

UP NORTH COMBINE DELEGATES MEETING
October 29 2011

Members Present

President	Ron Hastie
Whitby Beaver	Tony Puopolo
Humber Valley	Bruce Mathers
Borden	Ellen Sutton, Helmut Huber
Lakeport	Steven Rotiroti, Ben Heuvelman
York Region	Clarence Beuving, Lawrence Breckon
North Wings	Charlie Marshall
Orillia	Dave Ottaway, Drake Richardson
Oshawa	Bill Hyder
Metro Homing	Claude Rothgiesser

Start: 10:40:00

Minutes of the previous meeting distributed.

RM&S to accept the previous minutes by Bruce Mathers and Bill Hyder.

Carried

Treasurer Report: Bill Hyder

- ? Bank balance down this year.
- ? Loss of \$15,000.00 over the season.
- ? 129 members only- not all paying flying fees.
- ? Gas surcharge, lack of paying members, transportation costs are the big reasons.
- ? We can not continue this way for next year.
- ? General discussion on central shipping and using 2 trailers for pick up and then continuing past Orillia with one trailer. Double release from same location instead of 2 trailers and double the cost.

RM&S by Bruce Mathers and Clarence Beuving to accept Finance Report as discussed.

Carried

Race Secretary Report: Ron Hastie

- ? Results are coming in on Thursday from 2 of the clubs.
- ? Will not put up on web site until all club results are in.
- ? A few mistakes on the information, but much better.

Transportation: Ron Hastie

- ? Cost of \$3000.00 to clean trailers each year.
- ? Brakes need work on both trailers. Need to install new brake lines as well as pads. Approximate cost \$4000.00 for brakes and tires.

- ? Creates need rivets done by each club or bring them to Ron Hastie for repair.
- ? Our driver Grant is a licensed mechanic and does not charge us for labour for working on our trailers. Can't get better than that.

Special Events: Steven Rotiroti

- ? No new information.
- ? Lack of support from membership as a whole.
- ? Mike Taylor will assist in 2012 where he can for special events.

Sports Promotion: Tony Puopolo

- ? No activity at this time.
- ? Considering doing interviews with long time flyers "Living Legends" and posting on the web site.

Old Business:

- ? Vandorf hall has been sold
- ? Will not be used for pigeons any more (new owners).
- ? Need new location for bird events- Schomberg Hall is the only central one now.

Claude Rothgiesser: Old Bird Nakina Race:

- ? Claude expressed his club's concern over being disqualified from the Nakina Race when a crate of birds were released at Powassan instead of Nakina.
- ? Sent a lawyers letter to the UNC and did not get a reply.
- ? Claude said he did not proceed with the lawyer because it would have been the demise of the UNC in regards to the cost of lawyer's fees.
- ? Clarence Beuving explained that a friend would represent the UNC for free and he was upset that Claude sent a letter in the first place to the organization.
- ? The President and the Vice President explained that the Metro club was disqualified for an early bird being clocked 3 minutes after the Powassan release of a Nakina bird. Not that a crate of pigeons was sent to the wrong release point.
- ? The Metro Club results were disqualified for Nakina only, as per past practice and similar situations as Far North and Barrie Clubs were disqualified for in previous years.

Lunch was served at 12:00:00

Election of Officers and Committee Chair Persons for the year 2012:

President	Bruce Mathers
1 st Vice President	Dave Ottaway
2 nd Vice President	Ellen Sutton
Recording Secretary	Robert Rotiroti
Treasurer	Bill Hyder
Finance Chair	Ken Foster
Race Secretary	Ron Hastie
Special Events	Steven Rotiroti, Mike Taylor
Transportation	UNC exe

New Business for next meeting:

- ? Bruce Mathers thanked Ron Hastie for his years of service as President of the UNC.
- ? Bruce Mathers is asking all delegates to go back to their clubs and email Ron Hastie a proposed new Race Schedule with the main focus on saving on transportation costs on or before November 22 2011.

Suggested Criteria to follow for new Race Schedule:

1. Use both trailers for the pickup but send only one trailer to the release point for double racing. The trailer would not go past Orillia(releasing birds 30-60 minutes apart)
2. A fair schedule for all members using Hwy 69 and Hwy 11 equally in the starter races. Once we get to Matheson it is not a problem.
3. If you want to use both trailers for racing as we have been doing then the trailer fees will increase significantly so you can do that schedule if you like as well.
4. The proposed race schedules must be emailed to Ron Hastie by November 22 2011.
5. The Officers will pick 2 or 3 sample schedules and present them to the delegates. The Officers will recommend the one they think should be used. A vote on the samples will take place to pick one of those presented.
6. This will save much time in the process. Only those schedules submitted will be considered at the meeting.

Bruce Mathers:

- ? Finances are a huge problem now even with using one trailer past Orillia. Trailer fees “may” still need an increase. Maybe a pick up from 3 or 4 locations should be looked at as well with one trailer only. Many things to consider. Joining with other trailers still an option at the longer races. Ottawa may be looking for a ride. Hamilton has come in the past. Things to consider.
- ? A thank you card from the family of John Ludwinski was read.

RM&S by Tony Puopolo and Ron Hastie to adjourn.