

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 10:00 am  
RADISSION AIRPORT, CALGARY, ALBERTA

Present: N. Oud, R. Hastie, J. Stevenson, V. Radoman and approx 40 members and guests.

President R. Hastie opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to those present at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

A moment of silence was given for our past members.

M. Collins read the minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at the Radisson Riverfront, Windsor, Ontario.

**MOTION:** R. Colson, High River, AB seconded J. VanDerlaan, Calgary, AB that the minutes be accepted as read.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:**

R. Hastie reports on the official audit from 2008/2009 for the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union. R. Hastie, Newmarket, ON reports the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. had a loss of \$10877.00.

R. Hastie mentions the major expense the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union had this year is the cost of development of a web designed national database for the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union. This will eventually replace the website and will allow uploading of races from all C.R.P.U clubs and will calculate the general awards on a National level. The C.R.P.U. has spent \$6000.00 on this project.

R. Hastie states the band increase in 2010 will help with expenses some what.

The report also shows an increase in sales for 2008/2009.

V. Radoman states that The C.R.P.U. has spent more in promoting the sport by placing ads in foreign English papers.

V. Radoman states that advertising provides awareness for the Racing Pigeon Sport. V. Radoman would like to see the new beginner's book go to all people who report lost and found pigeons as a thank you and to explain our sport to non pigeon flyers. The directors have looked at 3 years of membership breakdown by Provinces; the findings were all provinces down except Alberta in the year 2008 to 2009.

**MOTION:** K. King, Saskatoon, SK seconded by J. Motyka Thunder Bay, ON to accept the 2008/2009 Financial Statement of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS:**

R. Hastie reports on several bylaw issues none of them involving financial aid.

Brampton bylaw that was accepted in 2008 by council has not seen any issues since this bylaw has been changed to allow pigeons.

There has been a report of a member in Kitchener, ON who was asked to remove pigeons. R.Sandham talked to this members lawyer and there was no bylaw to keep pigeons in the district and was instructed to remove pigeons. The Lawyer gave a name of another Lawyer that may be able to assist with the bylaw but no further action has been done.

K. King states that there is a bylaw issue in Prince Albert, SK of only keeping 5 pigeons but they are changing the number allowed but no number has been given at this time.

**AWARDS:**

N. Oud states awards Young birds 2008/ Old Birds 2009 are completed and will be presented at the Banquet in Calgary. Reports that the number of applications was down but says more awards came in electronically via WINBIRD in old birds 2009.

**RULES:**

S. Collins, Brownsville, ON asks why so much money was spent on appeals this year. R. Hastie explains that the decisions the clubs or combines made were questioned. The C.R.P.U. hears appeals, if proper procedure and the C.R.P.U. Constitution were followed the decision is upheld. R. Hastie states that it is very important for all clubs and combines to record meetings with proper minutes of all meetings and all rules are followed.

R. Hastie states that the revised rules are to bring the rules up to date with the times today.

**PROMOTIONS:**

V. Radoman asked for ideas on promotions. M. Klimkosz Puslinch, ON suggested looking into advertising on Transport trailers that are on the road all over Canada. R. Colson High River, AB suggested getting stickers made up to place on shipping trailers.

R. Hastie stated that promotion begins with all members taking the time to promote the sport they love. M. Collins left with K. King Saskatoon, SK, C. Bertolissio, Windsor, ON and K. Barwegan, Lethbridge, AB to count ballots for election.

**HEALTH:**

Dr. Chalmers made a short report on avian influenza. He stated that at this time we should not be overly concerned.

**RACE PROGRAM:**

R. Hastie made a short report on the race software.

**WEBSITE:**

N. Oud reports that the new book has been placed on the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union website.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Question regarding bands (Life rings) that adapt to hold the microchip as well as being the recorded ring of the pigeon for life. The C.R.P.U has not brought any in for 2010, they are waiting for other countries to use the band and report on problems or issues before bringing in this band into the Head Office.

Questions came up regarding the Database and its development and functions. The database was explained. Members were told about the awards feature on this database. They also discussed uploading of races and that once races are uploaded it represents a live yearbook including awards

M. Collins reports on count for election	M. van der Jagt	168
	N. Oud	156
	R. Hastie	149
329 Ballots counted	O. de Vries	143
2 spoiled	J. Vanderlaan	134
	S. Collins	132
	C. Steacy	125
	T. Harvey	74
	S. Ferrara	62
	D. Booth	40
	D. Medeiros	39

ELECTED DIRECTORS	M. van der Jagt	168
	N. Oud	156
	R. Hastie	149
	O. de Vries	143

**MOTION:** K. King Saskatoon, SK seconded S. Clarke Sundre, AB to keep ballots for 6 months then destroy them.

CARRIED

**MOTION:** C. Bertolissio Windsor, ON seconded by D. Benjamin, Stettler, AB to adjourn Annual General meeting.

CARRIED