

# North Road Racing Pigeon Association Annual General Meeting

01 Feb 2020

Cor Ubbels residence Millgrove, ON

The meeting was called to order by President Cor Ubbels at 11:00 a.m. followed by the roll call:

Niagara – Mike van der Jagt and Rick Fyfe

Mississauga – Sam Monardo and Marion Hojsan

Hamilton Central - Jordan Giankos and Stan Rebejko

Flamboro – Tony Rodgers and Trevor Smolenaars

Central Peel – Peter Sciortino

Pine Valley – Stano Caputo and Peter Trezzi

Other members attending:

Bill Weima Mississauga, Terry Harvey Niagara, Ian Sibbald Niagara

The agenda was presented and approved. Fyfe/Rebejko

The minutes of the last AGM of 27 JAN 2019 were read by Mike van der Jagt. Motion to accept. Caputo/Trezzi. Carried.

The financial report for operating year 2019 was circulated and reviewed by President Ubbels. Motion to accept Rebejko/Hojsan. Carried.

Race secretary was absent – no report.

Transportation

The new driver has been hired. Brian from Niagara Falls. He has purchased a truck and Cor will re-install the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel on the trailer. His compensation will be similar to past years but paid as a flat rate weekly. The full financial details were discussed and other contractual arrangements were discussed. Motion to accept new driver and contract details by Hojsan/Rebejko. Carried.

Other Old Business

None

Election of 2020 Executive

President – Bill Wiema acclaimed.

Vice President – Marian Hojsan and Rick Fyfe agreed to stand. The election was conducted by secret ballot. Results Rick Fyfe five (5) Marian Hojsan four (4). Rick Fyfe V.P.

Race Secretary – Nick Oud acclaimed.

Next came a motion by Mike van der Jagt/Tony Rodgers to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Carried

Secretary/Treasurer Mike van der Jagt acclaimed.

Liberators – Ian Sibbald acclaimed; Bill Weima acclaimed.

There will only be two liberators and in the event that any release decision cannot be agreed on by the two liberators, the Vice President will be consulted to break the tie.

#### New Business

Trevor Smolenaars reviewed the results of the race schedule committee. Highlights included one joint shipping from Mississauga for the final old bird race from Klotz Lake, Friday night shipping for Englehart and Matheson, start date of 02 May, three clear weekends between old birds and young birds, YB start date of 08 AUG and final week of shipping on 26 SEP. Motion to accept the race schedule as presented by Fyfe/Hojsan. Carried.

Shipping for Klotz Lake will be between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on THU 09 JUL 2020 at the Mississauga Clubhouse.

Motion by Mike van der Jagt/Rick Fyfe that a budget of up to \$300 be provided to the Mississauga Club to cover costs of hosting the Klotz Lake shipping. Carried.

Three flyers from the Wellington/Waterloo Club asked about shipping a team of young birds on the NRRPA trailer. After some discussion it was generally agreed that their best approach would be to apply for membership in NRRPA affiliated club.

The NRRPA and the Up North Combine will be releasing their A series old bird races at 6 stations on the same day in 2020. A discussion followed on approaching the UNC regarding joint releases.

Motion by Mike van der Jagt/Marion Hojsan that if the UNC are in favor, that the NRRPA support joint releasing with the Up North Combine at Matheson 30 MAY, Latchford 06 JUN, Hearst 13 JUN, Smooth Rock Falls 20 JUN and of course Klotz Lake on 11 JUL when the NRRPA birds will be shipped to Klotz Lake on the UNC trailer. Carried.

#### Flying Fees

Motion to increase flying fees \$10/series Fyfe/Rodgers defeated.

Motion to increase flying fees \$5/series Rodgers/Fyfe. Carried.

Motion to keep the same membership fee as in 2019 Caputo/Sciortino. Carried.

Old bird flying fees \$255 due 01 APR.

Combine Dues \$35 due 01 APR.

Young bird flying fees \$230 due 01 JUL.

Short program races \$5/race.

#### Awards

Motion to create a separate set of awards for the B and D series races Sciortino/Caputo. Carried.

Any shipping delay must be posted on the website by noon of the day of shipping at the latest.

### Sports Promotion

The funding for the Kijiji pigeon ads promoting the hobby has all been used. Mario deSilva will stop running the ad unless a new source of funding is found. The members present felt that sports promotion was the responsibility of the CU and were not in favor of offering any financial assistance by the NRRPA at this time.

### Constitution and Race Rules

The NRRPA has no formal constitution or race rules. Bill Weima, Rick Fyfe and Mike van der Jagt will look into creating some for consideration at next year's AGM.

The driver is currently investigating what type of insurance the NRRPA will need in addition to his truck insurance.

With Cor Ubbels retiring from the President's position, it was pointed out that many of the jobs he took on regarding keeping the trailer on the road were not necessarily the responsibility of the President and that a new position of Trailer Operations and Maintenance Manager should be created. The following was a list of tasks that the position would be responsible for:

- Ensure the trailer is properly licensed before the beginning of the flying season;
- A photocopy of the insurance slip is in the driver's possession at all times. A copy of the original insurance must be kept with the NRRPA at all times;
- The trailer is in good working order and ready for the road before the beginning of the race season and monitor the condition on the trailers during the season;
- Any repairs on the trailer are taken care of by the Transportation Chair;
- Any major repairs are to be brought to the attention of the President before any work is carried out;
- Responsibility for all maintenance records to be filed at UNC Head Office for D.O.T. purposes; Make sure all baskets are in good working order before the start of every season;
- Arrange for the repair of any damaged baskets that have been reported;
- Monitor the cleanliness of the race baskets during the race season and address any issues of unsatisfactory baskets;
- Make arrangements at the end of every flying season to have the baskets cleaned and at the end of the season the baskets are cleaned and properly stored away during the off season;
- Make sure feed and fresh water are on the trailer for every race. Feed shall consist of 100% high quality whole corn;
- Together with the NRRPA Executive, arrange for the advertisement and hiring of any driving position;

- Ensure all drivers are familiar with the route, order of the pick-ups and time required to be at the first pick-up;
- Ensure the drivers are familiar with the procedures that are required in order to carry out the job in a professional and adequate manner;
- Ensure there are three (3) sets of keys available for the trailer at all times. One set for the chair, one set to be held by the NRRPA Secretary and one set for each driver; and
- Allocating of the shipping baskets for each club.

Rick Fyfe volunteered to assume these responsibilities. All in favor.

Bill Weima will explore what the NRRPA might need in terms of officers' and directors' insurance.

Motion to adjourn Rodgers/Fyfe. Carried.