

Up North Combine Meeting

November 28 2014

Schomberg Community Hall

Members present:

D. Galan	Ron Hastie	Lakeport
H Huber	Mike Taylor	Borden
Rick Wegman	D. Rodgers	Barrie
J. Ferriera	L. Breckon	York Region
B Bidon	A. Pallotta	Oshawa
T. Puopolo		Whitby Beaver
J. Adams	K. Wall	North Wings
A. DiGiandomenico	Drake Richardson	Orillia
P.Kamstra	J.Kamstra	Humber Valley

Minutes from last meeting read. Ron moves they are accepted as read J Ferriera 2nds , Carried.

Transportation Report: Ron Hastie

The big trailer may not have been cleaned and may stay dirty till spring. The brakes on the small trailer should be done at a cost of about \$4000.00. Ron will talk to Grant on both matters. Drake Richardson inquired about repairs on the big trailer. Ron stated he called Davis Welding ,a repair contractor, but did not get a reply. Ron also noted many baskets need repairs. The combine has an air rivet gun and Mario Rea has rivets(3/16 are needed). He also needs to know which clubs have how many baskets for inventory control.

Treasurer report: Ron Hastie

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented

Race Secretary report: Ron Hastie

Ron reports that race results came in well. He noted that race sheet should be sent in because some electronic clocks have variances and he should check just to be sure.

Special events report: Tony Puopolo

Tony commented on the "Secret Life of Pigeons " show and the article in the Globe.He is looking at a Release of birds for the Pan-Am games July 10. Robert Rotiroti suggests we set up a facebook page . Most feel it is a good idea for promotion but must have co-administraters to keep eye on postings. Many others organizations use it as well. Tabled for new executive.

Pete Voskamp donated \$180.00 to the U.N.C. and Bruce feels we should add \$20.00 and make a \$200.00 gift to Marlene the hall custodian.

Bruce felt the Pan-Am release could be done by the Boy Scouts, Mike Taylor also notes the Signal Corps may be another possibility.

Mike VanderJagt had a meeting with Hamilton officials about joint releases for long races and they will take it back to their delegates.

D Rodgers brings up the possibility of providing the Feather Fancier free to all the members. For the 6 issues in a year the cost would be\$2750.00. After some discussion there was motion not to proceed.

Ron Hastie asked if the website could be linked to a facebook page. Mike Taylor said that was easily done and suggested Ron put together a wish list to renovate the site with a cost estimate.

Scholarship presentation to Scott Grigor,Kallee Rodgers and Mary Cowen. Tony Puopolo read their essays and presented the cheques.

LUNCH BREAK

Election of new executive resulted in the same team

President	Bruce Mathers
1 st Vice	Drake Richardson
2 nd Vice	Dave Rodgers
Treasuer	Ron Hastie
Race Sec	Ron Hastie
Secretary	Peter Kamstra

The position of Finance chairman will stay open till D Rodgers talks to Ken Foster

Special events chair: Tony Puopolo

Transportation Ron Hastie

The executive will be the race committee.

Tony Puopolo moves the U.N.C. fees remain the same for 2015 at \$60.00 J Adams 2nds and it is carried. The fees are to be payable at the next meeting Dec 28 2014.

Much discussion about CU memberships. It was pointed out that a national organization is needed for clout in municipality bylaw issues,co-ordination of the Winbird program and getting vaccines into the country. Some members wanted a message from the CU as to their status as no one really seems to be sure. Concensus was that the combine will support the CU and enforce its constitution. Each club is to collect dues for the CU from the members and send directly to the CU in order for them to be allowed to fly. All club secretaries are to send a list of their members that have paid their CU to the UNC treasurer.

D Rodgers asks if the combine should buy the KM1 vaccine for the members. Refrigeration is an issue and with more handlers of the vials there can be problems.

3 new members were accepted

Alexander Elia and Marvin M. DeLa Vega in the Metro Homing Society

Ken Qiu in the York Region Inv. RPC

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Taylor moves we open a facebook page for a 6 month trial period, Andy Pallotta 2nds

Carried Tony Puopolo will manage with help from A Pallotta,M Taylor and Robert Rotiroti

Mike Taylor repeats his desire to renovate and renew the website. Drake Richardson volunteers his son to give Ron some ideas .

Bruce Mathers stated that the Banquet was a success.

Ron Hastie moves the combine add \$9000 to trailer fund to bump up to \$30,000.00.He notes the money must be designated for something specific to maintain non profit status. J Ferriera 2nds and it is carried.

Ron notes that the Futurity profit of\$3810.00 is for the scholarship fund.

Review of 2014 season

- J Ferriera noted liberators were not aware or possible weekday releases
- M Taylor stated basket went very well but much social time lost,are club pickups possible
- R Hastie presents a proposed schedule for all to review. Other proposals should be sent to Ron Hastie by Dec 14 so they can be posted on the UNC web site and be brought up at the next meeting.

- M VanderJagt feels liberation guidelines should be followed better
- T Puopolo states some members would like sections in the futurity because all the best locations are hard to get into
- Some handlers in the Futurity were unhappy about not getting any prize money
- Bruce suggests all new schedule proposals be sent to Ron Hastie by Dec 14 so he can post them on the UNC web site for others to look at
- The Borden club proposes a YB derby with support from the combine. It is not to conflict with the Oshawa Gold band race

J Adams moves meeting adjourned J Ferriera 2nds Carried