

# UP North Combine Meeting

Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre December 18, 2022, 9:30 am

## Attendance

Rick Wegman - BARRIE

Joe Ferreira and Ken Foster - BORDEN

Marc Bambach and Simon Prigmore - HUMBER VALLEY

Mike Van Kempen - LAKEPORT

Henry Chen - MISSISSAUGA

Peter Kou and Reinald Reyes - NORTH WINGS

Allan Cook - ORILLIA

Bruce Bidon and Hossam Yassein - OSHAWA

Andy Pallotta and Mike Pallotta - SCUGOG

Mustafa Karakul and Troy Spencer - YORK REGION

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. A. Pallotta moves to be accepted as read, J. Ferreira 2nds. Carried

Financial Report – B. Mathers reported there was no change and the bank balance remains the same. No motion to accept was deemed necessary.

Race Secretary Report – A. Pallotta reports that the ‘Top Pigeon’ clocking system is a good system which is compatible with the Speed Fancier results program. The ‘Top Pigeon’ system requires a SIM card to operate once in cell range for some of its features to be fully utilized and it will allow remote knockoffs.

Transportation Report – B. Bidon outlined the increased costs requested by the UNC Driver. A delegate discussion was held to determine what our options are.

Motion by A. Pallotta 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ferreira that the executive meet with Grant Jackson to negotiate an agreeable contract for all parties. If an agreed upon contract cannot be negotiated, the executive is given the authority to advertise for a new driver(s) for the 2023 season. Carried

B. Bidon then reported that not all clubs had yet reported the number of baskets in their possession. B. Bidon to follow up with the outstanding clubs.

Motion by M. Bambach 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Pallotta that we order the required number of baskets to be constructed by B. Weima at a cost of \$350 each. Carried

Andy Pallotta reported that after speaking with Grant Jackson the Big trailer is in good condition and has passed certification. It was then discussed that both trailers need some welding repairs to the trailers and will be taken care of after the driver situation is finalized.

Correspondence – received from the North Wings club requesting a change to the Points System currently used to calculate Championship awards in the UNC. They also requested that races not be cancelled but rather pushed off. B. Mathers reported that these issues are Constitutional items and need to be addressed at a Constitutional meeting which will be held later in 2023. A. Pallotta also commented that he would need to investigate whether having a multiple point structure based on distance is even doable with the Speed Fancier program.

Correspondence – received from ‘Maple Garden Special Animal Nutrition INC’. They are interested in donating pigeon health products to the combine to award for various flying prizes. In exchange they would like to advertise on the UNC website and the UNC would also be responsible to cover the costs for advertising in the CU newsletter for the 2023 season. A. Pallotta and B. Mathers commented that the UNC website is not used for advertising and the UNC shouldn’t be seen as endorsing any specific product(s) or else the floodgates could open-up for many others requesting the same opportunities. It was noted that they can go directly to individual clubs holding opens or One Loft races to see if they might be interested.

New Member applications – From the York Region Club. Motion by A. Pallotta 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ferreira to accept the following 4 members. Carried

Lorenzo Abbaglio, Sal Butera, Brylee P Loft (Edel Bryan Benimile), David Wang

From the Orillia Club. Motion by A. Pallotta 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Cook to accept the following 2 members. Carried  
Jeff Mason (Huntsville), Morgan Tavares

Race Schedule – A discussion was held after the Borden club raised the option of a single joint release every week of the A and B Series in OBs and the C and D series in YBs. The pros and cons of such a schedule were discussed and B. Mathers stated that this matter needs to be dealt with at a Constitutional meeting as the constitution currently states separate releases for these series.

Motion by J. Ferreira, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Kou that the 2023 Race schedule to start on April 29, 2023. Carried

A discussion was also held discussing the advantages of substituting New Liskeard instead of Englehart in most instances due to a better release location.

Where the schedule remained the same no motion was requested. Any changes to the schedule were voted on by the delegates.

### **2023 Race Schedule**

	<b>A Series</b>	<b>B Series</b>
Week 1 –	Dunchurch	Dunchurch
Week 2 -	North Bay	North Bay

Week 3 -	Latchford	North Bay	Motion J. Ferreira, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Pallotta Carried
Week 4 -	New Liskeard	Latchford	Motion M. Karakul, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Pallotta Carried
Week 5 -	Matheson	Englehart	
Week 6 -	Latchford	Latchford	
Week 7 -	SRF	SRF	Motion M. Rea, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Pallotta Carried
Week 8 -	Hearst		
Week 9 -	Klotz Lake		
Week 10 -	Cochrane	Cochrane	Motion J. Ferreira, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Pallotta Carried
Week 11 -	Rupert River		Motion B. Bidon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Pallotta Carried

	<b>C Series</b>	<b>D Series</b>
Week 1 -	Dunchurch	Burks Falls
Week 2 -	Dunchurch	Burks Falls
Week 3 -	North Bay	Powassan
Week 4 -	North Bay	Powassan
Week 5 -	Latchford	North Bay
Week 6 -	New Liskeard	Latchford
Week 7 -	Latchford	North Bay
Week 8 -	Matheson	New Liskeard

A discussion was held on the advantages of having a satellite phone for the driver. The UNC will investigate options for when the races are in areas of poor or no cell reception.

A discussion was held on the larger clubs getting a pick-up in 2023. It will be investigated by the Truck Coordinator and the Executive of the possibility, noting there are some limitations due to our time constraints.

B. Mathers indicated that a Constitutional meeting would be called something in the February/March timeframe to discuss changes to the constitution.

Motion by J. Ferreira, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Bidon to adjourn the meeting. Carried