

UP NORTH COMBINE

FORMATION

On 31 Dec 88, seven (7) clubs formed the UP NORTH COMBINE. The seven clubs were Barrie, Borden, Dufferin County, Far North, Humber Valley, Orillia, and Woodbridge.

Representitives present were Ralph Bachmann, Tony Degroot, Hugh Douglas, Stan Forrest, Ken Harrison, Peter Kamstra, Bob Moody, Gary Moro, Dave Ottaway, Tony Rea, Volker Vahle, and Jerry Wegman.

CONSTITUTION

The Toronto Federation of Racing Pigeons as owners of the transporting vehicles shall provide a conveying service to all member clubs.

1. There will be seven (7) executive positions or one per club.
 - (i) PRESIDENT As elected by the directors of the combine, of which there are 14 or 2 from each member club. He shall be a director and liason officer between the Tor. Fed. club and the combine. He shall be automatically on all committees. He is responsible for ensuring that all officers are fullfilling their duties and that the combine rules and constitution are adhered to.
 - (ii) FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Shall be elected by the combine directors at the annual meeting. His responsibilities are to assist and chair all meetings when requested. He is to fill the Presidency role in his absence.
 - (iii) SECOND VICE PRESIDENT elected as above. His responsibilities are to assist the President and to fill the role of First Vice President in his absence.

1. (iv) SECRETARY/TREASURER Elected as above. He is responsible for maintaining the combine bank account and preparing an audited financial statement annually. He shall co-sign all cheques along with the President or First Vice President. He is also responsible for recording all minutes of annual and general meetings.
 - (v) The other three executive members will be called members at large in that they will not have any direct responsibilities. The proposed position of race secretary is not needed.
2. There will be three liberators as elected by the combine directors. They will be responsible for the release of pigeons on race day as to operating rules. Liberators will use conference calls for communications.
3. Membership into combine will be on a club basis only and will be a combine decision.
 - a) A formal written application only, can be accepted by the Up North Combine from any club wishing to join (1 Apr 90)
4. Boundaries to be dealt with by the clubs themselves.
5. Nominations for director to be submitted in writing to the secretary by the clubs and a vote to be taken at the annual meeting.
6. Meetings will have a written agenda and be chaired by the president. Anything not on the agenda will be discussed as new business after the agenda is filled. there shall be one annual meeting to establish new officers and review operating rules. General meetings to be called at the president's discretion with at least two (2) weeks notice to club representatives.

7. VOTING - Only delegates (2) from each member club can vote, non-delegates may attend meetings. Majority vote rules with the President to cast the deciding vote if necessary. Quorum to consist of 60% of member clubs. No more than 2 delegates per club. An alternate is allowed only if the secretary is previously informed.
8. Disputes to be settled by 60% of elected officers; Membership to be advised at general meeting.
9. Fees to be set by Toronto Federation and approved by combine executive. Repairs and reserves to be explained at general meeting with financial statement.
10. Race schedule and any subsequent changes must be approved by the Toronto federation and combine directors.
11. When it's not possible to have a meeting due to lack of time to deal with an issue, the directors may be polled by phone and this vote to be ratified at the next meeting.
12. In case of disease epidemic the board of directors have the authority to take emergency action if deemed necessary by a majority of the directors.
13. Fee for combine membership to be \$5.00 per club member, flying or not, to be paid by the club. To be reviewed annually.
14. Up north combine to participate in the Upper Canada National.

UP NORTH COMBINE RACE RULES

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1. Anyone wishing to fly two teams must have two loft names, pay two club dues, provide two race sheets and can not interchange birds from one loft to another from week to week. (8 April 89)
 - (a) only one fee is needed per member regardless of how many lofts he or she flies. (1 April 90).
2. Average speed will be figured out by time over distance, for all races. On a two station release day only, the longer distance will count for the average as per C.U. Rule. An amendment to the above ruling is that there be an award for short end (Friday shipping) and long end (Thursday shipping) regardless of hold over. (1 April 90)
3. There will be a 5 bird limit/flyer on the combine sheet with only the first bird counting in the average speed. (8 April 89)
4. Two day race calculation will be done with race time ending $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset and beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise. Any birds clocked before midnight will still be day birds but will be calculated from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise. (8 April 89)
5. Any club filing late race results can submit them within 10 days at a cost of \$50.00. All entries must be forwarded and recieved by Wednesday following the race. (29 April 90)
6. Shipping limit is 25 old birds/loft and 25 young birds/loft and in case of a double race only 25 to be split on two races. (19 Dec 90)
7. Only complete clubs to be allowed on combine sheet and the rate will be \$10.00/member club. (17 Nov 91)

PROPOSAL BY MIKE TAYLOR

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15. That the Up North Combine adopt the charter and rules of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union.

The intent of this proposal is to enhance and support existing combine rules and not to replace them.

The Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Charter and rules will not take precedence over existing combine constitution and rules.