

# CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday October 10, 2013

CRPU HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

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

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 20:15 by President Humberstone. Pragmatic Conferencing was used for this BOD meeting.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Dan 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:** Dan CARRIED

**4.1 Motion:** That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday September 24, 2013 as circulated by email on Friday September 27, 2013 be accepted.

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

## 5. Action Items List

### 5.1 Year Book 2013

- Discussion
- 128 members paid \$12.00 to have their 2012 yearbook mailed direct to their residence.
- Due to increasing mail costs this cost will have to increase to \$13.00 if a 2013 yearbook is produced in its present form.
- Staff is to be directed not to collect monies for a yearbook mailing at this time.
- Due to Nicks' unavoidable absence tonight his report on the cost to produce a 2014 yearbook by CD was not available.
- Tom has volunteered to try and obtain a cost to have a publisher produce the 2013 yearbook.
- Tom will report back next meeting.

### 5.2 Fall Newsletter

- Nick is working on the Fall Newsletter.
- It will be released by Mail Chimp shortly.

### 5.3 CRPU Web Page

- Discussion
- We need help with the CRPU web site.
- The BOD would like to see the Band Search feature returned to the front page.

**Motion:** that the band search feature be returned to the front page of the web site as soon as possible.

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded BY:** Tom                      CARRIED

### 5.4 By Law Updates

#### Township of Woolwich

- Good news on this front. Bruce Shannon advises he appeared with Counsel as scheduled for trial on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Five minutes after arriving at court he was on his way home. The township withdrew the charge.
- Bruce and Counsel are concerned the township may try to introduce a new bylaw. I have provided him with Mike's address to the City of Cornwall Council as requested.

- Bruce uses that ugly word “grandfathering” in his reply to me.
- I am sure we will hear more as we continue the fight to keep our sport alive in the Township of Woolwich.

#### **City of Vaughan**

- We have not yet seen the amended bylaw.
- I received an email from Susan Kelly the Supervisor of Animal Services on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She advises everything is status quo for now.

#### **City of Hamilton**

- Counsel, Cor Ubbles and I meet with City Staff on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 to discuss the drafting of the new bylaw for that community.
- City staff there has been directed by Council to prepare a favourable bylaw without a grandfathering clause to allow our sport to continue.

#### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

- The bylaw officer has told John Cordeiro he can keep his racing pigeons for now.
- She left a copy of the bylaw with him.
- She has told him if there are any more complaints about the birds she will have to charge him.
- John has asked the CRPU for assistance.
- A second request has been sent to the town to ascertain what the issue is.
- The second request for an update from the bylaw officer concerned has again been ignored.

#### **Town of Erin**

- A 7.5 meter set back from all property lines is being proposed.
- We have two members in the Town of Erin.
- Not sure what is happening there.
- A call to the Mayor has not been responded to.

#### **City of Brampton**

- this is a new bylaw challenge
- our member is Hormoz Pourtarvirdi
- He purchased a corner lot in a new subdivision and built a new home.
- In keeping with the Cities bylaw he applied for a licence to have a loft for his birds.

- They are currently in his garage.
- The City refused a minor variance on August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Hormoz has appealed that decision to the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (Ontario Municipal Board)
- Hormoz has asked for our assistance.
- I have spoken to the Case Coordinator, Nazma Ramjaun.
- A one day hearing will be scheduled for late April or early May 2014.
- We will have 35 days notice of the hearing date.

#### **City of Cornwall**

- We received a copy of their new draft bylaw on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You all have a copy (forwarded under separate cover).
- Discussion; do we object to this new bylaw?

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

**Moved By:** Steve  
**Seconded By:** Jacques CARRIED

#### **5.5 Band Order for 2014**

- Our 2014 band order was received at CRPU Headquarters on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Our new 2014 bands meet the new FCI specifications in every way except the FCI initials and logo are not included.
- The FCI will not be finalizing the aforementioned until their meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5.6 FCI Memberships – CRPU / AU / IF**

- President Terry advises the IF have not been a member of FCI for over 20 years. He confirmed that with the IF.
- The AU is a member in good standing with the FCI.
- The CRPU is a member in good standing with the FCI.
- Our question directed to the FCI BOD for response (must you belong to your own countries National Organization before you can join another) is to be addressed at their meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 5.7 Paratyphoid Bacterin

- Nothing further to report.

## Financial

**6.1 Motion:** That the Accounts Payable report dated October 4, 2013; the Accounts Receivable Report dated October 4, 2013 and the General Ledger report for the period September 13, 2013 to October 3, 2013 as circulated by email on October 4, 2013 be accepted as true and accurate reports.

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

### **Rise and Report:**

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

**Motion:** that the BOD accepts the draft financial report for the year ending August 31, 2013 with one exception; the interest identified as owing to Groupecho (Savic) be removed.

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Dan CARRIED

**Motion:** that the BOD accepts the accounting firm GRAHAM, SCOTT and ENNS LLP recommendation that going forward the CRPU have its books reviewed annually instead of audited annually.

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Tom CARRIED

**Motion:** that, as recommended by the accounting firm GRAHAM, SCOTT, and ENNS LLP the BOD will review monthly;

- Balance Sheet
- 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)

**Moved By:** Ken  
**Seconded By:** Jacques CARRIED

**Other Business**

**8 Next Board Meeting Date – Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> 20:00**

**9 Adjournment – 22:31 hours**

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

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Terry Humberstone, President

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Steve Walsh, Secretary