

Minutes of meeting of Up North Combine

December 28 2014

Schomberg Community hall

Attendance:

Jake Kamstra	Humber Valley
Peter Kamstra	Humber Valley
Walter Drobny	Far North
Henry Gorz	Far North
John Teaque	Toronto Central
Anthony Belcamino	Barrie
Jerry Wegman	Barrie
John Adams	North Wings
Denis Adams	North Wings
Andy Palotta	Oshawa
Bruce Bidon	Oshawa
Tony Puopolo	Whitby Beaver
Dick VanStaveren	Whitby Beaver
Mike Taylor	Borden
Helmut Huber	Borden
D. Galan	Lakeport
Ron Hastie	Lakeport
Joe Ferriera	York Region
Clarence Beuving	York Region
Drake Richardson	Orillia

Reading of minutes: Corrections

Spelling of D. Galan to be corrected and there was not a motion to proceed with Feather Fancier.

Joe Ferriera moves minutes accepted as corrected, John Adams 2nds and it is carried.

Treasurer Report: Ron

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented

Transportation Report: Ron

Small trailer's brakes will need to be done which Grant will deal with. The big trailer has been roughly cleaned but will be done thoroughly before the season begins.

Special Events: Tony Puopolo

Facebook page is online now and it has 18 friends already. Thanks to Mike Taylor, Andy Palotta and Robert Rotiroti for their help. Bruce inquired about the monitoring of the site and it is being done by the above 3 as well as Tony. One can also go directly from Facebook to the UNC website with the logo. Work should begin on the futurity and the Borden clubs proposed Derby. We are also attempting to get involved in the Pan Am games, possibly some kind of release of birds, to promote the sport. The committee is however difficult to deal with.

Race Sec. Report: Ron

Dues are payable as of today and some clubs are delinquent. A list of members with the money is required as well as CU members.

B. Mathers reports that after finding out that the Hamilton group insisted on shipping both races for the joint releases the UNC has dropped the plan.

Ken Foster has agreed to stay on as Finance Chairman for the next year.

Membership applications for Stephen Hyndman in the Toronto Central and Fernando Ditri in the Humber Valley were both accepted unanimously.

New Business: OB schedule

Proposed schedules brought forward and Bruce notes they are not etched in stone. At this point the Proposed Borden Derby is not in the mix but Bruce notes it should not interfere with the Oshawa Gold Band race.

Helmut Huber moves we accept the Orillia OB schedule, J.Kamstra 2nds and it is defeated

Bruce Bidon asks how the majority feel about having Nakina or Long Lac as the longest race.

John Adams moves we accept the Oshawa schedule. It was noted that there is one less week to avoid a race in the hottest time of the year. Denis Adams 2nds and it is defeated.

Ron Hastie moves we accept the Schedule#2 schedule, D. Galan 2nds and it is defeated.

Joe Ferriera moves we accept the York Region schedule. Friday releases and a larger gap between OB and YB seasons were discussed. Anthony BelCamino 2nds and it is defeated.

Andy Pallota moves we begin the OB season on May 8, Walter Drobny 2nds and it is carried.

John Adams moves we accept the first 7 races on the Oshawa schedule. Drake Richardson put forward an amendment to ship Cochrane, June 13 on Thursday June 11. T. Puopolo 2nds and both amendment and motion carried.

J. Adams moves we leave Hearst on June 27, D. Adams 2nds Carried..

Mike Taylor moves we accept the July 4 Cochrane / Engelhart race, H. Huber 2nds. Amendment by C. Beuving, 2nd by J. Ferriera to make it 2 Engelharts instead. The amendment is carried.

D. Richardson pointed out that the Long Lac release point is not very good. The driver Grant discovered a more easterly spot with a better release area at Klotz Lake. Some others agreed it would be an improvement. J Ferriera moves we move Long Lac race to Klotz Lake. A. Pallotta 2nds and it is carried.

Mike Taylor moves we add a Burks Falls to beginning of schedule. No 2nders.

YB schedule

J. Adams moves we use Oshawa's first 4 races, J. Ferriera 2nds. Mario Rea put forward an amendment to start a week earlier, A. Pallotta 2nds. Amendment defeated and the motion is carried.

August 28 will be Latchford

Ron moves we accept the entire Oshawa schedule J. Ferriera 2nds and it is carried.

Sept. 5 will be the Futurity race.

September 26 will be the UNC Derby from Cochrane. The Oshawa club suggests that the Gold Band and Derby can be flown on the same day. Oshawa will ship on Thursday and the UNC on Friday. A. Pallotta moves the UNC ship the Derby on Sept. 25 and race from Cochrane on the 26th. Carried

Both race schedules are now set for 2015.

LUNCH BREAK

OB liberators Jason Nelson volunteers

H. Huber noms J. Ferriera and he accepts

J. Adams noms H. Huber and he declines

T. Puopolo noms W. Drobny and he declines

Chris Mitsiou accepts

YB liberators will be the same 3 as OB

Thanks to all 3 .

B. Bidon moves the racing fees remain the same as last year, J. Ferriera 2nds Carried

Discussion about our website:

Ron talked to Drake's son but has not gotten any feedback. He would like to know what exactly the delegates want him to do. Should the club results go in weekly or as a yearend yearbook? M .Taylor feels the site should be more public friendly and spruced up .Looking at other sites may be helpful. Ron reiterates that it good enough for the membership and not really for public use . M Taylor notes that the Facebook page will help put a public face on the combine.

CU President Connie Stacey was on hand to state her case on the ongoing problems with the CU organization and its future. She said she was being kept at arms length from the workings of the Union. She feels the other directors have abused their power. Some details came out but nothing has been confirmed .The general concensus seemed to be that the CU board must come clean about the finances and everything else that has gone on. If the veil of secrecy is not lifted support will only further erode .The UNC wants to support the CU but only under an open dialogue.

Meeting Adjourned