

North Road Racing Pigeon Society

Minutes of the General Club Meeting of Sunday November 19th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm

14 Members attended

The chairman congratulated all the 2017 winners, and thanked all the members who participated, worked so hard, and contributed to making 2017 another successful year for the club.

Reading of the minutes of the General Club Meeting of April 8th, 2017. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Dennis Gubert, and seconded by Brian Mahaney. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1). New membership applications — None
- 2). Financial report — the chairman reported that the chequing account was at \$8,234, the Derby account at \$67 and the GIC account at \$36,097 as of October 31st, 2017.
- 3). *Truck report* — none
- 4). *Derby report* — none
- 5). *Show report* — Chris Moore volunteered to put on a pigeon show in January 2018, but only 7 members indicated that they may be interested to participate, which does not make it a viable option to hold it in the Coghlan Hall. The Chairman offered to contact the Vancouver Fancy Pigeon Association and find out if we could share or rent some space with them at their 2018 show. There was also a suggestion that we could hold the show in our clubhouse, and members were asked to consider this for our next meeting.
- 6). *Trophy report* — David Walker reported that he is in the process of having the 2017 awards engraved, and that he believes they will be ready to be handed out at the 2018 Annual General Meeting in February. He reminded the members, that if anybody wishes to receive a trophy as an award for the accomplishment(s) of their bird(s), to contact him as soon as possible.
- 7). *Constitution report* — David Walker, as Chairman of the Constitution Committee, reminded the members, that if there are any changes/corrections they would like to see made to the North Road constitution, to submit these in writing to him before the end of January 2018.

New Business:

- 1). *Alcohol on the premises* — Chris Moore put forward a motion that the club not allow any strong liquor on the premises. Only beer will be allowed, and members are asked to watch over each other, to limit the beer intake to absolute safe levels for driving. Tabled for the next meeting for a second and voting.
- 2). *Altercations at the clubhouse* — Tabled for the next meeting
- 3). *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. Tabled for the next meeting for a second and voting.
- 4). *Reduced membership fees for new members* — the members decided to keep the membership fees the way they are at the moment: \$30 initiation fee for new adult members, \$50 annual membership fee for all adult members, and \$10 annual membership fee for junior members.
- 5). *Eliminate the \$2 trophy fee per race per member* — David Kaplan put forward a motion that the \$2 trophy fee per race per member be eliminated, to make it more affordable for members to participate in the races. Wayne Daigneault put forward an alternative motion that we continue to collect the two dollars, but that it be used to purchase clothing such as hats, T-shirts and maybe jackets, with the North Road logo on for the members to wear to serve as advertising for our club. Derrick Abulog made a pledge to contribute \$200 towards the club clothing effort. Motions tabled.
- 6). *A Derby proposal* — Bill Bogue mentioned to the members that he is thinking of running a special type of derby from his loft for 2018, and asked how many members would be interested to participate. The chairman offered to work with Bill in finalizing all the details and get the information out to the members.
- 7). *Property report* — David Walker mentioned to the members that he has done an inspection of the rental property, and that he has recommended that the renter fix a few things in the building, or have it fixed — the renter has agreed to this. David also informed the members that the monthly rent has increased by \$50 per month from October 16th, 2017 and stands at \$1,050 now, and that it will increase with a further \$50/month from October 16th, 2018 to stand at \$1,100/month.

- 8). *Proper canopy on 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 is tabled for the next meeting.
- 9). *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. Motion tabled.
- 10). *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. Motion tabled.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by David Walker and seconded by Brian Mahaney — meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.