

# **North Road Racing Pigeon Association Annual General Meeting**

**18 NOV 2023**

**West Niagara Agricultural Fairgrounds, Grassie, ON**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Weima at 10:20 a.m. followed by the roll call:

President - Bill Weima  
Vice President – Andre Gomes  
Secretary/Treasurer - Mike van der Jagt  
Niagara – Ian Sibbald and Rick Fyfe  
Mississauga – John Black and John Sousa  
Hamilton Central - Jordan Giankos and Julio Nobrega  
Flamboro – Marion Hosjan and Doc Walker  
Central Peel – Andre Gomes and Delano Polin  
Pine Valley – Peter Trezzi and Fernando Ditri

Other members attending:

Terry Harvey, Derek Overholt – Niagara  
Stan Rebeko – Hamilton  
Harry Paul, Joe de Medieros, Andy Muresan – Mississauga  
Danny Kulis - Flamboro

The agenda was presented and approved.

The minutes of the last meeting of 27 JUN 2023 were reviewed. Motion to accept Rebeko/Sousa. Carried

## Financial Report

The financial report for operating year 2023 was circulated and read in by the Treasurer Mike van der Jagt. The NRRPA operated with a deficit (approx. \$4000) for the third straight year. Revenue was up slightly but expenses were up more. Reserves are at \$18,000.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report van der Jagt/Hosjan. Carried

## Race Secretary Report

One club had difficulties with the new CU software which slowed up results a bit. That has been resolved and things were running smoothly by the end of year.

## Transportation

The driver, Brain Couchie, has indicated that he will be returning for 2024.

The trailer needed new tires and brake backing plates this year. One of the new tires blew and was not repairable. The best of the four old tires was used as a replacement.

No one showed up to clean and winterize the trailer on the weekend following Thanks-giving. Rick went ahead and winterized the trailer. All the crates need to be removed, cleaned and stored so that the empty trailer can be taken for extensive repairs. Many welds are cracked or broken, the wiring is corroded and air bags need to be added to the suspension to give the birds a better ride and to protect the welds from excessive pounding, particularly when the trailer runs empty.

Rick and Bill will work together to get the needed work done to the trailer over the course of the winter. If timed right, Bill might be able to fit it into his workshop and get the work done all at once, otherwise, an outside shop will need to be used.

The UNC and NRRPA still have several of each others baskets. John Black and Andre Gomes volunteered to straighten this out. All clubs must call John Black before the end of next weekend (26 NOV 2023) with an accurate physical count of how many UNC baskets they currently have in their respective clubhouses. Rick Fyfe will report the number on the NRRPA trailer.

#### Other Old Business

Bill is still waiting for a list of members from the Hamilton and Niagara Clubs to send to the lawyer for the final incorporation requirement. At this point the NRRPA is officially an not of profit corporation. Filing of the membership list is a formality. Hamilton claims to have emailed their list already. The Niagara list will be submitted forthwith. The NRRPA did receive a letter from the CRS advising that a tax return will now be required. The Secretary/Treasurer will call the number provided and find out the details.

#### New Business

##### Election of 2024 Executive

The President position and the Race Secretary terms have expired.

Nominations for President for the two-year term 2024 and 2025 were called.

Only one nomination was received Bill Weima.

Bill had initially let it be known that he wished to step aside at the end of this term. He let the membership know that he has been feeling a high level of frustration lately with the lack of support and effort he gets from most of the membership clubs. Even the simplest jobs like each club submitting a name for liberator or a race schedule proposal gets mostly ignored. After some reflection he has decided to stand again but is expecting more enthusiasm and help from across the NRRPA membership. Acclaimed.

Nominations for Race Secretary. Jean Fyfe was nominated. She advised she would stand if her honorarium were increased to \$1500. All were in agreement. Acclaimed.

The committee chairs were then appointed:

Transportation – Rick Fyfe

Website – The NRRPA will continue with First Wave for 2024.

Release committee – To be picked at the January meeting. All clubs were asked to bring the name of one volunteer to the January meeting who would be willing to take on the job for at least one series in 2024.

Motion by Ian Sibbald/John Black, that the trailer makes the club pickups on the scheduled night. The liberators do not get involved until the trailer arrives at the scheduled release location. Should the weather be unsuitable for a release on the scheduled day, as determined by the liberators, than the birds are held over.

Amendment by Bill Weima/Rick Fyfe that the above procedure be tested for 2024 old birds before a permanent decision to fully adapt the procedure is made. Amendment carried.

#### 2023 Dues and Flying Fees

Motion for 2024 NRRPA Dues to be set at \$100. Van der Jagt/Norbega. Carried

Motion for 2024 old bird flying fees to be set at \$350 and young bird flying fees to be set at \$325. Van der Jagt/Ditri. Carried.

Members wishing to paid their membership dues early may submit them at the January meeting to help spread out the costs. Otherwise, as in past years, dues shall be paid with the first series flying fees of 2024 that the member participates in.

Old bird flying fees are due 27 APR 2024 and young bird fees are due 27 JUL 2024.

Motion that a \$50 late fee will be charged for late flying fees paid after the due date. van der Jagt/Hosjan. Carried.

#### Club 1000

No real interest was expressed for the NRRPA to get involved with sponsoring a set of 1000 Club 1000 bands.

#### NRRPA Money Bands

There are 500 bands for 2024. Club delegates are asked to canvass their members for the number of bands they wish to purchase and come to the January meeting prepared the collect the bands they need for their club. The balance of the bands will be used for the NRRPA young bird auction.

#### Young Bird Auction

There will be some rule changes for 2024. Auction banded birds must be present at the auction. No cards. Bids will start at \$25.

Auction date is 27 APR 2024. More information will be circulated closer to the event (following the January meeting).

#### Pickup times on Shipping Day

Pickup times will no longer be one hour earlier than the regular time when shipping is changed to a Saturday. The pickup times will stay the same every week.

#### Race Schedule

There was some discussion on creating a three-way race schedule with races from the west, north and east. It was decided that two schedules would be proposed; one on the standard north course and one with stations from the west, north and east. The two schedules would be voted on by each club and a final schedule would be adopted at the January delegates meeting based on the results of the club votes.

Motion for Old bird north as attached by Weima/Ditri carried.

Motion for young bird north as attached by Ditri/Fyfe carried

A 3-way schedule was then produced to be circulated with the north schedule for club consideration.

Julio Nobrega offered to donate \$1000 to the winner of the old bird NRRPA average speed if the 3-way schedule is adopted.

#### Next Meeting

A meeting will be called by the President the first week of January to pick the liberators, distribute the NRRPA bands, collect any dues for those wishing to pay early and other business that may arise.

Motion to adjourn. Nobrega. Carried.