

North Road Racing Pigeon Association Delegate Meeting

06 JAN 2024

Bill Weima's Workshop, 194 Speedvale Ave. W., Guelph ON

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Weima at 1:20 p.m. followed by the roll call:

President - Bill Weima
Vice President - Absent
Secretary/Treasurer - Mike van der Jagt
Race Secretary Absent
Niagara – Rick Fyfe and Ian Sibbald Jr.
Mississauga – John Black and John Sousa
Hamilton Central - Jordan Giankos and Julio Nobrega
Flamboro – Cor Ubbels and Marion Hojsan
Central Peel – Len Briggs and Delano Polin
Pine Valley – Fernando Ditri and Stan Caputo

Other members attending:

Derek Overholt – Niagara
Gabriel Ditri – Pine Valley
Joe Sousa - Hamilton

The agenda was presented and approved. Fyfe/Hojsan. Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting of 18 NOV 2023 were reviewed.
Motion to accept Hojsan/Ditri. Carried.

Financial Report

The financial transactions since the last report were reviewed by the Treasurer Mike van der Jagt.

Race Secretary Report

No new information.

Transportation

Rick Fyfe has found a highly recommended trailer repair person with a shop in Orillia and the Niagara area that has done a preliminary inspection of the trailer and has given a rough estimate of \$5000 to \$8000 for the refurbishment.

It was agreed for Rick and Bill to proceed with the process and schedule what repairs are needed.

A discussion ensued on fundraising initiatives. It was suggested \$10,000 needed to be raised to cover the trailer repairs and start to rebuild the NRRPA reserve fund.

Motion to levy each member a \$100 fee in addition to dues and flying fees for 2024. Sibbald/Nobrega. Defeated.

Motion to start the auction young birds at \$50 instead of \$25. Black/Ditri. Carried

The UNC has 6 NRRPA baskets. The six UNC baskets are at the Mississauga Clubhouse waiting to be switched. John Black advised that the UNC trailers are stored for the winter and therefore he will make the swap in early April.

Other Old Business

There is still a question regarding the need for the NRRPA to file a tax return now that the incorporation is complete. Mike will check further with an accountant to confirm.

Liberators

Each club was asked to bring the name of a liberator to the meeting. The following names were provided.

Central Peel – Richard Ykema

Flamboro – Marion Hojsan

Hamilton – Julio Nobrega

Mississauga – Joe De Medeiros (old birds) and John Black (young birds)

Pine Valley – Fernando Ditri (young birds)

Niagara – Rick Fyfe

A motion was made that all three liberators hold a 4-way conference call with the drive prior each release. Black/John Sousa. Defeated.

As a result of the defeat of the motion, John Black withdrew his name from the liberator list.

As there were one extra volunteer, Fernando Ditri offered to withdraw his name from the list.

The following liberators were then appointed:

Old birds – Rick Fyfe, Julio Nobrega and Joe De Medeiros.

Young birds – Rick Fyfe, Julio Nobrega and Richard Ykema.

A motion was made that no release be made until at least one hour after sunrise. Hojsan/Ubbels. Carried.

Mike van der Jagt reported that he had placed a one-page ad in the annual club roster CU Newsletter listing the 2024 NRRPA Executive and Delegates and the 2023 NRRPA race winners and championships.

Following the last meeting, each club was asked to canvass their membership on the two approved race schedules drawn up at the AGM and vote for the 3-way schedule option or the

traditional north course option. The results were: Niagara 3-way, Pine Valley North, Mississauga North, Hamilton (all members abstained except 1) North, Flamboro North and Central Peel North.

As a result of a vote of 5 to 1, the north schedule as approved at the AGM will be flown in 2024.

A question was raised as to why Englehart was being shipped on a Thursday instead of a Friday. It was explained that Englehart takes too long to haul over night and then turn around and return to North Bay for the B or D release. It is hard on the driver and the birds, who need some rest and water after arriving at the release point.

New Business

The Up North Combine has a Rupert River release scheduled for 13 JUL 2024, which is the week after the NRRPA final old bird race. The UNC will make baskets available on a lease basis for \$45/basket to any organization that wishes to release with them. Rupert River is 600 miles to the longest lofts in the NRRPA. Should the NRRPA or a club wish to sponsor an open 600-mile race, this would be a golden opportunity. Very little interest was shown.

No more new business.

The next gathering will be the NRRPA young bird auction at Bill Weima's workshop in Guelph on Saturday 27 April 2024. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn.