

North Road Racing Pigeon Association Annual General Meeting

13 NOV 2022

West Niagara Agricultural Fairgrounds, Grassie, ON

Following a tour of the fairground buildings and facilities the meeting was called to order by President Bill Weima at 1:10 p.m. followed by the roll call:

President - Bill Weima
Vice President - Rick Fyfe
Secretary/Treasurer - Mike van der Jagt
Niagara – Ian Sibbald and Gerry Wilkie
Mississauga – John Black and John Tavares
Hamilton Central - Jordan Giankos and Stan Rebejko
Flamboro – Cor Ubbels and Jan Hammer
Central Peel – Andre Gomes and Delano Polin
Pine Valley – Peter Trezzi

Other members attending:

Terry Harvey, Scott Stenhouse, Derek Overholt – Niagara
Danny Silvano Hamilton

Guests:

Lou Petrozza and Frank Eichhorn – Barrie Club

The Fairground facilities were very impressive with two large unheated pole barns available to rent for \$600/day, one very large display barn with a heated section and washrooms available to rent at \$900/day and a large modern banquet hall with full professional kitchen available to rent for \$1000/day. The meeting room we rented with kitchenette provided is \$45/hour.

The agenda was presented and approved on a motion by Ubbels/Giankos.

The minutes of the last meeting of 06 FEB 2022 were reviewed. Motion to accept Fyfe/Giankos. Carried

Financial Report

The financial report for operating year 2022 was circulated and read in by the Treasurer Mike van der Jagt. It was noted that after two straight years of a small deficit it is important that 2023 not be another year where the reserves need to be accessed.

Race Secretary Report

Nick Oud has advised the executive that he will not be acting as NRRPA race calculator or Webmaster for 2023. Replacements will need to be elected today.

The new CU software worked very well for 2022. The few minor glitches encountered were issues with Unikon integration and were quickly resolved by the CU programmer.

Transportation

The driver, Brain Couchie, indicated that he will be returning for 2023. The Executive will continue to review his contract and adjust if and where needed. He has asked again this year that Matheson be changed to a Thursday night shipping as the drive is just too long, particularly if he has to turn right around and come back for a short release. He also advised that he works his day job Monday to Friday, so if we want week day races, he would need a bonus, as he would have to lose income from his regular job to accommodate.

Other Old Business

The staff members at the law firm completing the incorporation application have moved to a different firm. The paper work seems to have disappeared. Bill collected a new set of signatures and will tie up the final loose ends in the near future.

A short discussion followed on the Constitution and Rules circulated last year and posted on the website. A few people felt that 1 liberator would be better than a 3-member liberation committee. A large majority favored retaining the 3-member liberation committee with one alternate.

Motion to adopt the NRRPA Constitution and Rules as circulated Ubbels/Sibbald. Carried

There was some discussion on waiving the flying fees of the NRRPA executive as a thank-you for volunteering for the positions. It was suggested that such a gesture might encourage others to seek positions. In the end there was a general consensus that due to the recent operating losses and the continues rising costs of transportation, it might not be the right time. The idea was tabled for future discussion.

New Business

Election of 2023 Executive

The Vice President position and the Secretary/Treasurer terms have expired.

Nominations for VP for the two-year term 2023 and 2024 were called.

Rick Fyfe and Andre Gomes were nominated and both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was held resulting in a 7 to 7 tie. President Bill Weima broke the tie and Andre Gomes was elected.

Nominations for Sec/Treasurer for the two-year term 2023 and 2024 were called.

Mike van der Jagt was acclaimed.

Nominations for the vacant Race Secretary position for the 2023 and 2024 term were open to the floor.

Jeane Fyfe was acclaimed.

The committee chairs were then appointed:

Transportation – Rick Fyfe

Website – Trevor Smolenaars

Release committee – Rick Fyfe was the only volunteer. Bill Weima instructed all delegates to bring at least one name for a liberator from their club membership to the next meeting and two additional liberators and an alternate would be selected from the list to join Rick on the liberation committee.

Other New Business

An application from the Barrie RPC was read into the meeting. Frank Eichhorn and Lou Petrozza were in attendance to answer any questions. A discussion followed with several questions being directed to Frank and Lou. They indicated that they had about 5 or 6 members with a few former members indicating an interest in returning to the club. They would be happy to meet the trailer at the Central Peel clubhouse.

Following the Q & A, a motion was made to accept the Barrie club as members of the NRRPA Black/Trezzi. The vote was 7 in favor and 5 opposed. New club membership requires 75% in favor to pass so the motion was lost.

Race Schedule

Hamilton, Niagara and Flamboro circulated a proposed race schedule. After some discussion and a few minor adjustments, a motion was made to accept the circulated old bird schedule as amended Ubbels/Gomes. Carried.

Smooth Rock Falls is scheduled for 24 JUN as the Upper Canada National. Flexibility was left with the executive to adjust the schedule if needed to accommodate the Upper Canada National.

The circulated young bird schedule showed 8 weeks of racing with an open Matheson following the regular schedule that would not be part of the C series and no short release. Several members wanted Matheson included in the C series and to include a North Bay Friday release in the D series also on that weekend.

Motion to accept the circulated young bird schedule amended to include a Matheson/North Bay at the end of the schedule (week 9) to count in the C and D series respectively. Fyfe/Trezzi. Carried.

Motion to increase the shipping limit on the B and D series from 15 to 25 birds. Ubbels/Giankos. Carried

2023 Dues and Flying Fees

Motion for 2023 NRRPA Dues to be set at \$35. Wilkie/Sibbald. Carried

Motion for 2023 old bird flying fees to be set at \$325 and young bird flying fees to be set at \$300. Fyfe/Ubbels. Carried.

NRRPA Money Bands

Due to reduced demand in 2022 only 600 money bands were ordered for 2023. 100 will be reserved for the young bird auction and 500 will be distributed to the clubs on the same ratio as what they were ordered and purchased in 2022.

Niagara 115

Flamboro 115

Mississauga 115

Central Peel 40

Hamilton 115

Young Bird Auction 100

Young Bird Auction

Due in part to financial losses over the last two years, a fund raiser young bird auction will be held in the spring of 2023. All birds will be banded with NRRPA bands. One NRRPA money band will be circulated through the club delegates to each NRRPA member to be placed on a young bird to be donated to the auction. If a particular member opts not to donate a bird, a clubmate may use the band to donate additional birds. Outside donations will also be canvassed for. The \$20 opening bid on each bird will cover the cost of the band.

Motion that the auction revenue after costs be split 50/50 between the NRRPA and an auction race. That the race prize money be paid to the breeder/donor of the auction bird. Van der Jagt/Fyfe. Carried.

An auction date of April 2, 2023 at Bill Weima's workshop in Guelph was set. More details to follow.

Next Meeting

A meeting will be called by the President prior to the start of the 2023 race season to collect flying fees and select the remaining two liberators and the alternate liberator.

Motion to adjourn. Ubbels/Giankos. Carried.