

North Road Racing Pigeon Society

Minutes of the General Club Meeting of Saturday December 16th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 pm after the Chairman apologized for being late.

16 Members attended

Reading of the minutes of the General Club Meeting of November 19th, 2017. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Wayne Daigneault, and seconded by David Walker — motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1). *New membership applications* — André Bencini was unanimously accepted as a new member of the club ... welcome André!
- 2). *Financial report* — the chairman reported that the Derby account stands at \$63, the chequing account at \$9,771, and the truck account (GIC) at \$36,097 as of November 30th, 2017.
- 3). *Truck report* — our Truck Coordinator, Brian Nicholson, reported that the truck has been winterized and parked inside the clubhouse for the winter. Motion to accept the report by Brian Mahaney, seconded by David Walker — motion carried.
- 4). *Derby report* — Bill Bogue explained to the members that he has a different type of one-loft competition in mind with his preliminary proposal and not the usual type of Derby. The objectives of his type of one-loft competition loft, is to boost the birdage for the club, and for the participants to have some fun. His proposal was handed out to all present and emailed out to all members on the club email list. Bill's proposal was discussed, and he was asked to think about refining and/or amending his proposal to try and address some of the concerns that were raised. His proposal will be discussed again at the next meeting.

- 5). *Show report* — the Chairman mentioned that he contacted the Director of Communications of the Vancouver Pigeon Fancy Association, Keith Biggs, and that Keith promised to put our request to have our pigeon show with them next year, before the board at their next meeting. Motion to accept the report by Brian Mahaney, seconded by Brian Nicholson — motion carried.
- 6). *Trophy report* — David Walker reported that he has everything well in hand for the 2017 awards to be handed out at the 2018 Annual General Meeting in February. Motion to accept the report by Brian Mahaney, seconded by Jason Mihalec — motion carried.
- 7). *Constitution report* — David Walker mentioned that he has not received any requests for changes or corrections to be made to the North Road constitution. Dennis Gubert volunteered to serve as the 5th member of the Constitution Committee, in place of Jim Bodok. Motion to accept the report by Wayne Lochbaum, seconded by Brian Mahaney — motion carried.
- 8). *Property report* — none
- 9). *Alcohol on the premises* — Dennis Gubert put forward a motion that no alcoholic beverages be sold at the clubhouse any longer, except on special occasions during which a permit will be obtained, and a qualified server hired. Seconded by Wayne Lochbaum. Motion carried.
- 10). *Altercations at the clubhouse* — the Chairman put forward an amendment to the motion on this topic approved at the 2017 AGM, to read as follows:
If a member is deemed to be out of line during any club function, that such a member be asked by any member of the Executive to calm down, otherwise the member will be asked to leave the premises. Should the member continue to be out of line, the Sergeant-at-Arms, or members of the Executive, or any member co-opted by the Executive, must ask the member to leave the premises — this comes with a \$50 fine and a 30-day suspension. A suspended member loses all club privileges and will not be allowed to participate in any activities of the club after the 30-day suspension, if the \$50 fine has not been paid. This amendment was seconded by Brian Nicholson — motion carried.

- 11). *Protocol for any issues with race results* — Brian Mahaney put forward a motion that at least 3 people read the manual clock printouts at clockout. It will be the responsibility of the user(s) of a manual clock, to organize 3 people to do the reading. They must determine with the first printout of the season, whether a clock is printing properly or not. Subsequent readings of manual clocks will be done by a first reader, a recorder of the information, and a verifier of the information. If any uncertainty or disagreement about the clock printout(s) still exists with these 3 people reading and recording the results, then additional people at clockout must be asked to read the printout(s) and verify the information. Motion seconded by Wayne Daigneault — motion carried.

- 12). *North Road clothing fund* — stand over

- 13). *A proper canopy for the club truck* — Chris Moore put forward a motion that the baskets on the club truck be replaced with a proper canopy for use by our driver. Chris believes our excellent trailer can accommodate all the race birds, and should be used for every race, except the really long distances. Motion tabled for the next meeting.
On this topic, Wray Jones mentioned that the club trailer requires some protection against the wind entering the baskets, when on route. Brian Nicholson and Dennis Gubert volunteered to fit the trailer with protective tarpaulins before the 2018 racing season.

- 14). *A separate release for birds from the North side* — Dennis Gubert put forward a motion that birds from the North side be released separately for at least the first two races of the season, to provide additional training for these birds to break away from the main East-West drag earlier. Seconded by Brian Mahaney — motion carried.

- 15). *Increase the bird clocking limit* — Wassim Mekhaled put forward a motion that the current 5-bird clocking limit for all races up to 250 miles, be changed to a 10 or 12-bird clocking limit. There was no second for this motion.

New Business:

- 1). *Which direction is the club going to fly during 2018?* — Brian Nicholson put forward a motion that the club fly East, and that the race schedules get voted in for 2 years. Seconded by David Walker. Only Dennis Gubert, André Bencini and David Kaplan voted to fly North-East. Motion to fly East for 2 years carried.
- 2). *Changes to the Race Schedule Committee* — Brian Nicholson volunteered to serve as the Chair, while the other members are Wayne Daigneault, David Walker, Dennis Gubert and Brian Mahaney. Any member interested in submitting an old or young bird race schedule, or both, for the 2018 & 2019 seasons, should do that in writing before the next general club meeting on Saturday January 20th, 2018. Please email your race schedule(s) to Brian Nicholson at odnicholson@shaw.ca or to David Kaplan at davidkaplan51@gmail.com
- 3). *Open to the floor*
 - 3.1) David Walker put forward a motion that the club driver receive a pay increase of 10% for the 2018 season. Seconded by Brian Nicholson.
 - 3.2) Brian Nicholson and Alex Mota will discuss the driving for the 2018 season as soon as feasible.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Brian Mahaney and seconded by David Walker — meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.