

# **UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE**

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**A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OF THE AFFAIRS OF  
UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE INC.**

BE IT ENACTED and it is hereby enacted as a by-law of

**BY-LAW NO. 1  
UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE INC.**

**OBJECT**

1. The object of the Corporation, that is to say, is to provide: (a) practical economical, transportation of racing pigeons to their point of release for the Corporation; (b) help promote sport awareness within the Corporation's geographic area. And it is hereby ordained and declared that the Corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.

**UNC MISSION STATEMENT**

This statement is issued on behalf of the Up North Combine which is a representative of pigeon racing in Southern Ontario, Canada:

All pigeon racing enthusiasts work hard to promote positive animal husbandry. We are committed to safeguarding racing pigeons' welfare in all aspects of life including, but not limited to birds which take part in the sport. We advocate that all racing pigeons in Canada are well looked after at all times and promote the highest possible standards in training and racing.

We offer advice, carry out regular health checks, campaign for changes in law to protect our birds and enforce existing welfare guidelines through education and monitoring. Sub-standard care of birds is frowned upon by fanciers and not accepted or tolerated by any of the racing pigeon unions. Individual acts of animal cruelty are not exclusive to pigeon racing or sports in which animals participate. The Up North Combine does not condone acts of cruelty against pigeons or any other living creature.

Racing pigeons offer company, affection, comfort and fun and they receive the care and respect they deserve. Pigeon fanciers love their birds and their birds love racing. Pigeons compete and race naturally every time they are released from their lofts and in fact require this exercise to maintain their health and well being.

Losses do occur during races for a myriad of differing reasons. Predation by raptors, hunters, striking hazards like wires and, despite modern forecasting, the weather can play havoc as well. We attempt to release the birds in the best conditions to get the best results.

Lost racing pigeons can easily be reported and reunited with their owner. It is a requirement that every racing bird have a ring with a unique identification number. Our national umbrella organization, the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union can be contacted at:

1-866-652-5704 email: [crpu@crpu.ca](mailto:crpu@crpu.ca) web: [www.crpu.ca](http://www.crpu.ca)

Pigeon racing is a long-standing Canadian tradition. There are a significant number of fanciers in Canada who race their pigeons from April to September, using the winter months for breeding and husbandry.

## **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

1. All meetings of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. will be conducted according to " ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER " newest revision

## **CODE OF ETHICS and CODE OF CONDUCT**

Adopted Feb 17, 2008 as part of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. Constitution

Expectations are broad statements that reflect our good values, board policies and our mission statement. All rules and consequences will evolve from these stated expectations.

The following ten expectations apply to all Up North Combine activities.

1. All members of The Up North Combine have the right to be treated with respect, honesty and courtesy. All members can expect equitable treatment regardless of race, gender, culture, language disability or any other attribute.
2. All members of The Up North Combine have the right to a friendly environment free from violence, prejudice, harassment and all forms of abuse. They can expect disagreements to be settled in a fair, non-violent manner and without the use of threats.
3. All members of The Up North Combine are expected to personally display and actively encourage positive behavior and cooperation.
4. It is expected that negative behavior such as profanity, fighting, bullying, theft and vandalism will not be tolerated within our clubs or combine.
5. It is expected that all communications and interaction between members of our combine will embody the principles of fairness, openness, consistency and respectfulness.
6. All members of The Up North Combine are expected to attend meetings, functions, shipping, shows etc. free from impairment by alcohol or drugs.
7. All members of the Up North Combine can expect a safe environment free of any weapons or dangerous objects.
8. All members of the Up North Combine are expected to treat combine property and the possessions of all individuals with respect, care and consideration.
9. The members of the Up North Combine, specifically the Board of Directors and club delegates are expected to attend meetings regularly and to be punctual.
10. All members of The Up North Combine are expected to know and observe the combine Constitution.

### **The Up North Combine Code of Conduct**

We recognize the integrity and self worth of all members of our Combine and understand the necessity to accept responsibility for our own actions. A Code of Conduct helps us all understand the ways in which a positive environment is developed. All the members of the U.N.C. have an obligation and responsibility to create and maintain such an environment.

## Requirements for all Members

- A. A member shall be diligent in their daily conduct.
- B. Exercise self discipline
- C. Accept such discipline imposed by the appropriate committees
- D. Attend meetings punctually and regularly
- E. Be courteous to fellow members
- F. Show respect for U.N.C. property

Our Code of Conduct is intended to reflect a message of respect and common courtesy. A Discipline Policy is designed to create an atmosphere in which all individuals may compete without any interference.

Consequences have been established for those times when the guidelines are not followed.

The goal of any consequence is to bring about positive change in behavior. The link between the consequence and the inappropriate behavior should be logical and it is hoped that this link is apparent in our ruling. If problems persist intervention may be taken by the Board of Directors of the Up North Combine.

## EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

It is expected that every person in the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine will be free from harassment by others for any reason; particularly Ethnic and Socioeconomic Differences. Fighting; pushing; and inappropriate language are examples of unacceptable behavior.

## TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.

### Reasons for Expected Behavior

Every individual should be treated with consideration and respect. We should learn to appreciate and understand the many different persons in our society. A positive and tolerant attitude encourages mutual growth and harmony among all individuals and creates an atmosphere of co-operation and trust in which we may compete. Harassment is a form of discrimination and is against the Law under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

## Consequences of Misbehavior

Inappropriate behavior will result in disciplinary action; this may include verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

For example persistent harassment of others may lead to suspension; racial slurs may lead to suspension; fighting may result in suspension; defiance of authority and swearing may result in a suspension. Members must realize cheating carries very serious consequences. Suspension or expulsion may be considered in cases of a member being caught cheating.

Members that use inappropriate language may be ejected from meeting/ functions and may be required to write a public apology to any offended party. Serious or repeated infractions will lead to suspension.

All U.N.C. members will treat all U.N.C. properties such as baskets; trailers etc. with care. Personal property and the property of others will be treated with respect also. In taking care of U.N.C. property and the property of others, members display pride in their Combine. They also help to maintain attractive surroundings and useful facilities, which are necessary in keeping the cost of maintenance to a minimum.

If a member damages U.N.C. Property, he/she is expected to pay for repair or replacement costs. For example: If a shipping basket is lost or damaged the person or persons responsible will be held liable for replacement or repair. Intentional damage is a crime and will be dealt with by the Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee.

## CLUB EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

On Shipping nights members and their respective Clubs are expected to be ready and to work diligently to see that the trailer may be loaded and depart in a timely fashion. Continued tardiness by a Club may result in pick up privileges being revoked.

## HEAD OFFICE

2. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be:

Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc.  
C/O Ron Hastie  
24 Rogers Road  
East Gwillimbury, ON  
L9N 0G4

## SEAL

3. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Corporation.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

4. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a number (never less than 3) based on a formula of two directors for each racing pigeon club affiliated with the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine, whose members are members in good standing of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. Clubs gain affiliation by a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors. To gain acceptance, clubs must be within the geographic boundaries of the combine and have five flying members or more. By exception, the Directors may, in unusual circumstances, accept affiliation of a club with fewer than five members on the understanding that such affiliation is reviewed and decided upon annually. Affiliated clubs are listed in Schedule A of this by-law.

An active flyer is defined as a member who is expected to race in the next Old or Young Bird series and has participated in at least one of the two previous series.

Individual Directors shall be duly elected by the members of their respective racing pigeon clubs to represent the interest of the Corporation. The Combine executive for the up coming year will be elected at the first Directors meeting following the race season, therefore clubs should elect their Combine Representatives as soon as possible following the flying season

## **QUORUM AND MEETINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5. A quorum shall consist of 75% of the Board of Directors. Where a quorum of Directors are not present, the President can rule the meeting in order if he or she declares it is in the best interests of the Combine to do so and carry on with business. Except as otherwise required by law the board of Directors may hold its meetings at such a place or places as it may from time to time determine. No formal notice of any such meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present, or if those absent have signified their consent to a meeting being held in their absence. Directors meetings may be formally called by the President or Vice President or by the Secretary on direction in writing of three Directors. Notice of such meetings shall be delivered or telephoned to each Director not less than five days before the meeting is to take place or shall be mailed to each Director not less than ten days before the meeting is to take place. The statutory declaration of the Secretary or President that notice has been given pursuant to this by-law shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. A Directors' meeting may also be held without notice immediately following the general membership meeting of the Corporation. The Directors may consider or transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the board.

## **VOTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6. With the exception of changing Course from a generally north to south direction, where 85% approval of the Directors is required, or any other exception specifically stated in these by-laws, questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of an equality of votes the President may cast a deciding vote, otherwise the motion shall be deemed defeated. With the exception of voting on amendments to the constitution, all votes at such meetings shall be taken by ballot if so demanded by any Director present, but if no demand be made, the vote shall be taken in the usual way by assent or dissent. A declaration by the President that a resolution had been carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution. In the absence of the President, the duties of the President may be performed by the Vice President, or such other Director as the board may from time to time appoint for the purpose.



## **POWERS**

7. The Directors of the Corporation will administer the affairs of the Corporation in all things and make or cause to be made for the Corporation in its name, any kind of contract which the Corporation, may lawfully enter into and save as hereinafter provided, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the Corporation is by its charter or otherwise authorized to exercise and do.

Without in any way derogating from the foregoing, the Directors are expressly empowered from time to time to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, alienate, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of shares, stocks, rights warrants, options, and other securities, lands, buildings, and other property movable or immovable real or personal or any right or interest therein, owned by the Corporation for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may deem advisable. The Directors are empowered to make any and all final decisions regarding the welfare of the Corporation.

The Officers of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. shall have the power to make everyday urgent decisions during active race seasons for matters pertaining to the Race Schedule and the Trailer Operation.

## **RENUMERATION OF DIRECTORS**

8. The Directors shall receive no remuneration for acting as such.

## **OFFICERS OF CORPORATION**

9. There shall be a President, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, Race Secretary and such other officers as the board of Directors may determine by by-law from time to time. The officers shall be elected by the BOD at the first meeting of the board after the flying season has concluded provided that in default of such election, the incumbent serving members of the board shall hold office until their successors are elected. The President may not hold the dual position of President and club director. All other officers may hold that dual role or be elected from the membership at large. Any Officer of the Corporation may be removed from office prior to the completion of their term, if deemed by 75% majority of the Directors that it would be in the best interests of the Corporation to do so.

## **DUTIES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

10. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors. The President, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, shall also be charged with the general management and supervision of the affairs and operation of the Corporation. The President with the Secretary, or other officer appointed by the board for the purpose, shall sign all by-laws and membership certificates. During the absence or inability of the President, the President's duties and powers may be exercised by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or in the absence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, or such other Directors the board may from time to time appoint for the purpose, exercise any such duties or power the absence or inability of the President shall be presumed with reference thereto.

## **DUTIES OF TREASURER**

11. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate books of account in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall control the deposit of money, the safe keeping of securities and the disbursement of the funds of the Corporation; the Treasurer shall render to the Board of Directors at the meetings thereof, or whenever required, an account of all transactions and the financial position of the Corporation; payment of all funds shall be made by cheque signed by the

Secretary/Treasurer or Treasurer together with one other Officer appointed by the Board of Directors; and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## **DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

12. The Recording Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required to be given to shareholders, Directors, auditors and members of committees; attend all meetings of the Directors and the shareholders and shall enter or cause to be entered in books kept for that purpose, minutes of all proceedings at such meetings. The Recording Secretary shall be custodian of the corporate seal or mechanical device generally used for affixing the corporate seal of the Corporation and of all books, papers, records, documents and other instruments belonging to the Corporation; and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## **DUTIES OF THE CORPORATION RACE SECRETARY**

13. The Corporation Race Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of Corporation race results, correspondence with club race secretaries, correction of any errors in the Corporation race results, distribution of the race results, compiling race results for the C.R.P.U Yearbook and the purchasing of Corporation trophies. The Race Secretary shall be a member of the Corporation Race Committee.

## **DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS**

14. The duties of all other officers of the Corporation shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board of Directors require of them.

## **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

15. All deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts and engagements must be signed by the President and Recording Secretary or the President and Secretary/Treasurer or by any person authorized by the board and only after obtaining authorization to do so by the B.O.D.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

16. Membership in the Up North Pigeon Racing Combining Inc. is to be on an individual basis only and applicants wishing to join must be a member of a Racing Pigeon Club that is affiliated with the Combine. The Combine will not recognize the individual membership of any person that is not a member in good standing of an affiliated club.

New members' applications shall be made through their respective Club Director.

New members shall promptly be informed by their club Director of their admission as a member

Application for membership is to be made to the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. in writing, accompanied by payment of the annual combine dues in the prescribed amount. Acceptance of an application for membership requires a 60% majority of the Directors.

The Directors reserve the right to decline an application for membership if in their majority opinion any of the following situations would exist if such application is approved.

- Geographic considerations will impair the ability to secure reasonably competitive race results on a Combine basis.
- Geographic considerations make it impractical to complete the pick up schedule on a timely basis.
- Space limitations on the trailer preclude an increase in the number of birds on the trailer.

## **MEMBERSHIP continued**

An individual's membership can be revoked if 75% of The Directors indicate the continued membership of that individual will be detrimental to the harmonious operation of the Combine and the carrying out of its objects. This may include an individual whose activities contravene Municipal By-Laws or unnecessarily create friction with neighbors or the public at large to the detriment of the sport.

Membership shall terminate upon nonpayment of dues by the last Combine young bird race in the year they fall due. Individuals who's Combine membership is terminated must follow the application procedure of new members to be reinstated.

Members may resign by resignation in writing which shall be effective upon acceptance by the B.O.D.

In case of resignation, a member shall remain liable for payment of any assessment or other sum levied or which became payable by the member to the Corporation prior to acceptance of the resignation.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

17. The BOD may create an UNC Associate membership under such terms and conditions and with those designated UNC membership rights and privileges as deemed appropriate by the BOD. Associate members shall not be provided any benefits, rights, considerations, services or privileges that are not also available to all other UNC members.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

18. An honorary membership may be granted without fee and for such a period as the B.O.D. may elect in each instance. Such members may only be appointed by a unanimous vote of the B.O.D.

## **DUES**

19. Membership dues shall be payable by 31 DEC. Failure to pay membership dues on time will result in cancellation of UNC privileges until such time as they are paid in full. Failure of any member to pay dues in the year that they fall due will result in termination of membership, and they must follow the application process of new members to be reinstated.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

20. Any meeting shall be held at the head office or elsewhere in Ontario as the B.O.D. may determine and on such day as said Directors shall appoint. At every General Membership meeting, the report of the Directors and the financial statement shall be presented. The B.O.D. shall have the power to call at any time, a general meeting of members of the Corporation.

## **ERROR OR OMISSION IN NOTICE**

21. No error or omission in giving notice of any annual or general meeting of the members of the Corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceedings taken thereat and any member may, at any time, waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat. For the purpose of sending notice to any member, Director or Officer for any meetings or otherwise, the address of any member Director or Officer shall be his last address recorded on the books of the Corporation.

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## **FINANCIAL YEAR**

22. Unless otherwise ordered by the B.O.D. the fiscal year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year.

## **NOTICE**

23. Any notice (which term includes any communication or document) to be given, sent, delivered or served pursuant to the Letters Patent, the by-laws or otherwise to a member, Director, Officer or auditor shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given or if delivered to their recorded address or if mailed to them at their recorded address by ordinary mail. A notice so delivered shall be deemed to have been given when it is delivered personally or at the recorded address aforesaid: a notice so mailed shall be deemed to have been given when deposited in a post office or a public letter box. The Secretary may change or cause to be changed, the recorded address of any member, Director, Officer or auditor in accordance with any information believed by the Secretary to be reliable.

## **BORROWING**

24. The Directors may, from time to time, upon receiving a majority vote of the Directors:

- (a.) borrow money on the credit of the Corporation or
- (b.) issue, sell or pledge securities of the Corporation: or
- (c.) charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers and undertakings, to secure any securities or any money borrowed or other debt or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation.

From time to time, the Directors may authorize any Director, Officer or member of the Corporation or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the moneys borrowed or to be borrowed as aforesaid and as to the terms and conditions of the loan thereof, and as to the securities to be given therefor with power to vary or modify such arrangements, terms and conditions and to give such additional securities for any moneys borrowed or remaining due by the Corporation as the Directors may authorize, and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the Corporation.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

25. Any 25 members of the Corporation seeking to bring changes or additions to this by-law must notify the President or in his absence, the next in line Officer of the Corporation, in writing, advising the proposed changes and the signatures of the 25 supporting members. The President must call one meeting a year in which to vote on proposed amendments to the constitution. This process can only occur once in any given calendar year. All votes at such meetings shall be "recorded" if so demanded by any director present, but if no demand be made, the vote shall be taken in the usual way by assent or dissent.

Approval of any changes must be carried by a majority of at least 75% of the B.O.D. Any members seeking changes to the constitution must give notice of proposal in the prescribed manner at least 28 days prior to a meeting. Notice of at least 60 days must be given to all members in writing, fax or other electronic systems prior to a meeting being held to address constitutional meetings. April 01 2012

# **THE CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED MEMBERSHIP AND BY-LAWS**

26. All members of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. must also be a member, in good standing, of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated. All rules and by-laws of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated shall apply to our members. The Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. shall not create any Rules or By-laws contrary to the C.R.P.U. Rules and By-laws

## **27. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

28. The Directors shall see that all necessary books and records, of the Corporation required by the by-laws of The Corporation or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept.

## **DISSOLUTION**

29. Dissolution of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. will occur if the Corporation no longer serves the purpose for which it was Incorporated or at a time when the members no longer have any interest in the objects of the Corporation. Dissolution will be accomplished by the surrender of the charter.

Upon dissolution of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. all assets will be given to a charity or charities to be determined upon dissolution. No portion of the assets upon dissolution will be distributed among the members of the Corporation.

## **INTERPRETATION**

30. In these by-laws and all other by-laws of the Corporation hereafter passed unless the context otherwise requires words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender as the case may be.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SEALED WITH THE CORPORATE SEAL THIS 05<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF APRIL 1998.**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**SECRETARY**

## **SCHEDULE "A" OF BY-LAW NO. 1 - AFFILIATED CLUBS**

1. Barrie Racing Pigeon Club
2. Borden Racing Pigeon Club
3. Far North Racing Pigeon Club
4. Humber Valley Racing Pigeon Club
5. Lakeport Racing Pigeon Club
6. Metro Homing Society
7. North Wings Racing Pigeon Club
8. Orillia Racing Pigeon Club
9. Oshawa General Racing Pigeon Club
10. Toronto Central Racing Pigeon Club
11. Whitby/Beaver Racing Pigeon Club
12. York Regional Invitational Racing Pigeon Club

**BY-LAW NO. 2**  
**BY-LAW RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL RULES**  
**RELATING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE**  
**UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE INC.**  
**BE IT ENACTED** and it is hereby enacted as a by-law of  
**UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE INC.**

## **COMMITTEES**

1. Committees shall be formed by the B.O.D. A chair will be appointed by the Directors. The chair will fill the committees from the entire Combine membership. Each committee shall report to the President and receive directions from the B.O.D.

Committees to be formed annually shall include Special Events, Rules, Transportation, Sports Promotion and Corporation Race committees. Additional committees may be formed when deemed appropriate by the B.O.D.

## **RACE COMMITTEE**

The Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Race Committee will consist of " PRESIDENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, RECORDING SECRETARY, RACE SECRETARY, FINANCE CHAIRPERSON AND TRANSPORTATION CHAIRPERSON.

## **LIBERATORS**

2. There shall be three Liberators plus one alternate Liberator appointed by the B.O.D. for each racing series. Each Liberator must be actively participating in at least one race on the day that he or she liberates. A two-third majority in favour to liberate must be obtained in order to release the birds. The Liberators shall be appointed from the entire Corporation membership. Each Liberator, upon appointment, shall be provided a detailed information package from the Corporation detailing weather station locations, telephone numbers and a liberation policy statement.

## **CORPORATION RACE LIBERATIONS**

3. All birds transported to the race station shall be released simultaneously upon the decision of the Liberators for all regular scheduled races. No consideration shall be given to any Club(s) requesting a separate release.

In the event that more than one race is to be liberated from the same race station on the same day; "A" series race must be liberated one hour before the "B" series and the "C" series race must be liberated one hour before the "D" series race except as may be specified at the time of determining the race schedule. The discretion of the liberators will prevail in any unusual circumstances. April 01 2012

The Corporation assumes no responsibility relative to Club Open races other than to provide transportation. The Corporation assumes no responsibilities for transportation and release of Open or Regular Race birds to any specific release point at any specific time or under particular weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather conditions mechanical failure or human error, the joint judgement of the Liberator(s) as to the time and location of release shall prevail and they and the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. shall be held harmless for such decision. In exceptional circumstances the Liberators may, at their discretion, involve the President and Race Secretary in the release decision.

Should a weekly race be cancelled totally due to conditions that may prevent a successful race, the race schedule will be continued on to the next scheduled race and no consideration will be given to reschedule the cancelled race.

Open races not part of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. schedule sponsored by a club, are the responsibility of that club for all related costs.

Pigeons shipped to any event on any vehicle or from any premise associated with or belonging to the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine remain in the custodial care of the registered owner of said bird. The Up North Pigeon Racing Combine, it's Members, Directors, Executives, employees, contract workers or affiliated clubs are not responsible for any or all pigeons lost due to a smash release, accident, fire, theft or any other means.

#### Delaying the Shipping Date

Shipping dates scheduled for a Thursday night may be postponed because of an unfavourable weather forecast.

For any race that is scheduled to be shipped Friday for a Saturday release, the liberators may decide, by majority vote, to delay shipping by one day. This decision would normally only be made in extraordinary circumstances or if the weather forecast clearly indicated that the scheduled day of release would make a release decision impossible.

#### Communicating a delay in shipping

A decision to delay shipping by one day must be made and posted on the UNC website by 10:00:00 hours of the scheduled shipping day. It is the responsibility of each member to check the UNC website after 10:00:00 hours on each shipping day to confirm any delay of the scheduled shipping date. Should shipping be delayed by one day, the shipping shall be scheduled for the same time the following day. Passed Feb 20, 2011.



## **TRAILER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER**

4. The Chair of the Transportation Committee shall fill the role of Trailer Operations and Maintenance Manager. Duties will include:
  - Ensure the trailer is properly licensed before the beginning of the flying season;
  - A photocopy of the insurance slip is in the driver's possession at all times. A copy of the original insurance must be kept with the UNC Head Office at all times;
  - The trailer is in good working order and ready for the road before the beginning of the race season and monitor the condition on the trailers during the season;
  - Any repairs on the trailer are taken care of by the Transportation Chair;
  - Any major repairs are to be brought to the attention of the President before any work is carried out;
  - Responsibility for all maintenance records to be filed at UNC Head Office for D.O.T. purposes;
  - Make sure all baskets are in good working order before the start of every season;
  - Arrange for the repair of any damaged baskets that have been reported;
  - Monitor the cleanliness of the race baskets during the race season and address any issues of unsatisfactory baskets;
  - Make arrangements at the end of every flying season to have the baskets cleaned and at the end of the season the baskets are cleaned and properly stored away during the off season;
  - Make sure feed and fresh water are on the trailer for every race. Feed shall consist of 100% high quality whole corn;
  - Together with the transportation committee, arrange for the advertisement and hiring of any driving position;
  - Ensure all drivers are familiar with the route, order of the pick-ups and time required to be at the first pick-up;
  - Ensure the drivers are familiar with the procedures that are required in order to carry out the job in a professional and adequate manner;
  - Interviewing any driver applicants and make sure the applicant has the proper vehicle required for the position and report to the UNC Executive for approval of any new hire. The BOD decide on the length and terms of the contract offered;
  - Obtain a current drivers abstract for any application for a driver position; and
  - Ensure there are three (3) sets of keys available for the trailer at all times. One set for the chair, one set to be held by the UNC Secretary and one set for each driver.
  - Allocating of the shipping baskets for each club.
  - An extra driver will be hired by the Regular series driver for GOGAMA and MATHESON for a cost of \$200.00 per normal run and an extra \$100.00 per run for holdovers.

## **JUNIOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

5. Junior members (18 years of age and under OR still attending school on a full time basis) annual membership dues shall be \$5.00.

## **TRAILER FEES**

6. Trailer fees shall be determined and/or approved by the B.O.D. Each club shall collect the trailer fees from their members and forward them to the Corporation Secretary/Treasurer. All outstanding Corporation membership dues shall be included with the trailer fees (including late penalty). A list of all members who have paid trailer fees shall also be included.

Flying fees for actively participating bonafide junior members shall be free of charge and they will only be able to ship a total of 10 birds per race day. Juniors will not be entered in the Overall results for the UNC races but they will have their own UNC Junior race results. This will apply until their junior status no longer applies. The provision for junior members is not intended to in any way benefit a regular member. Any regular member deemed by the B.O.D. to be abusing the junior member privileges (eg. flying under the name of a non-

participating child merely to receive the financial advantage) will be subjected to the appropriate action as determined by the B.O.D.

## **DISEASE EPIDEMIC**

7. The B.O.D. will exercise its authority to take any action deemed necessary in the event of a Disease Epidemic. The President will immediately inform the C.R.P.U. and seek out all medical assistance available. In the event of races having to be canceled, the B.O.D. will attempt to recover the trailer fees for the races not flown due to said epidemic.

## **HEALTH MAINTENANCE**

8. The B.O.D. may from time to time direct its membership to comply with any medical protocol deemed necessary as a preventative measure against disease.

## **ALTERATION OF RACE COURSE**

9. Alterations to the race course, without changing the direction (predominately north) , shall be decided by a majority vote of the B.O.D.

## **BASKETING OF BIRDS ON SHIPPING NIGHT**

10. Each member must equally divide their birds shipped among all baskets being used.

## **CORPORATION AWARDS**

11. Corporation awards shall be presented to the winner of each category as noted on Schedule A.

## **CORPORATION RACE RESULTS**

12. Corporation race results shall be assembled from the race results of the each club. One placing shall be given per loft entered in the race. The Corporation race results shall be distributed to each club by the Corporation Race Secretary , or designate, in a timely fashion (the following shipping night). The Corporation results shall be submitted to the C.R.P.U. for publication in the annual yearbook. Any errors or omissions found in the Corporation race results shall be promptly reported by the club's race secretary to the Corporation Race Secretary for correction.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SEALED WITH THE CORPORATE SEAL THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.**

**PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

## **SCHEDULE "A" OF BY-LAW NO. 2 - CORPORATION AWARDS**

The UNC shall give annual race awards as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. If awards are not changed at a BOD meeting prior to the first old bird race, the same awards as the previous year shall be given for both the old and young bird race program.

Sprint races shall be defined as all releases short of Matheson.

Long races shall be defined as all releases from Matheson or longer.

A race scheduled to be flown from a long award station and brought back and released short of Matheson due to weather or any other considerations shall be eliminated from all the average speed calculations but not eliminated from ace pigeon and loft point awards.

**BY-LAW NO. 3**  
**A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE RULES PERTAINING TO**  
**CORPORATION RACES AND CLUB SPONSORED OPEN RACES**  
**TRANSPORTED BY**  
**UP NORTH PIGEON RACING COMBINE INC.**

### **SHIPPING LIMIT**

The shipping Limit shall be 20 birds per member per race.

Clubs must strictly enforce shipping limits - failure to do so will lead to certain disqualification of the entire club and possible further discipline as deemed by the exe. of the U.N.C. Passed Feb. 20, 2011

### **CLOCKING LIMIT**

As per CRPU rule 56-1 the clocking of birds will be unlimited with at least the top 20% of birds entered in a race being shown in their true order of finish.

### **CLOCK TAPES AND E-CLOCK PRINTOUTS**

All clock tapes and e-clock printouts must show the RACE NAME and DATE and must be signed by the clock owner or his designate and the person who reads the clock at strike off.

Each club must notify the UNC Race calculator the total number of flyers and the total number of birds that compete in a race each week not later than two (2) day after the completion of the race regardless if the competitors clock off or not.

### **CLOCKING BIRDS**

Shall be limited to one (1) countermark per clock punch. Each bird clocked shall have a separate time of arrival recorded on the entry sheet.

### **AVERAGE SPEED**

Average Speed shall be calculated by total distance divided by total time.

### **TWO DAY RACES**

Two day races shall be calculated with race time ending one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and race time beginning one-half(1/2) hour before sunrise. The sunset and sunrise times to be used shall be taken from the Research Council of Canada. Any birds which are clocked before 12:00 midnight shall be considered "day birds". All birds clocked between one-half(1/2) hour after sunset and one-half(1/2) hour before sunrise will be given the time of one-half(1/2) hour before sunrise.

A race ends 1/2 hr after sunset on the day that the 400 m/per min velocity runs out. July 07 2013

### **SUBMITTING RACE ENTER FORMS**

Each club will be responsible on shipping night to fill out a form showing the total number of flyers and the total number of birds that are participating in each race series that week-end.

### **SUBMITTING RACE RESULTS**

Club race results shall be e-mailed to the e-mail address or address provided, not later than the second day following each race. Late results will only be accepted at the discretion of the Combine Race Secretary. The

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February 2009 February 2010 February 2011 April 2012 July 2013 February 2014, March 2016

winning tape or printout of each club race weekly winners must be sent to the UNC Race Secretary in a timely fashion.

In the case of a dispute involving race results or awards, a written request to review the result or award in question shall be submitted to the race secretary within 14 days from the date of publication of the results or award. Failing a request within the 14-day period, all results will be considered as correct.

## **TRAILER FEES**

Any member of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. is eligible to participate in any Corporation Open or Band Race providing that the member has paid the Corporation Membership Dues and has paid at least one flying fee ( either series "A" "B" "C" or "D" ) of the current year. Any UNC member who has not paid a flying fee for any series (either "A" "B" "C" or "D") may enter a Corporation Open or Band Race by paying \$25.00 to the UNC Treasurer. As Junior members do not pay a trailer fee to fly in the UNC they must pay the \$25.00 charge to fly in any Corporation Open or Band Race. Participants who enter Open or Band Races in this fashion will not qualify for Club or Combine results. Participants who are not members of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc. shall be charged a \$5.00 Race Secretary fee plus \$25 if they have not paid trailer fees in their respective Combine, to be forwarded to the Corporation Secretary/Treasurer.

## **CORPORATION RACE BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc shall be. All lofts located south LATITUDE N 44 48 18.0 and west of LONGITUDE W 78 35 00.0 . The BOD may exempt specific open races from these boundary restrictions by a majority vote of the BOD.

*Where a member in good standing of an UNC club resides outside of the UNC boundaries, the BOD may on a case by case basis consider the member. This membership can be reviewed annually.*

## **VERIFICATION OF BIRDS**

Upon request of the Corporation Race Secretary or President, any bird entered in any Combine race must be made available for verification at any time within 72 hours from the time of the clocking of said bird.

## **AUTHORITY OF THE CORPORATION RACE SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE ANY RACE**

The Combine Race Secretary has the right to investigate the results of any race or any bird clocked in any race run by the Combine within seven (7) days of the bird being clocked. All affiliated clubs and members must cooperate fully in the investigation including producing any bird requested for verification (per section 10 of this by-law), all tapes, print-outs, counter marks and counter mark foils, race sheets or other information or materials normally used in any race. Failure to produce any of the above, or failure to cooperate fully with complete and honest answers to questions could lead to the disqualification of any or all birds participating in said race. The Race Secretary must report his findings to the UNC Race Committee who consists of the PRESIDENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, RECORDING SECRETARY, RACE SECRETARY, FINANCE CHAIRPERSON AND TRANSPORTATION CHAIRPERSON.

## **CLOCKS**

1. The Corporation Race Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any clock which does not appear to function in a proper fashion or appears to have been tampered with.

## **SHIPPING SECURITY**

For every Corporation race, birds prepared for shipping (countermarked and basketed) must be attended by a minimum of two (2) members of the Corporation until being placed into the transport or will be disqualified from the race and no moneys refunded. These members must not have an obvious conflict or shared interest in the race e.g. partners April 01 2012

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SEALED WITH THE CORPORATE SEAL THIS 05<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 1998.**

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**PRESIDENT**

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**SECRETARY**

## **SCHEDULE “A” OF BY-LAW NO. 3**

The attached map defines the BOUNDARIES as described in paragraph 8.

# Appendix 1

## UNC Awards presented in 2016

### **RACE WINNERS**

A trophy shall be presented to all first place overall Combine race winners for all races liberated by the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine.

A trophy shall be presented to all first place Junior Combine race winners for all races liberated by the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine.

### **AVERAGE SPEED AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded to the following average speed winners for overall combine only. Average speed is calculated using the formula of total distance divided by total time:

#### Old Birds

- B RACES
- A Sprint Races (All releases short of Matheson)\*
- A Long Races (All releases from Matheson and longer)\*
- Combined A Races Sprint and Long
  - A race scheduled to be flown from a long award station and brought back and released short of Matheson due to weather or any other consideration shall be eliminated from all average speed calculations.

Trophies will be awarded to the following average speed winners for UNC Junior members for Young Birds only. Average speed is calculated using the formula of total distance divided by total time:

#### Young Birds

- C Races
- D Races

#### Combined Old and Young Birds

- All A and C Races
- All B and D Races

### **POINT AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded to the following point winners for overall combine only using the following formula:

The winning bird in each race will receive 200 points declining by one point per position to the 200<sup>th</sup> bird which will receive 1 point for the calculation of all Champion Bird and Champion Loft Awards. Passed Feb 20, 2011

#### Old Birds Loft and Champion Bird

- B Races
- Combined A Races Sprint and Long
- Combined A and B Races



- Combined A and B Champion Yearling
- Olympiad Co-efficient (24 flyers 250 birds) when available on Winbird

Trophies will be awarded to the following point winners for Junior combine members for Young Birds only:

### Young Birds Loft and Champion Bird

- B Races
- A Races
- Combined A and B races
- Olympiad Co-efficient (24 flyers 250 birds) when available on Winbird

### Combined Old and Young Bird Loft Champion

- All A and C Races
- All A and C Races