

# CRPU Newsletter

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## FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Members!

I have now been working at the CRPU head office for 5 months, everyday is still a new adventure! I have had such great experiences meeting and speaking with so many of you, the support and helpfulness of each of you has amazed me, I am so proud to work for such a fantastic group of people! Thank you!!!

Life at the CRPU head office has been fast paced, full of steep learning curves and constantly exciting! The changes that have taken place over the past year are really starting to show signs of great success for the future. The Lost/Found bird searchable database is functioning, many of you may have already been contacted by other members or members of the public regarding one of your birds; the minor glitches still remaining in the online database are being worked on daily and are expected to be fully resolved shortly; we are catching up on our band transfers and entry work and the web store will be available shortly! We are busy, busy, busy!

Nick Oud and I have been reviewing our inventory and orders and would appreciate suggestions of new products to carry, we will do our best to bring in frequently requested items. We are also reviewing our pricing and shipping methods to see if we can offer members a better value, please check the website often to see our new inventory items and pricing.

### REMINDERS:

- *Clubs that have ordered but not yet paid for their 2011 bands, please submit payment immediately to avoid delays in delivery, if you have any questions please give the office a call and we can look up your order and invoice.*
- *2011 Membership fees must be paid by December 30, 2010 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee.*

*Please feel free to submit high quality, digital images for possible use in publications and web site design.*

I look forward to meeting many more members in the future!

Cheers!

Shannon Beadow

Niagara Falls  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following remarks were delivered by CU President Mike van der Jagt to the annual general meeting in Stratford, Ontario on Sat 09 OCT 2010.

I would like to start by thanking all of you who have taken time out of your busy schedules to be with us here today to reflect upon the past years' activities and to look forward to another great year ahead.

There are always contentious issues that crop up and the 2009/2010 BOD had to deal with their fair share.

Perhaps the biggest bombshell was the resignation of Monica Collins as the CU's only full time employee. Monik had been the face and the heart and the soul of the CRPU for the past five years by providing honest, dedicated hard work. Monik cited the changing nature of the work at the head office as well as family and health considerations for her decision to accept a position with another organization. She left us with some very large shoes to fill, which is a process that we are still working on. We wish Monik nothing but the best, thank her for five excellent years of service and know that she will be successful and a credit to her new employer.

Like most things that come along, challenges can turn into opportunities. Just prior to Monica's decision to leave the CRPU, I had commissioned an organizational review to look at all aspects of how the CRPU does business, and to make recommendations as to how and where we could find efficiencies and streamline operations. The complete review is posted on the CRPU website. One of the key recommendations was to diversify the office staff and reduce the risk to the organization inherent with having a single staff member responsible for the entire history and corporate memory of the CRPU.

If you look at the new organizational chart found in your handout package, you will see that we have done just that. By reducing the hours of the office manager and taking advantage of a federal government grant program, we have increased office staff from one full time and one part time employee to a full time receptionist/office administrator, an office manager, a part time office administrator, a multi-media coordinator and a data management position while only marginally increasing our staffing budget by approximately \$6,000 annually.

This new staffing model offers many advantages that will significantly increase the ability of the CU to advance to objectives of the organization and dramatically improve member services.

Perhaps most disappointing to me personally this year were the two membership suspensions that we felt compelled to impose.

After a very tumultuous and divisive 2009 racing season, the Central Ontario Racing Pigeon Federation were ready for a fresh start in 2010. Scotty Reid of the Welland Club appeared to be an exception and the leadership of that organization suspended his membership. As per our constitution, the CRPU honoured the CORPF suspension and extended it to include suspension for Mr. Reid from the CRPU. No appeal was filed by Mr. Reid.

Mr. George Kolozsvari of Acton Ontario was also suspended by the CU in 2010. On 09 AUG 2010 Mr. Kolozsvari posted a false, slanderous and inflammatory attack on a public discussion site against the paid staff at the CU office. As our Staff does not get paid to take abuse of this kind from anyone, and particularly from a member, I personally contacted Mr. Kolozsvari and requested that he delete his false and offensive post and replace it with an apology. Mr. Kolozsvari refused to comply and responded to the request with an abusive and threatening email. I was subsequently forced to ask the site administrator to remove the post, which he promptly did. As a result, at the BOD meeting held on 22 AUG 2010 the BOD voted unanimously to indefinitely suspend the CU membership of Mr. Kolozsvari.

On a more positive note, we have made huge strides in introducing a re-vamped awards system; one that will allow the CU to recognize true national champions courtesy of the new CU database. Like all new technology, there are growing pains and glitches to be worked out. We are confident that we will have a working system in time to honour the 2010 champions within a meaningful timeline.

The new technology will streamline the administration of the yearbook and award calculations. One of the things required to ensure the integrity of the new award categories and to support the automation process was to require that affiliated clubs submit accurate and meaningful race results. Currently, the CU rule that has long been in place call for five members from four different addresses to make a club legal. The CRPU board recognized that certain areas of Canada have struggled with declining membership over the years and sometimes struggle to meet this quorum. This reality has been accommodated by allowing race results showing less than five lofts competing. As the coefficient system that has now been introduced to award ace pigeon and ace loft awards requires certain minimum standards to be valid, races with less than three lofts competing simply eliminate any semblance of reliability and accuracy. The CU received a great deal of membership feedback on this point. The board was divided on this issue and in the end decided to accept the lower number of three lofts rather than five to qualify as an official race. Hopefully as our joint promotional activities start to bear fruit and membership grows, *(cont. page 3)*

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this will become a moot point.

Clocking limits continue to raise concerns in some quarters. Once again this rule has been on the books for several years. The new awards system, using the coefficient calculation, also requires open results for the top 20% of the birds returning from a race to correctly calculate true national champions. For this reason, members wishing to apply for national awards must have an open race result on which to base their awards submissions. Clubs and combines are free to print results with clocking limits, provided they are also prepared to provide an open result to those members wishing to have their birds compete for national awards.

Another major undertaking of the BOD this past year was to take a look at the constitution and race rules. There has not been a comprehensive review of this document since it was first written in 1944. We were fortunate to have Steve Walsh, from the Tillsonburg Racing Pigeon Club, available to assist us with this task. Steve recently retired as a commissioned officer with the Ontario Provincial Police. He was also the Secretary Treasurer of the Commissioned Officers Association and had recently been heavily involved in the re-writing of the constitution for that organization. He has invested over 100 hours to date in reviewing the current CRPU constitution and has made a multitude of recommendations to modernize and clarify this document. Steve has just recently made a detailed submission to the BOD that included the third draft of the CRPU constitution re-write. Some of the highlights of the proposed changes include:

- Improved index;
- Re-organization of the document into three parts,
  1. the body of the constitution,
  2. the roles of the various standing committees,
  3. race rules;
- Clarification and streamlining of the stated purpose of the CRPU;
- Allowing for the head office to be located anywhere in Canada and not restricted to Ontario as currently stated;
- Clarification of affiliated, individual, family and junior memberships;
- Rights and responsibilities of affiliated clubs;
- Calling meetings;
- Dealing with Board vacancies;
- Roles of the various executive officers;
- Suspensions and appeals; and
- Elections

The last point is a big one, and I will spend a little time speaking to the proposal, as it will directly affect every member before the next annual general meeting in Niagara Falls in December 2011.

Under the current constitution one election is held annually where either 3 or 4 directors are elected to a two year term. The executive consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are then elected by these seven directors from out of this group.

The revised constitution proposal will call for these executive positions to be elected directly by the membership. In other words, instead of voting for either 4 or 3 directors on alternating years, and then the directors picking the executive from among the seven elected directors, the membership would vote directly for a President, Vice President etc. This is a more direct form of democracy and more in keeping with modern hobby organizations.

The proposal calls for a three year term and all seven members of the board to be elected at the same time, with one exception. To ensure continuity, the past president would remain on the BOD for an additional term as a non-voting member.

A nomination committee, independent of the currently sitting BOD, would ensure that each position had a least one qualified member running, and of course nominations for each position would be open to the entire membership.

The disappointing fact that not one person was nominated to run in the 2010 election year created a rare opportunity to allow us to introduce this process for 2011, as all seven current terms will be expiring at the end of 2011.

Moving forward, it is imperative that these proposed changes be presented to the membership for ratification with sufficient lead time to run the next election in December 2011. To allow for this, the BOD will be finalizing the proposed constitutional amendments over the next month or two, submitting the finished product to legal counsel to ensure it conforms to the laws of the land, and then distributing the final draft, highlighting each proposed change, to the entire membership. In order to receive ratification from the membership, as per our current constitution, a special general meeting will be called *(cont. page 4)*

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the first week of April, which will give the membership ample opportunity to study the document prior to the vote. Should the document receive membership ratification at the April meeting, the nomination committee will be struck and the election will proceed from there. The first executive elected directly by the general membership will assume office at the Niagara Falls convention on SAT 03 DEC 2011.

On a final note, we launched a bold promotional initiative this year by funding a part time Special Events Coordinator through membership donations. The idea was hatched during the job search for a part time office administrator, when one of the candidates brought the ideal skill set to the table.

Funding for the position was through a three pronged membership donation drive. It started with some of the Board of Directors reaching into their own pockets to the tune of \$3000. The second phase of the fundraising was a direct challenge issued by me as President to a number of members that had previously demonstrated a commitment to the promotion of the hobby in the past. The final phase was an appeal to the entire membership.

Based on the early success of the fundraising, Naomi Armstrong was offered a 6 month contract and the special events coordinator's position became a reality.

In her short time in the position, Naomi was able to complete some outstanding work. A new youth initiatives committee was created with membership right across Canada. This committee is currently developing programs by working with groups such as 4H, Junior Farmers, Scout Canada and Girl Guides. It is also revitalizing the Help a Beginner program and researching promotional opportunities with other community groups. Naomi was the chair of this committee, pulled the membership together and hosted two teleconferences, as well as contacting numerous other potential partners.

Other activities Naomi became involved with included:

- An outstanding blog from a beginner's perspective;
- Established liaison with the Small Flock Poultry Industry Council;
- Developed outreach initiatives to attract former members;
- Developed a new member incentive package;
- Researched sources for government funding;
- Assembled a youth promotions package;
- Created a glossary of terms for new members;
- Created a report on membership retention and recruitment incentives;
- Established a youth initiatives discussion area and the CU website;
- Contacted community newspapers resulting in several positive articles on racing pigeons;
- Established liaison with the Royal Winter Fair;
- Developed promotional tools used at the International Plowing Match;
- Explored various uses of YouTube;
- Developed promotions material for the Calgary Stampede;
- Promoted live bird releases at local events; and
- Developed a promotional CD.

Unfortunately, the leader and general fundraising initiatives were unsuccessful generating only a total of approximately \$3000 from 32 donors. As a result, Naomi's contract had to be terminated after 22 weeks. As promised, the position was funded by the donations with Naomi's total wages and expenses totalling \$6100 and total donations just over \$6100. This amount included the purchase of a laptop computer, which remains in the general inventory of the CU.

Naomi made a significant contribution in just 22 weeks and many of the materials and programs she created will continue to pay dividends. Her contributions also opened the dialog on the unlimited possibilities that employing a permanent promotions staff member could lead to. An example of one of these possibilities relates to the feedback that we received following a very successful promotions booth at the International Plowing Match:

The CU booth was visited by:

- several school teachers that indicated a keen interest in adding topics relating to pigeon racing to their classroom curriculum, including an open invitation for classroom speakers;
- several previous flyers that indicated a willingness to return to the hobby with a little encouragement;
- several recent immigrants that had raced in their homeland and were not aware of the hobby in Canada;
- Several media outlets looking for follow-up stories; and

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- A request for a presentation to a senior's home.

These are all areas that a permanent promotions person could follow-up on that would have an extremely high probability of recruiting new members and no cost education of large segments of the population and all from just one booth at just one event.

I am sure that the various volunteers that assisted at the IPM will attest to the big effort required to hold a successful promotional activity. We were lucky to have Steve Walsh to spearhead this effort and recruit the needed volunteers. What is needed is a sustained effort in this regard. Something a permanent promotions staff member could provide.

It is obvious that the membership fundraising route is not a viable method of funding such a position. We will be researching government grants and other options in the coming months. We may have solutions to offer the membership in the coming year.

Thank-you to all the donors.

Date	Donation	Donor		Date	Donation	Donor
May - 25	\$1,000.00	J. Erwin		Jul-30	\$20.00	A. Camilleri
May - 25	\$200.00	C. Beuving		Aug-05	\$50.00	G. Harway
Jul - 27	\$25.00	P. Sciortino		Aug-10	\$250.00	N. Caine
Jul-27	\$1000.00	M. Vanderjagt		Aug-10	\$20.00	M. Iwinsky
Jul - 28	\$30.00	J. Koster		Aug-13	\$30.00	R. Leupolt
Jul - 29	\$40.00	J. Black		Aug-19	\$50.00	R. Ridder
Jul-29	\$100.00	C. Murray		Aug-19	\$50.00	B. Harris
Jul-29	\$20.00	L. Farkas		Aug-19	\$25.00	Z. Hubert
Jul-30	\$50.00	R. Mantha		Aug-19	\$20.00	S. Whetstone
Jul-30	\$20.00	B. Roseblade		Aug-19	\$20.00	G. Hendron
Jul-30	\$50.00	D. Skinner		Aug-27	\$50.00	P. Kamstra
Jul-30	\$50.00	T. Degroot		Aug-27	\$50.00	S. Brooks
Jul-30	\$20.00	JP. Formosa		Sep-08	\$1,000.00	O. Devries
Jul-30	\$20.00	J. Hartmann		Sep-10	\$1,000.00	J. Stevenson
Jul-30	\$15.00	G. McNamee		Sep-28	\$20.00	J. Trocki
Jul-30	\$200.00	G & N. Soldon		Sep-28	\$25.00	K. Lawrie
Jul-30	\$100.00	J. Duncanson		Sep-22	\$500.00	N. & E. Oud
Jul-8	\$20.00	D. Taylor		Jul-12	\$50.00	J. Mawbey

## THE OLD AND THE BLIND A PIGEON STORY

After a lifetime of being off and on involved with racing pigeons, you begin to think that you have heard and seen it all. However this past year not once but twice things happened that made me stop and say hmmm, I don't remember that ever happening before. The first incidence of this story happened on June 26/10, on a 200 mile race that was a spacer race so to speak. One of those races used to extend the rest days for birds destined for a long distance race coming in the following weeks. As I browsed the data base, curious of the times of other clubs in our combine I noticed what at first I thought was a typing error. One of the members of another club clocked a bird, no big deal, except that the bird had a 55066-CU-95 band number. No way I thought, I can't even remember owning a bird of that age, let alone racing it, and the icing on the cake, clocking it, well I know what all of you non believers are now saying and yes it was my thought as well (an old band put on a younger bird). Not the case! You can give Mr. H. Schwetje of The Boundary R.P.C. a call to confirm. Check out the reference race i.e. Boundary Race Results - Williams Lake on June 26/10.

As this story title suggests, if you think that tale number 1 made you go hmmm then tale number 2 will make you really scratch your head in disbelief.

Let me first set the stage for this story. My friend and club mate Mr. Keith Hume has a love for pigeons that goes beyond the normal, he has many more colors of homers than most fanciers have pigeons, including a kit of pure white homers that he uses for weddings and other functions. Never a remembrance day passes in our area that 11 white homers are not released in remembrance, many an eyes well with tears on their release. A veteran himself I would venture a bet that this practice will continue for many a year. I leave you with this only to cushion the next part of story. Two years ago I was looking over his new batch of young birds and noticed one bird on the floor having trouble negotiating the feeders and drinkers. What's with that one Keith, I exclaimed. She is blind, he replied. On examination I can confirm that she was indeed born completely blind. Would you like me to cull her for you I declared, knowing that this would be hard for him to do. No, he said, I think I will just see how she makes out. Well I never thought to ask him her fate for fear of dredging up old memories. However the following year (2010) as we did a walk around on one of my frequent visits, I noticed a hen nesting on the floor in one of his stock pens trying to move her mate off the nest during his normal incubating time. Yes you guessed it this same little pried hen had indeed beaten a sure fate and was mated and nesting. Well now, this is where the plot thickens. The eggs hatched and the two offspring were banded 1640 and 1641 CU 2010 and put into his young bird loft. Smoke and rain both hampered our first young bird races this year, however the season went well in spite of it all. Anyway now for the punch line. On August 14/10 bird #1641 was entered in a club race with another 270 entries. He won with a one minute and 55 second advantage, what is also note worthy is that the next 24 positions on the race sheet were clocked in the next minute. Yes you can say it, the rest of us competitors all stood around scratching our heads and the usual questions, Keith, who is that one out of. I don't know, he said, I guess I better take a look when I get home. The following week we had to drop back 50 miles due to bad weather, but again as clock results were printed off 1641 was again his first bird in the clock, but was he good enough to win? Yes, he was! This time he was able to squeak out a win by 8 seconds, non the less a win is a win. This time against 252 other entries. 1641's nest mate 1640 also clocked well for this loft. You can confirm these results on the data base under Merritt Nicola Valley R.P.C. results. One can only guess as to how a totally blind hen could pair up/mate and produce competitive offspring. I guess this one can be better explained by our D.V.M., fellow members.

As for the author of these 2 tales, I will just say this, I will never again question anyone's choice to keep or cull. To all you young guys remember this, sometimes us old guys with our poor sight will still surprise you on occasion.

Submitted respectfully for your entertainment and your love of the sport.

Neil Caine

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## CHÉ

NL-04-1560084

1<sup>st</sup> Nat. NPO Orleans 14,285 b  
1<sup>st</sup> Arras 9,641 b  
9<sup>th</sup> Nat. NPO Orleans 18,184 b



2 Grandchildren off CHÉ  
will be in the sale

## EURO

B-03-6192564

1<sup>st</sup> European Ace Pigeon  
Western Nations Cup Cat.A 2004

1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Ace Young Birds 2003 DeReisduif

1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Ace Young Birds 2003 Ave Regina

EURO is an outstanding breeder, as he is  
Gr. Sire to 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Ace Pigeon Young Birds  
WHZB 2007



## ASTERIX

NL-00-1489935

3<sup>rd</sup> Nat. Ace Pigeon  
Long Distance Best of the Best 2004

3<sup>rd</sup> Nat. St. Vincent 7,454 b

11<sup>th</sup> Nat. NPO Brive 9,344 b

17<sup>th</sup> Int. St. Vincent 3,599 b

25<sup>th</sup> Nat. St. Vincent 6,216 b

89<sup>th</sup> Nat. St. Vincent 9,488 b



## LADY BLOIS

NL-06-1762706

1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Blois 2007 vs 5,963 b

3<sup>rd</sup> Fastest of the Netherlands 71,450 b



A full brother of LADY BLOIS  
will be in the sale.

Online auction to start

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2010**

on **WWW.CHOICEPIGEON.COM**



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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH, 2010**

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BIRDS ON DISPLAY @ 11:00 AM / AUCTION STARTS @ 1:00 PM

- Children & Gr. Children DIRECT off their National & NPO winners.
- Featuring the BEST MODERN DAY Janssen, VanLoon, Koopman, Heremans-Ceusters & Long distance bloodlines Hans & Evert-Jan Eijerkamp win with today.
- Winning 1<sup>st</sup> not nominated & 2<sup>nd</sup> nominated champion loft of the Northern Union (5 Northern Provinces) 2009, against lofts like Koopman, Poortvliet, Veenstra, Sangers etc.

*For more information contact:*

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## STAFFING UPDATE

This past summer, the CRPU BOD and staff applied to Service Canada for a grant to employ two full time staff on a 52 week contract. One employee will be working as a multi-media coordinator, updating our web site design, completing the web store and will be bringing a more current look to our newsletter and other literature. The other staff person will be working as a data manager, working on entering band registrations, transfers and membership information.

I am pleased to inform the membership that our application for funding was fully approved covering **100%** of the wages and expenses including some new equipment for the staff to use. We are very grateful to Service Canada for this funding and look forward to partnering with them in the future to complete projects and add services to benefit our members and the sport of Racing Pigeons!

Daryl Baker has been hired to fill the role of multi-media coordinator and Patty Pearce has been hired to work as our data manager, these new staff members have brought great ideas and energy to the CRPU, we can't wait to see what these amazing individuals can accomplish! Welcome Patty and Daryl!

In addition to these new staff, I am pleased to welcome Denise Ferracuti to the CRPU as our new full time office administrator! In early September President Mike van der Jagt, Treasurer Nick Oud and I went through many applications in order to fill our full time vacancy. Denise has proven to be very valuable, jumping in and helping in all aspects of the office! I am sure Denise will be an excellent asset to the CRPU both now and into the future!

Please feel free to send us an email or give us a call, we all love hearing ideas and input from the members!

SHANNON BEADOW

## Deadlines!

### Yearbook advertising

Please submit your ads by Friday, Nov. 26th to Jayne Coyle  
[crpujayne@execuling.com](mailto:crpujayne@execuling.com)

## Calendar

Anyone wishing to submit pictures for the  
2011 calendar please submit your digital photos  
(in high resolution) by Friday Nov. 26th 2010 to Daryl Baker  
[crpudaryl@execulink.com](mailto:crpudaryl@execulink.com)



## NEW STAFF BIOS



DENISE FERRACUTI

I am very excited to be part of this unique organization. My role at the CRPU is going to be the full-time administrative assistant, but most importantly I will be assisting Shannon in creating a positive and organized head office. My career has been in office administration working for various companies, in Ontario and Alberta. I enjoy new challenges and I am especially interested in learning about the fascinating world of pigeons. Since my short time here, I find myself looking in the sky for what might be my first pigeon sighting.



PATTY PEARCE

Patty Pearce resides in Tillsonburg, Ontario with her husband Joel and her three sons, Zachary, Shayne and Hayden.

I was so pleased to be hired by the CRPU in September to assist with the organization with band management. I enjoy working with the great staff at the CRPU who are enthusiastic about working hard with a positive attitude and great team effort. It is rewarding for me to contribute to the exciting and distinctive sport of Pigeon Racing.

One year ago I returned to school at Westervelt College in London, Ontario and studied an 11-month course in Medical Administration. I graduated on July 9, 2010. It is my dream to ultimately find employment in the medical industry. However, I feel so fortunate and grateful to be working for the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated.

Thank you for accepting me as a staff member of the wonderful world of Pigeon Racing.



DARYL BAKER

A recent honours-graduate of Westervelt College, Daryl comes to us with a strong knowledge of the Web & Graphic Design field and he will provide our company with fresh, new ideas for the future of our online presence.

While attending Westervelt, Daryl also volunteered his time with the John Gordon Home hospice in London, Ontario where he helped design and create a new website to raise awareness about the services they provide for the London community. He has since enjoyed success as a freelance designer, creating websites, logos and branding packages for a wide range of businesses around the world.

A native of Tillsonburg, Daryl now lives in Delhi, Ontario with his wife, Sabrina.

**Mark Your Calendar for Dec. 2,3,4  
2011**

**Niagara Falls CRPU Convention**

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## Rouge Valley Flyers – 2010 Fall Auction



**Sunday, November 14, 2010**  
**Vandorf Community Centre**

14663 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley, Ontario  
 E. side of Woodbine Avenue, 1.3kms N. of Bloomington Side Road  
 1km S. of Aurora Sideroad

**Viewing at 11:00 – Sale starts at 12:00 Sharp**

Great Birds, Great Prices and Great Draws!  
 This auction will feature select birds from the Rouge Valley Flyers as well as other top flyers.

**Special 2010 Auction Items: Brand New Unikon System! Crates! Feed!**

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Please check our website on a regular basis as we get closer to the auction date to view an updated list of donators and donated birds including pedigree information.

**[www.rougevalleyflyers.com](http://www.rougevalleyflyers.com)**

Proceeds from each bird are split:  
 50% returned to the Donating Flyer and 50% to the Rouge Valley Trailer Fund.

Raffles: Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets, The Keg Gift Certificate, Mandarin Restaurant Gift Certificate, Texas Mickey, 50/50 Draw

**Everyone coming to the auction gets a free ticket for the door prize!**

**Refreshments will be available – Sausages, Pop, Coffee**

**Need more information or want to donate a bird? Contact:**

**Ken Wall - 416-283-7816**  
**John Adams - 416-281-1967**  
**Denis Adams - 905-839-7810**

## CRPU 2010 YEARBOOK ADVERTISING RATES

### COVER ADVERTISING

FULL PAGE INSIDE FRONT COVER	COLOUR	\$500.00
FULL PAGE INSIDE BACK COVER	COLOUR	\$500.00
FULL PAGE OUTSIDE BACK COVER	COLOUR	\$750.00

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**Deadline: NOVEMBER 26th 2010**

Please submit payment with your advertising.

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# Niagara Falls CRPU Convention December 2,3,4 2011

New Format  
Family oriented  
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Import Auctions  
European Speakers  
Cross Border Shopping



## Speakers And Auctions Confirmed

### Gert Jan Buete

Author: has written two books in Dutch.  
NPO Certified Judge  
Writes a regular column in Dutch pigeon papers  
One of the top lofts in Friesland a province in Holland  
Hans Eijerkamp said "Gert Jan is the next Piet DeWered"

POSSIBLY ONE MORE SPEAKER

### Hans & Jan-Evert Eijerkamp

One of if not "the" top flying and breeding lofts in Europe.  
Eijerkamp's will have a select group of world class pigeons to be auctioned at this convention.  
One of their managers Henk Juriens will give us some of his insights on pigeon racing. Henk travels extensively world wide for Eijerkamp giving him a unique perspective on the sport of racing pigeons.

POSSIBLY ONE MORE TOP RACING LOFT AND AUCTION

## INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH 2010



*Jack Eerenberg (left) and George Scott (right) manning the CRPU booth at the International Plowing Match*

### International Plowing Match St. Thomas Ontario

The CRPU sponsored a booth at the International Plowing Match last Sept. 2010 held at St. Thomas Ontario. Many thousands walked past our booth and thousands stopped to admire the loft and the racing pigeons. Several thousand pamphlets were handed out along with hundreds of printed flyers with information on the contribution racing pigeons made during W.W. 1 and 2. A laptop was playing an information DVD on racing pigeons and Beginner Hand Books were handed out to anyone that showed interest in becoming a member of the racing pigeon fraternity.

The display seemed to be a magnet and drew people in with no effort. Those manning the booth answered hundreds and hundreds of questions. Entire school groups were tattooed with a pigeon tattoo. As can be seen by the pictures above " young or old George tattooed them all". Many thanks to all those that put in many, many hours both manning the booth and preparing for the event.

# 60 BIRDS

**{ 20 FROM GEERT MUNNIK  
20 FROM PROTEGE LOFT  
20 FROM BIG ANDY'S LOFT**

*Live-Online*  
on **CHOICE PIGEON**  
[www.choicepigeon.com](http://www.choicepigeon.com)



**JOHNNY BOY**

To learn more about Geert Munnik visit the news/article section on Andy Larentzakis' website: [www.bigandysloft.net/news.html](http://www.bigandysloft.net/news.html)



**CHARLEY**

**SIMPLY THE BEST**



## GEERT MUNNIK

In 2009 **GEERT MUNNIK** won the following championships:

- 1st Loft Champion Sprint
- 1st Loft Champion Middle Distance
- 1st Nominated General Old Birds
- 1st Not Nominated loft Old and Young
- 1st Keizer General

and was crowned **1st National Champion Middle Distance of all Holland**

Geert Munnik has this to say about his famous "JOHNNY BOY", *"In the loft I have 31 children of Johnny Boy, 85% of all my pigeons are originally from Johnny Boy (children, grandchildren and great grandchildren)"*.

There will be 2 direct children from "JOHNNY BOY" in the auction.

## PROTEGE LOFT

**KENNY RHODES** of Protege Loft will be offering birds bred from his exceptional collection of breeders, including:

- A direct youngster from "CHARLEY"
- Grand children from "CHARLEY" & "THE QUEEN"
- 2 direct from the World Famous **Van Dyke**

The Protege family has proven their value in futurity racing and on club and combine level for numerous fanciers throughout North America.

To learn more about Protege Loft visit Kenny Rhodes' website: [www.protegeloft.com](http://www.protegeloft.com)

## BIG ANDY'S LOFT

**ANDY LARENTZAKIS** of Big Andy's Loft will be offering birds bred from his exceptional collection of breeders, including:

- From "SIMPLY THE BEST" (*The best Janssen/Van Loon to come to North America*) winner of 10 x 1st Prizes (2003-2005), and 1st Provincial Ace Pigeon (2004). He is also grandsire to the 2nd Marathon Empire Classic 420 miles 2010, entered by Glen Lyons. Simply the Best, shares his loft space with **FERARRI, LOVER BOY, MAGNA CARTA**, and dozens of other proven breeders.

To learn more about Big Andys Loft visit Andy's website: [www.bigandysloft.net](http://www.bigandysloft.net)

The auction will begin online on CHOICE PIGEON:

And ends with a live-online auction:

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**OSHAWA NAVAL VETERANS CLUB - 320 Viola St., Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3A8**

Approximately 50kms east of Toronto in Oshawa, accessible from RITSON RD. S. (south of Olive Ave & east of "The Beer Store")

For detailed information contact:

**ANDY LARENTZAKIS**

Call 1-647-839-7733

or Email [bigandysloft@yahoo.ca](mailto:bigandysloft@yahoo.ca)

**Stay tuned to CHOICE PIGEON for updates on the auction.**

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 , 9:00am  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present : M. van der Jagt, N. Oud, V. Radoman, J. Stevenson, O. Devries M. Collins

Absent: R. Hastie

**FINANCIALS:** N. Oud informs the Directors that the new bank account is open. M. Collins informs there will be a transfer period with two accounts until all cheques are cashed from the old account.

**ACTION:** M. Collins and N. Oud will look into GIC information prior to moving the GIC's which become due in June 2010.

**MOTION:** N. Oud seconded by J. Stevenson the General account of the CRPU in the amount of \$73,737.01 including cheque #4003 to up to cheque #4076 from Jan 21 to April 17<sup>th</sup> be approved and paid.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** M. Collins will supply Directors a quarterly financials for regular meetings.

N. Oud suggests maybe a change of accountant may be beneficial to the organization Discussion on looking for a local accountant and pro's and con's.

**ACTION:** N.Oud to investigate into this for a future meeting.

M. van der Jagt discussed using an informational template for adding items to the agenda called BOD agenda items. Mike will email to all directors.

**BYLAWS:** M. van der Jagt discusses that issues can be caused when municipalities tell people wrong bylaw information. This misguided information from municipalities can cause CRPU to lose potential members. This can be resolved by finding out how the council views the pigeon bylaw in your area and educating the municipalities can gain your local club members.

**AWARDS:** N. Oud informs that the awards are almost working properly. There was a brief discussion about switching from Win Bird to, Win Speed, it is thought that this will resolve many of the current issues including the conflicts experienced with the new 64 bit computers. This will be addressed for the 2011 season.

**WEBSITE/DATABASE:**

The Directors discuss it will be very important for combine secretaries to upload combine races using a different sign in name if they also upload club results. This will stop several uploading issues with the race results to the database.

**LOFT NAMES:** Director's discuss that in the future a joint registration loft will need an identification number or code. This will give each joint registered loft name a unique number or code.

**IPM:** International Plowing Match (September 21-25<sup>th</sup> 8:50 - 5:00pm daily) - CRPU has been asked to participate in the opening Ceremonies, a possible way to participate would be similar to the release of the doves at the opening ceremony of the Olympics. This will be further investigated by the IPM and will be reported back to the CRPU. The CRPU has also been asked to contribute as a sponsor, the cost would be somewhere in the \$500.00 range. Steve Welsh has also made a recommendation that the CRPU rent an indoor space to set up an exhibit at a cost of \$682.50, plus GST (ancillary costs may apply). He suggests producing a small scale open loft to show how a larger loft would look with the electronic trap installed. A release could be scheduled daily, weather permitting at the end of each day. He also proposed that posters with information about the use of the pigeons in the wars be produced and laminated so they can be used at this and other events to raise awareness and knowledge about the role the pigeons played. Steve also proposed that the Jim Jenner video Marathon in the Sky be played continuously to educate people on the use of pigeons throughout history. Insurance would cost about \$145.00 for the full time of the event including time to set up the booth. The cost including supplies, fees etc. would be about \$2000.00. Steve would be willing to approach all clubs in SW Ontario to ask for financial support to offset cost incurred by the CRPU. A discussion took place around the use of various trailers etc. The cost of leaving a trailer parked for the full week is not known, but Steve feels that this is not needed, the same effect can be made in the indoor booth. Karl Winterstien did have

a model loft in the past, perhaps this can be borrowed to save the cost of reproducing one, it was also suggested that Tim Mason may be able to assist with the project as he is a creative and active carpenter who is also big on promotion. If a loft is produced, it will be an asset to the CRPU when participating in future events and activities.

**MOTION:** Voyo Radoman seconded by Oscar deVries to accept the proposal as made.

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL REVIEW: Steve Walsh

A brief history on how Steve became involved with the CRPU was given by Mike van der Jagt.

Steve reviewed his draft Organizational Review. A couple of minor date discrepancies were reported and corrected.

The major theme of the report was that the CRPU needs to become more business oriented. His recommendations are as follows:

- 2 part time staff be hired to cover the Administrative Assistant position that is currently vacant in order to provide a back-up and safe guard organizational memory.
- The current constitution be re-written to modernize and update it and capture previous rule changes.
- The organization should keep documentation on rules and bylaws.
- The current Treasurer/Secretary position be split into two roles and assigned to two different board members.
- An organizational chart be developed and better financial records be maintained to follow gains and losses closer.
- Hours of operation be adjusted to better serve working members of the CRPU.
- Advertise the toll free number.
- Consider an alarm system for the office.
- Office area needs to be redesigned to separate promotional materials from sales items, prices should be advertised.
- Washroom needs some upgrading, shelving, paper towels etc.
- Warehouse areas should be looked at to provide a more conducive area for the daily clerical work.
- The entire space needs a good cleaning and a contract may be required to maintain cleaning in the future.
- Fire safety should be considered, Bob Magee (Fire Chief) would be willing to conduct a site visit to make recommendations. Some of the fire safety issues need to be addressed by the landlord.
- A first aid station with a first aid kit including eye wash station should be established.
- First aid/CPR should be offered to all employees.
- WHIMIS courses should be taken by all staff.
- Upgrade office technology systems including fax machines etc. Leasing should be looked at.
- Consider upgrading workstations to meet health and safety standards.
- Each staff person should have a clearly defined job description/duties.
- One director should be identified as the HR Manager to handle staff issues and perform evaluations.
- Safety issues including proper safety attire should be addressed.
- The BOD should refrain from taping minutes.
- The Secretary (board member) should be handling the responsibility of BOD minutes and agendas.
- The Treasurer (board member) should focus more on what functions make money and what functions don't generate dollars, and a budget should be developed to help track expenses and revenue.
- Inventory control feature should be utilized on the Simply Accounting program to help maintain stock.
- Ensure that safe practices are being followed for cheque signing and other financial practices.



- Volunteer hours should be utilized within the office to assist with band transfers etc.
- The CRPU should make use of grants etc. as available.
- Find and use a local Accountant.
- Increase membership fees to reflect true cost.
- Identify a store manager position to better manage the store with incentives.
- Monthly sales flyers should be developed.
- New products and cheaper shipping solutions should be researched.
- Consider a members price discount to encourage membership.
- Detailed membership numbers should be shared monthly.
- Revisit the requirements of becoming a member of the CRPU including the signature rule, new member fees etc.
- Lost and found secretary should be identified and attention needs to be brought to members about the work that the CRPU does when it comes to locating lost and found birds.
- A Board member should be assigned to handle website issues and development.

Aggressively sell advertising in the newsletter and consider selling advertising space on the website.

**MOTION:** John Stevenson (need a seconder that the review be posted on the website after the Board has had time to review the final copy. Seconded by Oscar DeVries.

CARRIED

**DIRECTORS VACANCY:** Prior to the meeting, Ted Brown had presented his resignation to the President. A discussion ensued as to how the vacancy would be filled. The directors elected to contact Jesse Vanderlaan, as he had the next highest vote total on the last election and offer him the opportunity to complete Ted Brown's term. Jesse was contacted by telephone and accepted the position.

**RULES UPDATE:** Current rules state that a one time allowance was made for new members to register non CRPU bands purchased prior to 1992, these need to be looked at and rules need to be updated.

It is generally thought that once the database is functioning properly, unregistered and improperly registered birds will be automatically flagged, allowing for corrective action.

A decision was made that FCI association bands be the only bands accepted by the CRPU, it is felt that this is a well rounded rule that will protect the CRPU and clarify the issue.

**MISSION STATEMENT/ VALUES:** A brief description was held defining Mission, Vision and Values. The current Mission was read and it was agreed that it needed to be reviewed and expanded. It was agreed that a day of planning should be arranged to further review Mission, Vision and Values as well as more strategic planning in the very near future.

Mike van der Jagt presented a template to use for a business plan. It was stated that membership need to have more input on the activities and functions of the CRPU and that these activities should be implemented with membership buy-in.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE INPUT:

1. Each director was asked to state three things that they personally felt that the CU needs to accomplish in 2010:

BOD Answers/Suggestions included:

- To ensure database is up to date;
- To ensure membership does not fall below 2009 totals;
- Start relationship with all clubs, not just with CU;
- Expanded product line to better serve the membership;
- Expand efforts to encourage youth to join through books, videos, 4-H clubs;
- Provide advertising to clubs, combines and public, through yearbooks;
- Refrain from telling membership how to fly;

- Need to revise rules and set up Constitution;
- Survey membership re: promotions, web store, email, whether an active flying member, where and for how long, any by-law issues in the past, the importance of flying awards, rating of the year book; and
- Teaching and providing tech help into use of database.

2. Each director was also asked "what, in your opinion, are the three most important functions of the CU?"

BOD Answers/Suggestions:

This area needs to be re-written.

3. The most significant accomplishment in the next 5 years would be:

BOD Answers/Suggestions:

This area needs to be re-written

NEXT STEPS: Further discussion regarding our Constitution, our lost and found policy and band registration.

Directors agree that Mission and Vision Statement will be reviewed in the near future.

Meeting adjourned

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 continued Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle

Conference: M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, and N. Oud

Absent: V. Radoman

Guest: Mr. Neil Caine, B.C. Liaison

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed Jayne Coyle, new employee.

Minutes from March 16, 2010 were reviewed and amended.

**MOTION:** J. Stevenson, seconded by R. Hastie to accept March 16, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes from March 23, 2010 were reviewed and amended.

**MOTION:** J. Vanderlaan, seconded by N. Oud to accept March 23, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** M. Collins to send March 16 and March 23, 2010 minutes to N. Oud for website posting. M. Collins to distribute by email to members using email contacts.

**FINANCES:**

Nick Oud reported that a physical inventory of the stock is conducted annually during the audit. It was agreed that starting in the new fiscal year (01 SEP 2010) the monthly inventory function of the simply accounting software would be activated to provide the BOD with a monthly report on in-store stock.

In future the BOD will be presented with a monthly tracking document to show monthly income and expenses, as well as a year to date comparison of the previous year. It was also agreed that a local accounting firm would be retained to review the current accounting practices and recommend any additional reporting that would assist the BOD.

O. DeVries suggested that because euros are at a low price, that CU should take advantage of it when purchasing overseas inventory. M. Collins to investigate the feasibility of opening a Euro account to allow the CRPU to pre-purchase euros at these historically low values to offset the cost of bands and other European supplies.

Current year to date figures indicate that revenues and expenses are roughly in line with 2009.

M. van der Jagt wanted to know membership-to-date. M. Collins reported total membership is 1,135, and total auxiliary members are 5. 2009 year to date membership totals were not readily available, however it was noted that total 2009 membership was 1200. O. DeVries requested that M. Collins start tracking membership totals monthly.

N. Oud reported that CU's account has migrated from CIBC, London, ON to TD Canada Trust, Tillsonburg, ON.

**MOTION:** R. Hastie to accept N. Oud's financial statements as read, seconded by O. DeVries.

CARRIED

**ACTION:**

1. M. Collins and N. Oud to work out reports recommended by new accountant(s). To ask what type of reports are necessary to operate business: monthly and/or yearly for Inventory, A&L, P&L and R&E (comparables).
2. M. Collins to add up how much we spend in inventory in one (1) year in Euros, and look into opening a euro account.
3. M. Collins to start tracking membership totals monthly.

**BYLAWS:**

R. Hastie reported he is not anticipating any problems with the Hamilton bylaw amalgamation. The City of Regina will be sending a copy of their bylaw to the CU. N. Oud plans to post a sample model bylaw on the website. There currently is a sample bylaw in the pamphlet entitled, "Perceptions and Reality" that is available on the CU website.

**AWARDS:**

O. DeVries has a few concerns about uploading results. N. Oud is working with the database programmer to correct issues as they arise. Glitches were anticipated at this point, and the CU is working through them.

M. Collins reported the names of the clubs who are presently uploading results. N. Oud and M. van der Jagt discussed using drop down boxes for 100 clubs and all they would require is one (1) club member's password and user's name.

**ACTION:**

1. N. Oud is to continue working with the database programmer to address bugs as they arise. Everyone is asked to report any concerns or problems to Nick Oud.

**PROMOTIONS:**

M. van der Jagt welcomed Neil Caine, B.C. Liaison. Neil reported that people are making last minute preparations to get birds off to derbys and hoping for wins. The coast has started racing; the third race was this past weekend with 800 birds racing with light losses experienced by most members. The North Road club has met with too much resistance at the US border so they are switching from the south course back to the east course. The east course seems to offer great racing up to 300 miles, and then become much more difficult because of the third mountain range.

Little seeds are being planted to promote young members. Currently, Neil's club has four (4) junior members flying. The club will only be issuing trophies to the juniors this year.

On another note, the combine has been entertaining charity races with the local Optimist club along the lines of what was discussed at the CU Annual meeting in 2009.

Other positive developments include the donation of birds to younger members, and the purchase of a new combine trailer. They have had requests from more members wanting crates for the trailer. The trailer allows everyone to enjoy the sport all along the corridor (north and south) of where they live. Neil stated that he feels the trailer will pay off in 10 years. People are pleased and happy with the sport. Neil also reports that clubs to the north are getting involved so that they can fly from the south on Sunday, after the north course birds are released on a Saturday. This will allow the trailer to be full on both the outward and return trips, doubling the use of the trailer.

M. van der Jagt commented on behalf of the CU, appreciation for Neil making things happen, and helping those to afford the sport. M. van der Jagt will be putting Naomi Armstrong in contact with Neil to exchange promotional ideas, particularly involving their junior members. M. van der Jagt thanked Neil for calling in and extended any help they could. M. van der Jagt stated that Neil has a positive approach to initiating new flyers.

*International Plowing Match:* Steve Walsh sent information about sponsorship. V. Radoman to report and was absent from meeting at this time. We did however; receive a letter from the Plowing Match Board stating that our entry has been approved for a 10' x 10' booth. Jim Jenner will prepare a video to be displayed at the event and M. Collins will obtain it for viewing at the next Board meeting.

There was discussion about the various levels of sponsorship. It was agreed that a return on investment for a sponsorship donation would not likely justify the cost, so the CU will not be making a donation at this time.

**ACTION:**

1. M. van der Jagt to get in touch with Steve Walsh to let him know about our decision not to go ahead with the sponsorship at this time. Also to touch base with him about the project in general.
2. M. Collins to obtain video from Jim Jenner for next meeting.

**RULES:**

J. Stevenson reported on a complaint received from Joe Martire concerning clocking limits in the EOC. He suggested that the CU send a letter to the EOC Combine stating that they need to follow procedure. Under CU rules J. Martire is entitled to a true race result.

**ACTION:** M. van der Jagt and J. Stevenson to draft a letter to the President of the EOC directing him to ensure that J. Martire is provided with a true race result.

**HEALTH:**

N. Oud reported on a recent concern related to pox vaccine. The CU has always stocked to 100 dose pigeon vaccine. Main Biologic, the supplier, has changed manufacturers and facilities and has been out of stock. The 100 dose pigeon vaccine was not being manufactured. The supplier informed M. Collins he had 1000-dose bottles available, not the 100-dose and that it was the same product. M. Collins talked to the sales rep. on 11 May 2010 and was informed that he was able to get the 100-dose bottles. She has ordered all he has. The sales rep. admitted at the same time that the 1000-dose chicken product is not the same as 100-dose pigeon product. N. Oud stated that we are obligated to replace any poultry pox vaccine purchased by members with the pigeon pox vaccine. M. van der Jagt agreed and the CU should go after the manufacturer as the Board feels we were misled about the vaccine.

**ACTION:** M. Collins is to contact the supplier for a refund of the 1000-dose bottles of chicken pox vaccine.

M. Collins to call all members who purchased the poultry vaccine and offer them the opportunity to have it replaced free of charge with the pigeon vaccine.

**OLD BUSINESS**

M. Collins suggested to the BOD, that we stock the line of pigeon books published by Silvio Mattacchione.

**ACTION:** M. Collins is to order a small number of the books.

*Yearbook Advertising Rates:* Members are asking what the costs are to advertise. A discussion involving various issues relating to yearbook advertising and advertising rates was held. M. van der Jagt proposed that the front cover of the yearbook be sold as advertising rather than reserved for the Certificate of Merit high point bird. It was generally felt that the front cover should be reserved for showcasing the current year's champion, not as a source of revenue. The issue was then discussed relating to the new National Champion Ace bird awards and since they will now crown a champion based on all races flown by all birds, all clubs and all members and not just those applying, should those birds be recognized on the front cover. Further discussion was deferred until 25 MAY 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Agenda item added:* Shannon Beadow provided the "Job Creation Partnership" proposal, wherein the CU can apply for a grant through Service Canada for an individual in the office. Service Canada will pay wages and provide an employee for a year. Discussion about the type of work required was directly related to database entry. To ensure audit the integrity of all current CU electronic data including the membership database.

M. Collins reported we need complete verification of the website. Because of the glitches, M. Collins does not feel comfortable that the website is completely accurate. M. Collins suggested doing a personal head count on all our members, would be very beneficial. O. DeVries questioned the grant coverage - 100%? He heard it was 60%. M. Collins will talk to Shannon about coverage, as she understands we are responsible to cover EI and CPP only. M. Collins will check the coverage and have Shannon go ahead with the initiative.

The meeting was suspended at 10:33 p.m., to be continued on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 continued from Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle, N. Oud

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

Guest: Mr. Jim Jenner, Vidographer and Publisher

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. to continue the meeting of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Minutes typed from meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were reviewed and amended. Continuation herein of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, proceeds as follows:

**FINANCE:**

**MOTION:** N. Oud seconded by J. Stevenson that the general account of the C.R.P.U. in the amount of \$26,465.08 including cheque #4077 up to and including cheque # 4121 from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, up to and including May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

N. Oud reported on the Wellington Waterloo RPC kit auction of 150 birds from the US. The club is requesting that they be allowed to register all these U.S. bands in one block at half price, same deal as last year,

**MOTION:** N. Oud seconded by R. Hastie that the WWRPC kit auction birds with AU bands to allow the ownership transfers at 75 cents/band if registered as one block at one time.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt opened discussion about our approach to getting quotes according to our office computer needs. It was decided first to establish what we require quotes for, then proceed with obtaining three (3) quotes.

**ACTION:** N. Oud to determine the office needs in the next week. M. Collins to obtain quotes.

**AWARDS/DATA BASE:**

O. DeVries reported problems with uploading results. N. Oud is locating club secretaries who are submitting the wrong text files. He just put a "**How To**" manual on the website. It explains how to save the Winbird file to upload to the database. One by one, N. Oud is training club secretaries to upload properly.

M. Collins reported that she and Shannon are taking photos of the product for the online store.

A meeting is taking place May 27, 2010 with Canada Employment office to discuss JCP placement. Shannon has broken down a job description to present at the meeting – one-half (1/2) day of data entry and store orientation, as in pictures, pricing, etc.

**RULES:**

There was a brief discussion about Mr. Scott Reid's suspension from C.O.R.P.F. Inc. We have no appeal. V. Radoman noted that the Constitution states that we need to let other clubs know. An acknowledgement letter will be sent back to C.O.R.P.F. Inc., upholding the suspension. And a copy will be sent to Mr. Scott Reid, AU, and IF according to the Constitution.

**ACTION:** Monik to draft a letter for Mike's approval.

**PROMOTIONS:**

M. van der Jagt introduced Jim Jenner. Jim reported he is on an operation, Children and Nature Network in Montana, and it is

receiving nice publicity. He will be travelling to England in July to share the pigeon programme with troubled teens. Queen Elizabeth donates some pigeons to this project. He will be documenting the journey of one teenager who has connected with the programme to show its positive results.

Jim is working with University of Washington in Seattle on the research about how children react to robotic pets verses real pets.

The research is demonstrating that interactions with real pets, that can react appropriately to human contact, are therapeutic, whereas– robotic pets show no therapeutic value. The theory has been proven.

He has a horse trailer carrying a loft of 20 birds. He delivers it to a schoolyard for the school year, where children learn about raising pigeons, and then he moves it back to his home for the summer months. He photographs two (2) times a week and gets good close up shots of the pigeons racing.

Jim will be sending us information about the loft on a trailer he takes to the school. No building permit is required. Jim wants to get this message out to retired members who can service kids in their neighbourhood. His local Rotary Club donated another trailer for kids and he suggested a military theme for the lofts.

Jim's newest video idea is to present the the idea's presented in Richard Louv's book in a programme in three (3) phases:

#1 the benefits of reallocating time a child may spend in a day on computers.

#2. Children need to get fresh air and encouragement to develop their social skills. This can be achieved by learning about the sport with a natural little thing as simple as a pigeon.

#3. The benefits of this approach to the overall well being of the child. He feels it can benefit a child. Jim's underlying goal is to abolish obstacles that deter kids from caring for a natural living thing.

A DVD of the program will be available by next spring 2011. He wants movie-sized posters for classrooms with symbols of peace and other things he talks about in his video. Jim is hoping to get Richard Louv involved in the movement.

**ACTION:** Mike to fill Naomi in with what she needs to know for the teleconference call.

M. Collins reported recommendations for advertising in the yearbook 2011. In 5 years, there has not been an increase. There was a discussion of the cost factor between us setting up ads, and outsourcing as we have in the past. The concern with the printer is that submissions have to be print-ready. It was decided to hold off until next year to try designing this ourselves, on our database. Recommended prices were slightly adjusted and approved. A lengthy discussion of pros and cons arose about giving other members equal opportunity to advertise on the inside front and back covers of the yearbook, on approved editing.

Also, for the first time, color ads will be accepted for the CU yearbook for 2010.

#### RACE PROGRAM:

The download of Unikon clocks into Winbird is now working. The download of Tipes clocks into Winbird is still in development.

#### HEALTH

Nick had no report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from Claude Rothgiesser – Monik to respond directly to Claude.

*Constitution:* Directors discussed rewriting the constitution for the protection of the Corporation and its Directors. There has been no updates to the constitution since 1944 and rules changes in the past have not been properly incorporated into the constitution's by-laws. It was decided to pay a professional to go ahead and rewrite it, and especially if it could be done before the AGM in October. The board will need to give insight into what is needed so we have a starting point. The CU will set aside \$5,000 for the Constitution rewrite and appoint Steve Walsh as a liason between BOD and the constitutional lawyer.

**MOTION:** J. Stevenson seconded by O. DeVries that we set aside \$5,000 for constitutional rewrite.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** M. van der Jagt to notify Steve Walsh to begin the process.

The discussion of status on the Operational Review was deferred until the next meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** J. Vanderlaan seconded by R. Hastie to adjourn.

CARRIED

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle

Conference: M. van der Jagt, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, and N. Oud, V. Radoman, R. Hastie

Absent: O. DeVries

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes from April 18, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and May 25<sup>th</sup>, stand down until next meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting there will be four (4) sets of Minutes to approve.

#### FINANCE

N. Oud reported the C.R.P.U. is carrying more inventory than the previous year. The net income is roughly the same. Publicity and promotions is up, including the database. Miscellaneous publicity is up. V. Radoman suggested that the sub accounts in Simply Accounting be broken down further before N. Oud meets with the accountant.

#### ACTION:

1. N. Oud to set up a preliminary year end appointment next week with the accountant.
2. M. Collins and J. Coyle to itemize 'Miscellaneous' categories in Simply Accounting for July 30, 2010.

N. Oud reported the General Account of the C.R.P.U. beginning May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, from cheque #4122, up to and including cheque #4170, in the amount of \$43,745.37, be approved.

**MOTION:** N. Oud moved that the financial statements be accepted as read, R. Hastie seconded.

Carried

#### BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported on the City of Milton, ON bylaw and how it bans raising flying pigeons within the city limits. There is confusion in deciphering between what is domestic vs. wild. Sections of the Town of Milton, ON bylaw defines pigeons as farm animals. M. van der Jagt suggested that if there were better understanding, and relief of the bylaw, it would encourage the growth of pigeon racers in the Milton area. Hence the reason for poor membership. R. Hastie will have conversation with the City and promote our standards.

#### ACTION:

1. Ron to approach the City of Milton to try to revise the bylaw, largely in the same way that the C.R.P.U worked with the cities of Hamilton and Toronto. And to ask if they would be interested in meeting with us.

#### PROMOTIONS

V. Radoman reported that Naomi Armstrong's virtual fantasy racer program is in the development stages. The program encourages children approximately in grades 5-7 to select their own birds from a club donor's loft and spend time on the internet racing the pigeon. The idea of the program is to increase awareness and generate interest in future flyers and members. V. Radoman will be sending out another letter requesting donations to generate funds.

**ACTION:**

1. V. Radoman to circulate agenda item for next meeting regarding youth initiative meeting.

*Calgary Stampede:* begins next week - July 17th and 18th are the big race days. There is a booth to promote racing pigeons. J. Stevenson reported that we need more volunteers. It was agreed by the Board to ask Naomi Armstrong if she would be available to go to Calgary and promote the sport. There was discussion about what Naomi could do for last minute preparation. J. Stevenson has promotional information she could hand out to publicize and promote racing. N. Oud voiced concern that it was last minute notice and would we be wise to go ahead with it, or to put it on the agenda for next year. It was agreed that Naomi be asked to fly to Calgary at the end of the week to perform the task of promotions.

**ACTION:**

1. V. Radoman to contact Naomi the next day following this meeting.

**RACE PROGRAM**

Winbird will not upload on Windows 7, however, it was reported that one of our racers from Thunder Bay has contacted a computer expert who was able to get the programme up and running at a cost of \$50. Concern that if it is simply a setting that needs to be adjusted on Windows 7, N. Oud would be willing to look at it when we get the Windows 7 computers in the office. M. Collins suggested she and N. Oud could try tweaking this on one (1) of the Windows 7 computers at the office. V. Radoman voiced concern that if tweaking this is successful; more members need to know how to do it.

**ACTION:**

1. R. Hastie and N. Oud to work out a mutual time to meet and study out how to program Winbird to be compatible with Windows 7.

**WEBSITE/DATABASE:**

Several discussions arose: One; about club secretaries needing one (1) user I.D. per club to upload. And if a combine is being uploaded, the registered user can use the drop down box. Another, was discussion about the issue of five (5) bird clocking limit. And a further discussion arose about how the database is calculating awards. N. Oud recommended, and it was agreed upon, that these discussions be tabled for the next meeting.

**ACTION:**

1. Board members are to review the BOD agenda item submitted by N. Oud before the next meeting.
2. N. Oud to talk to Jason to sort out database calculating awards.

**HEALTH**

No reports of problems. Monik reported that the supplier of the pigeon pox vaccine had agreed to reimburse the CU for the chicken vaccine that he had supplied previously.

*BioSecurity Meeting:* M. Collins reported funding available for upgrades on non-poultry facilities, which include pigeon lofts. There is further information about this funding in the summer newsletter. The next meetings are in WOODSTOCK, ON., Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Creek Golf Club, 760 Juliana Drive, Woodstock and in BARRIE, ON, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road, Barrie.

All submissions of BOD Agenda items for the meeting of 27 JUL 2007 are to be forwarded to John Stevenson by Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

R. Hastie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m., J. Vanderlaan seconded.

Carried



CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. van der Jagt, N. Oud, V. Radoman, M. Collins, J. Coyle

Conference: J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, O. DeVries

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup>, were reviewed and amended. O. DeVries motioned they be adopted as read and V. Radoman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and amended. N. Oud motioned they be adopted as read and V. Radoman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup> were reviewed with no errors or omissions. V. Radoman motioned they be adopted as read and J. Stevenson seconded the motion.

CARRIED

#### FINANCE

N. Oud met with a local accountant to review our financials. It was advised that we remain with our current accountant/auditor as we currently pay \$2,100.00 per year for such a service and we will not do any better. It is a reasonable fee to pay for the size of the business. However, it would be in the CU's best interest to break down our accounts for future growth.

#### ACTION:

1. M. Collins and J. Coyle to itemize 'Miscellaneous' categories in Simply Accounting by August 31, 2010. To prepare a template of Profit and Loss for audit purposes; ie. separation of membership fees and yearbook fees, and taxes adhered thereto.

2. N. Oud to explore with accountant a breakdown of dues payable (membership fees & yearbook fees and those that are taxable).

3. Inventory function will be activated beginning with new fiscal year.

N. Oud reported that the General Account of the CRPU beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from cheque #4171, up to and including cheque #4202, in the amount of \$44,343.39 be approved.

**MOTION:** N. Oud moved that the financial statements be accepted as read, O. DeVries seconded.

CARRIED

#### BYLAWS

R. Hastie attempted contacting the Bylaw officer in Milton, Ontario, without success. There was a small discussion about implementing the model bylaw on the website. N. Oud reported that the project is progressing well.

#### AWARDS

O. DeVries raised concerns again about award calculations on the database as it is still not functioning properly. A letter from Bob Eddie was discussed as there was concern about procedure to use the data base or fill out the information sheet supplied with the newsletter to apply for awards. There is fear that confusion could jeopardize flyers and their birds from being recognized properly. As well, there was a question as to the requirement of all clubs to upload their race results on the database. As O. DeVries too has found his uploads are incorrect, N. Oud suggested that he send it to N. Oud and he can go over the upload process step by step with Jason to ensure it is correct. N. Oud stated that he sent to Jason, a list of eight (8) items to be corrected on the database. Only six (6) were completed. Discussion arose about concerns of posting races, and that this needs to take priority as they have to be correct. We need to let members know to post race results to the database and when it is up, to let us know if it is incorrect, so we can be sure to correct it. If a member posts, then they do not have to submit paperwork. V. Radoman reported that the club sections work well, however, the overall club data is incorrect. N. Oud reported that

long distance and middle distance awards may not be showing up because there are not any to upload.

**ACTION:** M. Collins to send memo to race secretaries to submit race results to either the database or to submit by paper to the office as they did last year. .

V. Radoman suggested that the memo should state that the paper entries are coming to a close, that we are moving in the direction of electronic submission.

**Clocking limits are unacceptable for awards.** Members were told that at the beginning of the year.

#### PROMOTIONS:

There was discussion about offering recruitment incentives and forming a committee to handle such as it is a big Endeavour. Incentives to entice new, younger members could increase membership. Possibly the benefit of membership discounts or gift certificate/discounts on store products would be appealing. V. Radoman suggested that we offer an incentive not only to new memberships, but to existing memberships as well. M. Collins discussed the CFPA coloured newsletter. Our ad is ½ page, full colour and runs at \$80.00 for one (1) insertion and \$200.00 for four (4) insertions within one (1) year.

A Youth Initiatives Committee meeting is to be held the evening of Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. V. Radoman motioned that we incorporate a permanent Youth Initiative Committee as a standing committee in the CRPU. O. DeVries seconded the motion.

CARRIED

#### RACE PROGRAM

The discussion to continue with WinSpeed and Winbird as is, or to switch only to WinSpeed arose. O. DeVries stated that eventually a decision will need to be made as WinBird will soon become obsolete. Already it will not load on the newer 64 bit computers. V. Radoman voiced concern to phase out Winbird slowly as change is difficult for some. The problem lies that there is only one (1) man to program Winbird, and if something happens to him, it will become very problematic for the members and the CU. Computers of higher end, can upload WinSpeed and any updates. N. Oud suggested that a third option is to do our own programming which is not feasible. WinSpeed support is very accessible and provides good turn around when something is not working correctly.

In the terms of practicality, N. Oud feels we cannot stop using Winbird right now, as we have just asked race secretaries to submit results on Winbird. V. Radoman suggested that there be a discount from the CU to switch to WinSpeed. It gives race secretaries time to get used to the program. R. Hastie raised concerns that Winbird works better than the database to transfer race results into the yearbook. R. Hastie feels there is no need for WinSpeed. V. Radoman and O. DeVries openly discussed that we need to look at what works perfectly now compared to what the future holds. R. Hastie expressed concern that we have spend \$10,000 on a website/database, not to spend anymore, as the website/database is not working properly. Winbird is fine for now. We should get the database working with the money we have spent before we look at the future of Winspeed. That decision will be later down the road. M. van der Jagt acknowledged that we need Winbird to complete our yearbook at this point.

M. van der Jagt suggested that O. DeVries' proposal to change over to WinSpeed, be posted on the web so race secretaries can have the computer information they require to see what the difference is.

**ACTION:** O. DeVries to put together the options for the website; eg. Cost, computer, solutions for informed decision, to refine his submission to a web post, for M. Collins to submit to email race secretaries – due Fri. July 30<sup>th</sup>, or later for another email.

**MOTION:** J. Stevenson moved to stand down any further developments until we have what we have paid for, and is running properly.

M. van der Jagt expressed that perhaps a fresh set of eyes to run over the website, clean up glitches, may be in order and proposed that A. Skrobot be a point of contact between CU and Jason. A. Skrobot is knowledgeable in web design, and it will free up N. Oud's time to work with race secretaries and encourage race secretaries to post club results. N. Oud is in agreement. V. Radoman suggested that directors tell A. Scrobot what the priorities are, that the CU requires.

**MOTION:** M. van der Jagt moved to appoint A. Skrobot be website design chairperson to work with Jason to give the website a fresh look on the advisory of the directors. J. Vanderlaan seconded the motion.

CARRIED

#### NEW BUSINESS

2011 Convention – The agenda was reviewed, the ladies auxillary has become quite small and the effort to host conventions is becoming daunting. O. DeVries suggested that the CRPU Ladies Auxiliary may want to act of convention chair and offer experience on how to organize the convention to a volunteer group. . M. van der Jagt suggested that the office staff may have to play a role in coordinating future conventions. V. Radoman suggested that different clubs put in bids. The problem is that few clubs have the desire or resources to take on this task anymore. M. van der Jagt expressed we should maintain conventions. It may be easier to have staff or directors call individuals. M. Collins suggested the companies who organize this type of convention could be contacted and we pay them to organize professionally.

M. van der Jagt suggested that the CU head office be involved in assisting the current CRPU Ladies Auxiliary president, Enna Oud, with photocopying, phone calling, or any other task as such.

A Constitutional Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. EST.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. The agenda items for board meeting to John Stevenson by Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

J. Stevenson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 p.m. V. Radoman seconded.

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Sunday, August 22nd, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, S. Beadow, J. Coyle

Conference: M. van der Jagt, V. Radoman, R. Hastie, O. DeVries

Absent: J. Stevenson, J. Vanderlaan

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes from July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were reviewed and amended. N. Oud motioned they be accepted as amended and V. Radoman seconded the motion.

CARRIED

#### FINANCE

*Liability Insurance Coverage:* N. Oud investigated the CU's liability insurance. Currently we have \$1M coverage with a \$1,000.00 deductible. Our current policy includes legal fees. Discussion arose that coverage should be increased to \$2M.

#### ACTION:

S. Beadow to put together recommendations in an agenda item for the next meeting.

*Report:* N. Oud reported that the General Account of the CRPU beginning July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with and including cheque #4203 and ending August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with and including cheque #4226 in the amount of \$19,338.70, be approved.

*Inventory:* A substantial number of copies of yearbooks from various years are remaining on the shelf. It was discussed as to what to do with these books. The board instructed to purge, retaining 1 box (18 copies) of books within two (2) years of age. Any other books older than two (2) years, the CU is to retain no more than two (2)copies. It was agreed that the CU office retain at least two (2) complete sets for their own reference.

#### BYLAWS

Nothing to report

#### AWARDS

O. DeVries and N. Oud continue to work with Jason to refine the award portion of the database. O. DeVries raised the issue of the database loading slowly and N. Oud will try to rectify that issue with Jason.

#### RULES

The board of directors met with S. Walsh on 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010 to review the second draft of the updated Constitution and

then will start work on reviewing the Rules.

#### PROMOTIONS

*International Plowing Match:* N. Armstrong, V. Radoman and S. Walsh continue to work on the International Plowing Match, September 21 – 25, 2010.

#### RACE PROGRAM

The office is working with the old bird results.

#### WEBSITE/DATABASE

M. van der Jagt will touch base with Andy Skrobot.

#### HEALTH

*Biosecurity Meeting:* The next meetings are in WOODSTOCK, ON., Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Creek Golf Club, 760 Juliana Drive, Woodstock and in BARRIE, ON, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road, Barrie.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Chat website:* George Kolozsvari's letter was addressed by the board of directors.

*"It is time that we all stop this nonsense of name calling and accusations being posted to any and all of the chat lines that are supposed to be promoting our Sport and Hobby. Instead it is doing nothing but tearing the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union to shreds. In my mind if this does not come to an end the CRPU will be a thing of the past and to me that is not something I would like to see. When these accusations are being posted to a chat line it is there for the entire world to see and read. I do not or will not post to any chat line. Look at them yes, but add a post never.".....R. Hastie*

**MOTION:** N. Oud moves to indefinitely suspend Mr. Kolozsvari as a result of his false, slanderous and inflammatory remarks regarding the CU office staff posted 09 AUG 2010 on the Albert Classic Discussion Site. The motion was seconded by O. DeVries.

CARRIED

#### ACTION

The office staff will notify George Kolozsvari of the action of the board and advise the AU and the IF.

#### NEW BUSINESS

*Directors for 2011* – The new process of re-election of directors for a one (1) year term was discussed and it was decided to be a good proposal. J. Stevenson and V. Radoman volunteered to stay on for another year as directors, filling two (2) of the three (3) vacancies. One (1) vacancy on the board will exist as of 09 OCT 2010. The BOD will appoint a member to fill the vacancy for one year as of that date.

*Convention:* Tickets are available for the Convention – October 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Stratford, ON. Tickets must be purchased by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to avoid a late payment. S. Beadow to purchase tickets for the directors and herself.

#### ACTION:

S Beadow is to check with J. Vanderlaan to see if he is attending.

*Job Search:* The priority is to hire a bilingual receptionist. Interviews are being held next week.

*Benzing Clock:* The CU remains a distributor of the Benzing timers and will continue to do that. Should a member wish to purchase a benzing timer the CU can still order them. There currently is no service tech in Canada and we will co-ordinate any service issues through the office in Austria. Steve Collins of the Tillsonburg Club has helped members in the past with IT support for the Benzing.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

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