

## ***North Road Racing Pigeon Society***

### **Minutes of the General Club Meeting of Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The meeting called to order at 10:20 am

14 Members attended

The chairperson thanked David Walker on behalf of everybody for getting the stickers for the 2016 winners done and handed out.

Brian Nicholson was asked to read the names and accomplishments of the 2016 winners out in the meeting, and these members were congratulated.

Reading of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1). New membership applications — No new applications were received
- 2). Financial report — the chairperson reported that the chequing account was at \$11,560, the Derby account at \$99 and the GIC account at \$36,065 as of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 3). Truck report — our Truck Coordinator, Brian Nicholson, reported that the truck will be serviced, insured from April 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and ready for the first race.
- 4). Derby report — none
- 5). Show report — none
- 6). Constitution report — none
- 7). Election of a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Nominations for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President was asked for. Brian Mahaney was elected by acclamation.

However, David Walker and Brian Mahaney discussed this matter after the meeting was adjourned, and decided that if it meets with the approval of the Executive, that David Walker will rather take the position of 1st Vice President, seeing that he has been doing the work of this position now for a number of years, and would like to continue doing it. The Executive approved of this arrangement.

Election of a Club Treasurer: David Kaplan was elected by acclamation.

- 8). Election of a Basketing Committee: Brian Nicholson, Brian Mahaney and Jason Pilkey offered to serve as our basketing committee for 2017.
- 9). Discussion of and voting on the motions put forward during the February 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:
  - 9.1). David Walker expressed his appreciation to all the members who worked so hard during the 2016 season to take such great care of the club yard. He offered to cut the grass and the weeds at the club every 2 to 3 weeks during the 2017 growing season. Luis Sylvestre offered to supply the gas for both the weed eater and the lawn mower for this period.
  - 9.2). All members were reminded that it is the responsibility of all 4 members in a basketing group, to assist each other until the birds of all 4 those members are on the truck or trailer — only occasionally and under serious circumstances, will members be excused from this duty.

### **New Business:**

- 1). Reading of the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and discussion. Brian Nicholson put forward a motion that the members who want to fly their birds on the unofficial North-East course this year and basket their birds at the clubhouse using club facilities and equipment, should pay 25 cents per bird as birdage to the club every time they ship birds. This motion was seconded by Ted Mosterd. The motion carried with 7 votes against 3.

- 2). The recommendation of the Executive that the Director and Sergeant-at-Arms positions not form part of the Executive, and that the title of Director be changed to Liberator Assistant, was accepted by all the members present at the meeting. Wayne Daigneault, Brian Mahaney and Dennis Gubert will therefore serve as Liberator Assistants for the 2017 season.
- 3). The members also agreed that the 2017 Young Bird race schedule be amended not to include a Derby weekend on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, but rather to move the last 4 races up one week into the usual Derby weekend (please see the attached race schedule).
- 4). The appreciation of the members was expressed towards Brian Nicholson for putting up \$500 in prize money for the 450-mile Lethbridge race, as well as \$500 in prize money for the 300-mile Yahk Young Bird race, to be distributed each time as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place —	\$200	3 <sup>rd</sup> place —	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> place —	\$150	4 <sup>th</sup> place —	\$50

An offer by Luis Sylvestre to put up \$500 for the 500-mile race to be distributed in the same manner, was accepted with thanks.

- 5). Allocation of Old Bird electronic bands: The allocation of these electronic bands will take place on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 10:00 am at the North Road clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Brian Mahaney and seconded by David Walker — meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.