

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

**November 17th 2024**

**194 Speedvale Ave W, Guelph ON**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Weima at 12:15 PM followed by roll call:

President - Bill Weima

Vice President - Andre Gomes

Central Peel - Delano Polin and Richard Ykema

Flamborough - Trevor Smolenaars and John Sebesta

Hamilton - Julio Nobrega and Joe Sousa

Mississauga - John Sousa and Peter Milan

Pine Valley - Fernando Ditri and Chester Galonka

Niagara - Rick Fyfe and Ian Sibbald

Other members attending:

Flamborough - Janus Hammer, Jerry Siek

Mississauga - John Black, Joe de Medeiros

Niagara - Terry Harvey

The agenda was presented and accepted by Rick Fyfe.

The minutes of the last meeting of 28 August 2024 were reviewed.

Crates that were brought back from the UNC did not have the plastic bottoms. Bill Weima will contact Joe Oakley and order the missing ones.

Motion to accept John Sousa/Richard Ykema. Passed

### **Financial Report**

The financial report for operating year 2024 was circulated and read by Bill Weima. The NRRPA had an operating profit of \$8,200.62. Balance is \$ 28,324.23. There is one charge remaining from Final Wave (Web Management) of approximately \$160.00 and a yearly storage fee from 2023 and 2024 totalling \$1200.00

Motion to accept the financial report Julio Nobrega/Chester Golanka. Passed

### **Race Secretary Report**

Trevor Smolenaars brought up the issue of when a club member races only in the B or D series and not A or C, the system will not accept the download of each race member birds in the A or B series. You then have to manually enter all birds in A or C in that week's race.

The Speed Fancier Designer is looking into correcting this issue.

### **Transportation**

Rick Fyfe has raised concern that the new tires are not correct with the weight of the trailer. This year the driver had to replace 3 blown tires. A professional tire shop recommended using a 10 ply and sand balanced tire. The cost for each tire is approximately \$700.00 each.

Joe Sousa advised that in order for the tires to work properly they need the correct air pressure at all times.

Bill Weima has a set of 4 tires that can be replaced when needed.

The driver Brian Couchie is believed to be interested in the 2025 season. Bill Weima is also looking into a transportation company for a driver.

Rick Fyfe has done a full inspection of the trailer and has been approved for the 2025 season.

### **Other Old Business**

A letter from Bill Szuscko was read by Bill Weima concerning the disqualification from an old bird race this year. Bill admitted his mistake and took ownership of the outcome. He wanted proof that he had done it on more than one occasion as alleged. After a discussion we had found no other proof that Bill sent more than the maximum allowed birds per race more than once. As a result, the NRRPA will send out a written apology to Bill Szucko for any accusations or assumptions made.

All unanimously in favor of sending a letter.

Rick Fyfe has asked for compensation for cleaning and storage of the NRRPA trailer.

- Motion that the NRRPA pay Rick Fyfe \$50.00 per week for the trailer cleaning and maintenance starting in the 2025 season.

Motion to accept Julio Nobrega/Joe Sousa. Passed

- Motion to pay Rick Fyfe \$600.00 per year. 2 years in back pay totalling \$1200.00 and \$600.00 for each year going forward.

Motion to accept Trevor Smolenaars/John Sebesta. Passed

Andre Gomes states that the driver is not in agreement for clubs to inspect the trailer.

- Motion to have a designated member in each club able to inspect the trailer at any time during both old and young bird season's.

Motion accepted Peter Milan/Julio Nobrega. Passed

## **New Business**

Election of Officers:

Vice President - Joe Sousa Acclaimed

Race Secretary - Trevor Smolenaars Acclaimed

Treasurer - Jimmy Wu Acclaimed

Transportation Secretary - Rick Fyfe Acclaimed

Recording Secretary - John Sebesta Acclaimed

Release Committee:

5 members volunteered to be part of the release committee.

A vote was then done for each member with the understanding that 3 with the highest number of votes will be selected as liberators for the 2025 season.

Official Release Committee 2025:

Joe de Medieros from Mississauga

Trevor Smolenaars from Flamborough

Richard Ykema from Central Peel

If one of the above members are unable to participate in any race, the President or Vice President will be the backup liberator.

Accepted Fernando Ditri/Joe Sousa. Passed

## **Money Band Secretary**

Joe Sousa will be taking on the responsibilities as the money band secretary. He will be collecting funds and ensuring the monies are received by our Treasurer.

- Motion to have all NRRPA bands purchased in 2025 be used for one race which is the final race of the young bird season. Each band will cost \$20 and payouts will be 20 percent declining down to the \$50 position. This means that any old NRRPA bands purchased in 2024 or older will no longer be used for prize money effective immediately.

Motion accepted Ian Sibbald/Delano Polin. Passed

## **Young Bird Auction**

- Motion to hand each member a NRRPA banded bird to submit for auction. This includes members who currently aren't flying. Members can contact any current member flying to ask to band with a NRRPA money band. If we all have 1 bird in the auction there will be over 70 pigeons in the auction.

Motion accepted Peter Milan/Rick Fyfe. Passed

As previously noted on the NRRPA Facebook page, Trevor Smolenaars will be assuming responsibility of running and updating the NRRPA website. We thank him for his time and additional responsibility in the NRRPA combine.

After further discussion about shipping crate numbers. We reached a decision to keep the same procedures as the 2024 season. Passed

## **2025 Membership Fees**

- Motion to keep the NRRPA Combine Membership the same as 2024 \$100.00, Old Bird series \$350.00 and Young bird series \$325.00

Passed

Bill Weima will be ordering a GPS tracking unit for the NRRPA trailer. This will enable us to follow the trailer to ensure safety and accurate ship release destinations. Cost of the GPS unit is \$220.00 and the yearly monitoring fee is \$100.00

## **Proposed changes to the 2022 Constitution.**

All changes to the constitution that were suggested by Bill Weima were approved. Passed

The revised Constitution will be posted on our NRRPA website.

Sections that have been changed:

5. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

18. Amendments to the Constitution

23. Liberations

## **2025 Race Schedule**

- Motion to have the ECC join our trailer for the potential of 3 old bird races and 1 young bird race. To continue negotiations with ECC.

Motion accepted Rick Fyfe/Peter Milan. Passed

- Motion to have the NRRPA driver video/record the release of both long and short races for a minimum of 1 minute which include following the group in the sky. Driver will then post immediately after each release onto our NRRPA Facebook page.

Motion accepted Delano Polin/Richard Ykema. Passed

- Motion to have the Niagara One Loft Race join our trailer for the last 4 races of the young bird series. Each race will cost \$500 and if the Niagara One Loft Race decides to ship under 4 races the new charge is \$600 per race.

Motion accepted Delano Polin/Fernando Ditri. Passed

- Motion to have the start of the 2025 season moved forward 2 weeks to try and get birds get out of the hotter weeks

Defeated.

- Motion to have the start of the season moved forward by 1 week.

Motion accepted Rick Fyfe/Joe Sousa. Passed

- Motion to not fly B (short old bird) and D (short young bird) final races of each series.

Motion accepted Rick Fyfe/Ian Sibbald. Passed

The tentative 2025 Racing Schedule has been completed by the B.O.D.

This schedule will stand even if the ECC doesn't fly with us, however the committee will continue to negotiate with ECC and has been given the blessing of the BOD to modify the schedule as required to accommodate the ECC racing on our NRRPA trailer.

The new Racing Schedule in 2025 will be posted on our NRRPA website.

Passed

Meeting adjourned

Accepted Peter Milan/John Sebesta. Passed