

UP NORTH COMBINE MEETING

BRADFORD LEGION NOVEMBER 13 2022

ATTENDANCE

Joe Formosa and Bruce Bidon OSHAWA

Andy Pallotta and Brian Weir SCUGOG

Peter Kamstra and Simon Prigmore HUMBERVALLEY

Troy Spencer and Frank Szabo YORK REGION

Rick and Jerry Wegman BARRIE

Ken Foster and Joe Ferriera BORDEN

Henry Chen and Marian Hojsan MISSISSAUGA

Hamilton Liu NORTH WINGS

Minutes from last meeting read. J. Ferriera moves to be accepted as read, A. Pallotta 2nds and carried

Financial Report Peter Kamstra Despite the increase in fuel prices, with the increase of membership and flying fees we have done well and the combine has seen a minimal profit for 2022.

Race secretary report Andy Pallotta The new Speed Fancier program has been a success. It has proven to be easier to use and with Kyle's help it has worked well once a few early problems were solved.(Unikon file issues and Club 1000 bird entries) Kyle is also working on adding CU awards .B Mathers asked J Ferriera about the Top Pigeon system. J Ferriera said it worked well and there was no need to go to strike off as it will download to Speed Fancier via the Internet. A Pallotta also said it seemed to work well and may be the system of the future. There is an annual internet fee of about \$45 and one can see when other people are getting birds.

Transportation report Bruce Bidon It was a difficult season but worked out in the end. The trailers are cleaned up and put away. Grant expressed his desire for a return of the break between old and young birds. He stated the trailers are in need of some repairs including welding. He is also looking for a hefty pay increase so a new contract will have to be renegotiated with the new executive. If a new driver is hired there may be many changes to the pickup schedule depending on where he lives. Mike Jackson is retiring as a driver so another driver will be needed for the 2nd trailer.

The new basket liners have been a great success but some repairs to the baskets are continuously needed. Bruce also noted that accommodating the EOC has made basket allocation tough. He suggested that some small clubs ship with bigger ones to save on baskets.

Joe Ferriera inquired about the condition of the large trailer. B. Mathers said it needs some welding and frame stabilization. A. Pallotta added that the small trailer also needs some welding. It was pointed out that a new trailer would be at least \$80,000.00 so doing the repairs at this point would be worthwhile.

M. Hojsan mentioned that when they tried to ship with another club they where going to charge \$100 extra. The club needed to pay rent at their location so all users need to help out. B. Mathers noted that was really a club to club situation but the new executive will take a closer look and try to settle such things in the future.

New Member Applications

Herman Bolk, Linda Devries, Oscar DeVries, Harry Morrison, Basil Diman, Alex Kondracki, Lou Bozzelli and Hikmet Perez were all accepted unanimously as new members

Presentation of awards was then conducted with Bruce Bidon getting the Member of the Year for all his work on the website and with his Transportation duties.

B. Mathers wanted to thank the liberators for their success with a difficult and thankless job. Also, the executive for their hard work in getting job done.

Election of Officers

President: J. Ferriera noms B. Mathers and he accepts

1ST Vice-President: J. Ferriera noms Mario Rea and he accepts

2ND Vice-President: B. Mathers noms Muner Bator and he accepts

Race-Secretary: B. Bidon noms A. Pallotta and he accepts

Secretary: B. Mathers noms P. Kamstra and he accepts

Treasurer: B. Mathers noms P. Kamstra and he accepts

Transportation: B. Mathers noms B. Bidon and he accepts

Finance Chairman: B. Mathers noms M. VanKempen and he accepted (absent however)

Special Events Co-ordinator had no nominations so left open again

New Business

B. Bidon reiterated his earlier report on the trailers and the driver situation. B. Mathers suggested we get a trailer manufacturer to assess our units. S. Prigmore moves to do so M. Hojsan 2nds and it is carried.

A. Pallotta moves to repair welds on small trailer M. Bator 2nds and it is carried.

B. Bidon noted that some baskets still need repairing and that there are some 27 baskets missing. The Oshawa club has supplemented the trailer's basket inventory with about 40 baskets on the trailer. He will get an email out to try to get a proper number from the clubs.

With a new contract needed for Grant there was some discussion of his demands. The executive will attempt to get a deal for the future.

J. Ferriera moves that the executive examine the situation and talk with Grant and at the next meeting present a proposal. M. Hojsan 2nds and it is carried.

M. Hojsan pointed out that the trailer left the pickup site before the Mississauga club got there with birds once. The executive will address that problem with the driver

J. Ferriera asked about the possibility of club pickups. He suggested using both trailers as well. B. Mathers agreed that the bigger clubs deserve a pickup but time is always the issue. Some of that could be solved if smaller clubs shipping with the bigger ones. The use of both trailers has proven to be a problem in the past with releases, switching baskets around, misplacing baskets in the wrong race and expense. Very hard to please the flyers.

B. Mathers warned the board that the Avian Influenza may be a problem again in the spring.

B. Bidon suggests the board not start looking for a driver till we see how things go with Grant's contract.

M. Hojsan pointed out that he felt Grant did a superior job to the NRRPA driver.

With regards to the cancelled last race of the young bird season B. Mathers told the board that the Constitution states that when a race is missed it is dropped and the schedule carries on. B. Bidon and the liberators were frustrated with that situation but had to follow the Constitution that the membership at one time put in place.

F. Szabo felt that the UNC was protecting the Borden Race by not shipping the next week.

A. Pallotta pointed out that if the members want a change they need to look at the constitution and suggest changes in this particular regard and any other areas. It is not up to the board necessarily to change rules.

Next meeting tentatively Dec.11/22

Agenda: Collect dues, Race schedule, Committee reports, trailer contract and repair situation

J. Ferriera moves to adjourn B. Bidon 2nds carried