

North Road Racing Pigeons Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13, 2025

Location: 194 Speedvale Ave W, Guelph, Ontario

Time: 10:15 AM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Bill Weima, followed by roll call.

Roll Call

Executive Officers

- President: Bill Weima
- Vice President: Joe Sousa
- Treasurer: Ian Sibbald
- Race Secretary: Trevor Smolenaars
- Recording Secretary: John Sebesta

Club Delegates

- Central Peel: Delano Polin, Len Briggs
- Flamborough: Trevor Smolenaars, John Sebesta
- Hamilton: Bob Taylor, Jordan Giankos
- Mississauga: John Black, Joe De Medeiros

- Pine Valley: Fernando Ditri, Muner Bato
- Niagara: Rick Fyfe, Terry Harvey

Members at Large

- Flamborough: Marian Hojsan
- Mississauga: John Sousa
- Hamilton: Julio Nobrega, Bill Szucska
- Central Peel: Frank Eichhorn, Lou Pedrozza, Mehmed Kyuchkmehmodov
- Pine Valley: Dominik Golanka

Agenda

The agenda was presented and accepted.

Moved by: Terry Harvey

Seconded by: John Black

Result: Passed

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the November 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to Accept:

- Rick Fyfe / Joe De Medeiros
- Result: Passed

Financial Report

The Financial Report for the 2025 operating year was circulated and read by Bill Weima.

- Operating Profit: \$1,793.90
- Current Balance: \$28,758.13

Motion to Accept Financial Report:

- Jordan Giankos / Len Briggs
- Result: Passed

Race Secretary Report

Clubs were reminded to ensure:

- Accuracy of all race results prior to submission
- Completion of audits before submission
- All bands are properly assigned.
- After bands are assigned the print out needs to be done immediately and the flyer needs to verify that the new bands are correct before the first race.

Transportation Chair Report

- Several baskets are missing springs; Joe Sousa will order parts and complete repairs when weather permits.
- A GPS system will be ordered and prepared for the 2026 season.
- A passcode will be provided to the Race Secretary, Liberators, and Executive Team.

Old Business

- Some baskets remain missing bottom grates.
- Additional grates will be ordered.
- Clubs are responsible for ensuring all grates are accounted for through an annual inventory.
- 3 boxes of grates were donated by Bill Wiema. Joe Sousa has 6 grates remaining and Trevor Smolenaars has 1 box.

New Business

Election of Officers

- President: Bill Weima — Acclaimed
- Race Secretary: Trevor Smolenaars — Acclaimed

Release Committee (Liberators)

Four members volunteered. A vote was conducted, with the top three vote recipients selected.

Official Release Committee – 2026

- Ian Sibbald (Niagara)
- Trevor Smolenaars (Flamborough)
- Richard Ykema (Central Peel)

If any member is unavailable, the President or Vice President will act as backup liberator.

Motion to Accept:

- Fernando Diti / Joe Sousa
- Result: Passed

Transportation & Basket Maintenance

Motion:

Cardboard bottoms must be replaced after every race. Baskets not used on the trailer must not contain cardboard.

- Moved by: Rick Fyfe
- Seconded by: John Sousa
- Result: Passed

Motion:

Clubs failing to replace cardboard or properly clean baskets will be charged \$50.00.

- Moved by: John Black
- Seconded by: Julio Nobrega
- Result: Defeated

Motion:

Each club will supply 1–2 members to assist with trailer cleaning following the 2026 season (weekend after final Young Bird race).

- Moved by: Rick Fyfe
- Seconded by: John Black
- Result: Passed

Feeding Schedule on Trailer

Motion:

Birds will be fed and watered during Thursday night shipping approximately 24 hours before estimated return. This is a rough guideline.

- Corn fed at approximately 4:00 PM
- Water left in troughs overnight
- Driver to arrive safely and efficiently to allow birds proper rest and hydration
- Moved by: Bill Szucska
- Seconded by: Fernando Diti
- Result: Passed

Website

Motion:

To ensure the NRRPA website remains current and updated for the 2026 season.

- Moved by: Trevor Smolenaars
- Seconded by: Delano Polin
- Result: Passed

Young Bird Committee Auction

Motion:

Effective immediately, the official NRRPA Young Bird Committee Auction is discontinued. Individual clubs may host their own auctions.

- Moved by: Fernando Diti
- Seconded by: John Black
- Result: Passed

Money Band Secretary Report

2026 NRRPA Money Race

- 600 NRRPA bands to be purchased
- Race Location: Englehart
- Entry Fee: \$30.00 per band
- Special: 6 bands for \$150.00
- 100% payout to prizes
- Payout structure: 25% declining scale to \$50.00

2026 Membership Fees

Motion:

To increase 2026 Combine fees as follows:

- Old Bird Series: \$450.00
- Young Bird Series: \$450.00
- Trailer Fee: \$100.00
- Moved by: Rick Fyfe
- Seconded by: Fernando Diti
- Result: Passed

2026 Race Schedule

Motion:

To have ECC and SWOA join the NRRPA trailer for the 2026 season.

- Accepted by: John Sebesta / John Black
- Result: Passed

Racing Schedule Report

Five (5) schedule proposals were received from:

- Executive Members
- Niagara Falls Club
- Hamilton Club
- Flamborough Club
- Mississauga Club

The Niagara Falls Club schedule received the most votes and was selected. Adjustments were made following group discussion. The unofficial schedule was posted to the NRRPA website.

Motion:

Thursday shipping only for Smooth Rock Falls and Hearst in the Old Bird Series.

- Moved by: Delano Polin
- Seconded by: John Black
- Result: Passed unanimously

Motion:

Liberators to discuss a possible joint release with the Up North Combine for Smooth Rock Falls.

- Accepted by: Ian Sibbald
- Seconded by: Rick Fyfe
- Result: Passed

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

- Accepted by: Ian Sibbald
- Seconded by: John Sebesta
- Result: Passed