correctly send them in. The Directors want to remind everyone instructions can be found on the website. They would also like to stress that the database will take care of the General Awards automatically once up and running.

Action Item

Ron to touch base with Dave Ottaway RE: award submissions

M. van der Jagt would like to schedule bi-weekly meetings.

November 11th, 2009 and November 25th, 2009 at 8.00pm are the next scheduled meetings.

Yearbook advertising has decreased in the past yearbooks. M. Collins is to make a report on past advertisers over the last three years. M. van der Jagt would like to see previous advertisers called making sure they have contact with the head office to request advertising again. V. Radoman requests making contact with some US pigeon suppliers and make them aware of our organizations advertising capabilities.

Action Item

Monik/Crystal to prepare a list of former Yearbook advertisers that no long advertise

M.van der Jagt would like to sponsor a prize for the best flying homer at Woodstock show.

MOTION: M. van der Jagt seconded by R. Hastie to support the Homer Club of Canada at the Specialty Breeders Club with a \$100.00 prize for the best flying homer.

CARRIED

MOTION: J. Stevenson seconded T. Brown for promoting the Racing Pigeon Sport at National shows. We have a \$500.00 budget to be able to donate prizes for the best racing flying homer.

CARRIED

Action Item

Nick to advise Andy Westra that the CU will make a \$100 donation

M. van der Jagt will make a written proposal for Board of Directors regarding mission, vision, values, goals and a 5 year strategic plan. M. van der Jagt would like to have this meeting as a face to face meeting.

Action Item

Mike to prepare a full submission on a future BOD planning retreat to consider mission, vision, values, goals and 5 year strategic plan.

A new club application was received for a St. Mary's Racing Pigeon Club. M. van der Jagt did contact J. Massey and discussed the reason for the club application. J. Massey stated the main reason is driving will be cut down for members to fly pigeons.

MOTION: O. DeVries seconded N. Oud to accept St. Mary's Racing Pigeon Club. They will be sent a club package.

CARRIED

Action item

Monik to send welcome package to St. Mary's club

Directors wish to mention they have read email received from R. Vaccaro. This was an informational email and no action is required.

The directors have received two letters involving the East Course Combine. D. Kenney wishes to recommend that all the members of the Combine should be able to nominate and vote on officer positions at the ECC annual general meeting. The procedure they are using is delegates from each club elect the new officers positions. N. Oud will draft a clarification on the ECC constitution as requested. The East Course Combine officers would like to comply with all rules and regulations from the National Organization.

The East Course Combine also asked about clubs using clocking limits and what happens to members applying for CRPU awards. J. Stevenson states that if an individual wants to apply for club or combine race awards true race results must be provided to them.

Action Item

Nick to prepare response to the ECC and Mr. Kenney

MOTION: N. Oud seconded T. Brown - The general account for the CRPU in the amount of \$62,760.34 including cheque number 3842- 3887 from July 19/09 to Aug 31/09 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

MOTION: N. Oud seconded by R. Hastie - The general account of the CRPU in the amount of \$33272.35 including cheque # 3888 – 3940 from Sept 1/09 to Oct 29/09 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

J. Martire asked if T. Brown has an issue with CRPU rules overriding Combine rules. T. Brown supports the CRPU having precedence over some Combine rules but wishes to say not all rules can be policed by the CRPU. T. Brown suggested if an Eastern Ontario conflict does appear before the Board, and cannot be resolved. T. Brown will recognize the conflict of interest and abstain from the debate.

M. van der Jagt does support T. Brown's right to debate which rules fall under Combine/ Club or CRPU and Ted agreed that once the debate has happened and an issue is identified as a mandate of the CRPU, that the CU rules must take priority over a local rule on the issue. To be clear, competition standards do fall under the jurisdiction of the CU. M. van der Jagt will write a response to J. Martire.

N. Oud will call N. Pottinger: a member application form was received with no sponsors. This member is from Yellowknife, North West Territories.

MOTION: R. Hastie seconded by N. Oud to adjourn meeting.

CARRIED