

Minutes of Up North Combine Meeting

Schomberg Community Hall

November 8 2015

Minutes of last meeting read. Motion to accept as read by Chris Mitsiou. Carried

Treasurers report: Ron Hastie

Accepted as presented.

Race Secretary report: Ron Hastie

All went well except for the continual tardiness of one club with results and fee payment. After some discussion it was decided to look at ways to deal with this behaviour after elections.

Special Events report: Tony Puopolo

There are now 200 friends on our facebook page with one removed. It seems almost all are pigeon flyers. Some advertisers have been deleted and there was a discussion about how to deal with them in the future. The scholarship race was down in entries and seems to be losing momentum. The award will be presented at next meeting. It was suggested with the success of our awards dinner that we award the scholarship at the banquet next year.

Transportation report: Ron Hastie

\$3020 to fix brakes on small trailer-5 new tires on the big trailer for \$700 and \$930 to certify both of them.

With 101 members in total the Old bird cost to Grant was \$15,132.57 and Young birds was \$6834.93 for a total of \$21,967.50.

Collection of fees went as follows

4 Flyers paid for all 4 series for \$3300 -49 in the A series for \$9800 -24 in the B series for \$3600 -55 in the C series for \$7425 -22 in d series for \$2970. Ron noted that there was a drop in numbers for all 4 series and the D series.

Election of Officers

Before nominations began Bruce Mathers pointed out that this was the opportunity for all members to make their contribution to the combine if they have any problems with the way things are being done.

President: Dave Rodgers nominates Bruce Mathers. There are no other nominations and Bruce accepts.

1st Vice President: Dave Rodgers nominates Andy Pallotta. Chris Mitsiou nominates Dave Rodgers who declines. Andy accepts nomination.

2nd Vice President: Dave Rodgers nominates Mario Rea. Bruce Mathers nominates Joe Ferriera who declines. Mario accepts the nomination

Treasurer : Joe Ferriera nominates Ron Hastie and Bruce Mathers moves nominations closed. Before accepting Ron expressed the need to share more of the jobs as he is not getting any younger .

Race Secretary: Ron Hastie volunteers to carry on. Anthony Belcamino and Andy Pallotta are interested in learning the system from Ron. Bruce Mathers nominated Ron and he accepted

Secretary: Ron Hastie nominated Peter Kamstra and he accepted.

Transportation Chairman will be Ron Hastie . Someone asked what the duties were . Ron said it was mostly about basket allocation , keeping the trailers in good working order and putting them away in the fall shipshape and clean

Finance chair will be Ken Foster

Special events chair will be Tony Puopolo

Bruce Mathers wanted to know if there were any comments about the past season. Andy Pallotta thought that there should be a deadline for catching mistakes made in race calculations as there was some controversy in the awards. Bruce suggested we look at the constitution about appeal periods and change if necessary. Check out the CU rule as well. Ron Hastie also pointed out that if a club needed to replace or change their winbird program they should go through him or they risk losing all their data.

The next meeting will be Dec.13 at the Schomberg Hall upstairs . Race schedules and liberators will be the main topics.

Dave Rodgers and Bruce Mathers present an idea for a race to address the perceived lack of long distance pigeons in the combine and lagging support of scholarship race. This race will try to get long distance flyers from all over the country to send a small kit(4) at only shipping costs to the Combine who will randomly place them in participants lofts with some kind of draw. The handlers will use them as they see fit with the hope of competing in a 500 mile race in 2017. All winnings split 50/50 breeder handler. Dave noted he already has 66 birds committed. Mike vanderjagt suggested the race should be 500 miles for all the lofts participating. Dave Rodgers feels we need to promote to all the membership in their perspective clubs.

Tony Puopolo wished to propose a 3 race fee for around \$100 for those who fly so little and to promote greater participation. After some discussion it was generally thought not to be a good idea at this time.

Joe Ferriera moved we leave the UNC fees at \$60.00. Anthony Belcamino 2nds and it carried .

The topic of forcing members to join the CU was brought up and tabled to next meeting.

Ron Hastie wanted to know why the Futurity birds have not been registered and noted that they had been flown illegally this season. Bruce Mathers stated that there were so few and time ran out but they will be done for the next season.

The negotiations about the next race schedule will be done on a race by race basis.

Chris Mitsiou moved the meeting adjourn and it was carried.

Attendance

Dosce Galan and Ron Hastie	Lakeport
Anthony Belcamino and David Rodgers	Barrie
Domenic Spalvieri and Peter Kamstra	Humber Valley
Tony Puopolo	Whitby Beaver
Hossam Yassein Andy Pallotta	Oshawa
Chris Mitsiou Joe Ferriera	York Region
Ken Foster Mario Rea	Borden
Jason Nelson Al DiGiandominico	Orillia