

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 Szucsko
 - Central Peel: Frank Eichhorn, Lou Pedrozza, Mehmed Kyuchkmehmodov
 - Pine Valley: Dominik Golanka
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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
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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
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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.
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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.
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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.
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New Business

Election of Officers

- President: Bill Weima — Acclaimed
 - Race Secretary: Trevor Smolenaars — Acclaimed
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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 Ditri / Joe Sousa
 - Result: Passed
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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 Szucsko
 - Seconded by: Fernando Ditri
 - Result: Passed
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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
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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 Ditri
 - Seconded by: John Black
 - Result: Passed
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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
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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 Ditri
 - Result: Passed
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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
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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