

UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE
MEETING MINUTES

Executive Present
Ron Hastie
Bruce Mathers
Dave Ottaway
Bill Hyder
Claude Rothgiesser
Robert Rotiroti

Date: February 20th, 2011
Venue: Vandorf Community Hall
Meeting Commenced: 11:00 am

A copy of the minutes from October 31st, 2010 was handed out to each delegate to look over. R. Hastie asked for any errors or omissions.

Motion by D. Ottaway and seconded by C. Beuving to accept the minutes as printed. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the treasurer's report was handed out to each delegate. As of February 19th, 2011
Unencumbered Funds \$15,659.62
Trailer Fund \$10,094.45

Motion by T. Puopolo and seconded by C. Mitsiou to accept the treasurer's report as printed.
CARRIED

Race Secretary Report

R. Hastie reminded the meeting that anybody who needs to be measured or re-measured to get in touch with him soon so it can be done before old birds.

Transportation Report

As of yet there had been no contact with the drivers as for the 2011 race season. This is because there could be possible changes in our constitution meeting that could alter the current contract.

Grant Jackson, driver of the big trailer, asked R. Hastie to thank the U.N.C for the bouquet of flowers sent to his late wife's funeral.

Due to the amount of members that we anticipate for the 2011 Old Bird season and the possible rise in gas prices, R. Hastie sees the possibility of a fuel surcharge being implemented. The meeting agreed that the Officers of the U.N.C have the right to propose a fuel surcharge.

The first Old Bird race will be on May 7th. Therefore, Old Bird flying fees will be due by April 16th, 2011. Cost for each series:

A- \$200
B-\$120
C-\$140
D-\$120

Cost for all 4 series paid at once: \$520

Special Events Report

The cheque for the Sick Kids Charity Auction will be presented a.s.a.p. R. Rotiroti explained that he and his brother have had personal matters that have slowed things down.

500 red bands have been bought for the 2011 season. Due to the lack of interest over the last few years in the red U.N.C money bands, it was decided not to continue selling them anymore.

C. Rothgiesser brought up that the Metro Homing Society feels that a young bird open race should be run on the trailer, in correspondence with the last young bird race. R. Hastie told the meeting that he has enough on his plate already, and that he would not run a race. The meeting was told that any club is welcome to host an open race on the U.N.C trailer on any scheduled race.

Sports Promotion Report

T. Puopolo has the story ready to go for the Sick Kids Charity Auction, he is just waiting for pictures from the cheque presentation to finish it up. When it is done, it will be sent out to major pigeon racing magazines.

Old Business

R. Vaccaro asked about the junior membership. He felt that it is not right that the junior members have their results kept separate from the overall U.N.C results.

There is no other way for the U.N.C to generate money other than our flying fees. Currently our Trailer Fund has \$10,094. Each year the constitution says we are to look at the fund and decide how much money to move into it. After our projected start-up costs for the 2011 Old Bird season, we should have about \$13,000 remaining in the bank account. Based on this B. Hyder suggests that we move \$5,000 in to the Trailer Fund.

Motion made by T. Puopolo and seconded by B. Mathers that \$5,000 be moved from the chequeing account to the Trailer Fund. CARRIED.

R. Hastie asked the meeting if there was anyone interested in liberating for the 2011 season. The liberators from the year past were not going to continue. Three delegates agreed to be liberators and they are R. Vaccaro, C. Mitsiou and D. Richardson. The alternate liberator will be R. Hastie. Between the three liberators they will decide who the Head Liberator will be.

This year it happened to be that there will be 4 combines from the Southern Ontario area racing from Hearst on the same day. There has been recent talk on internet chat forums about a joint release. The meeting went on to talk about the current problems we are facing with the C.N.F.C and the Upper Canada National. If we are to look into another 'national' type race, there should be a sound set of rules in place.

Motion made by B.Mathers and seconded by R. Vaccaro that Ron Hastie contact the interested combines and have the President of each combine along with one delegate attend a meeting to see the feasibility of this joint release. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a lunch break. After our lunch R. Hastie proceeded with the Awards Presentation.