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HEALTHY BABIES !!!!!

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HELLO MEMBERS:

The Yearbooks are out!!!!!! I hope errors are limited, If people have any concerns please let me know.

We added an expanded band list this year, REMEMBER that the office has any transfers and changes after the publication of the Yearbook.

Club Secretaries and or Band Secretaries remember that someone is responsible to send in Band Cards to register Club Bands at the office. **DUE DATE MAY 1st 2008**

I saw a slight decline of calls last year due to having the full list on the Web site. Remember that I am just a phone call away.

Coming Events

CRPU CONVENTION
OCT. 10th, 11th, 12th
WINDSOR, ON.

Hosted by
Windsor Essex County

Upcoming Events for Clubs and Combines can be listed here at no charge. Let the office know what events you would like listed. We reserve the right to edit and refuse any submissions.

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Quick note: Please keep your information up to date here at the Office, Especially your phone number and any one that uses email on a regular basis I would love to have it here so emails can be sent for lost birds!!!!

Enjoy this newsletter as well as the new Yearbook.

Price List and Rules booklet are included in this Mailing

Thanks

Monik Collins Secretary - Treasurer

PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

C.U. Office will be **CLOSED FEBRUARY 18th, 2008**

Family Day 2008

CLOSED MARCH 21st, 24th

EASTER 2008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This newsletter marks the beginning of another year. With each New Year we hope for improvement and progress in our endeavors. As president of the CU I feel it is my duty to ensure that our organization also progresses. I feel in the last year or so we have made some strides forward as can be seen in the changes made to the newsletter and website. For those who chose to use the WinBird software, it continues to evolve and now does a season end report for your club, which can be submitted for national awards.

We have been in our new office for 9 months now and are slowly getting back to a routine. As most of you know we have new part time help at the office. Crystal has fit in nicely and has helped Monik keep all office related matters under control.

The rules committee has made some progress in updating the race rules and an updated copy is included with this newsletter.

The one rule that seems to have caused a slight stir among some members is the change to the CRPU stand on clocking limits. In the 75 year history of the CU there has been no stand for or against clocking limits.

Quite simple clocking limits distort and falsify race results and as a national organization issuing **NATIONAL AWARDS**, the majority of directors felt this could no longer be tolerated.

What is very gratifying to me is that having communicated with well over one hundred members since the beginning of the New Year, the vast majority, that ever present silent majority, has indicated that they are in favour of the new stand on clocking limits by the CU. A small vocal minority has certainly let their displeasure be known, but they are a small minority. Comments such as "it's about time! Now I will start applying for awards", make me certain we have served the sport well.

As members it is your duty to read and familiarize yourself with the race rules. Make sure they are followed. They were put in place to protect you and the athletic performances of your racing pigeons. All sports have rules; not following them regardless of the sport has consequences. If your pigeon wins and all the rules have been followed, no one can or should question your pigeon's performance. Lawyers did not write these rules; they were written by ordinary pigeon flyers and sometimes the wording might be a bit confusing. If you have any questions or need help interpreting any of the rules, send an inquiry to the office and Monik will make sure the rules committee gets it.

You may have noticed in the paragraph above that I put the emphasis on the performance of the pigeon not the manager. I personally believe that too many of us look at winning a race or at an outstanding loft performance as a personal achievement, when in truth it was the pigeons that made us look good. In many cases they probably performed well despite our personal management methods. Most of us look at a race result and see Mr. SO and SO won the race and we don't even look at the band number of the athlete that delivered that day. I know it will never happen but personally I would love to see a race result without the loft names on it, just list the band numbers of the winged athletes in their true order of finish and give credit where it is due, the PIGEON.

My birds have been down on eggs for about a week at the time I'm writing this. Right now my hope for the future is in those eggs. Despite my nearly 40 years of involvement in this sport (my pigeons practice the sport I just feed them) I'm still like a kid every spring when the youngsters hatch

A New Year's wish from me to all of you: " May all your pigeons breed champions, may your pigeons fly fast and straight under fair skies all year."

Nick Oud



Waterloo Wellington Racing Pigeon Club
PRESENTS!

"GO FOR THE GOLD 2008 "
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WEEKLY RACE PRIZES GAURENTEED
ECC SCHEDULE

WK 2 SHORT 100 LONG 100
 WK 3 SHORT 150 LONG 150
 WK 4 SHORT 200 LONG 200
 WK 5 SHORT 250 LONG 250
 WK 6 MAIN RACE FROM:

CARLETON PLACE

Shipping: Sat. Aug 30/08
 WW Club House

WEEKLY PRIZES ARE FOR 1st WW GOLD BAND BIRD CLOCKED ON ECC TRAILER THAT WEEK
 Non ECC members can place WW GOLD band birds in any ECC members loft for 50/50 split or ship from any ECC club for **\$2 per bird** shipping, this is open to all flyers west of Trafalger rd.

Bands \$ 15 each or 8 for \$ 100

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Steve Wojteczko:(519) 624 5593
 Manny Azevedo: (519) 662 - 4920

AUCTION

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ABOUT 35 PROVEN DIRECT IMPORTED BIRDS FROM 3 OF BELGIUM'S ALL – TIME GREATEST LOFTS. THESE BIRDS HAVE ALREADY BRED CLUB, COMBINE AND OPEN WINNERS FOR ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL RACING LOFTS OF THE PAST 20 YEARS, WHICH SELDOM SELLS PIGEONS.

CLAUDE and NICOLA ROTHGIESSER of the Metro Homing Society
Toronto Association
Up North Combine

Winners of Old Bird Average Speed in Up North Combine (Canada's biggest) in 2007, and phenomenal young bird open results in 2006 and 2007 including:

- 1st Canadian Young Bird Classic 2006 (280 miles).
- 4-5-6-7-9 and many other positions AU Y/B Band Race 2006 and 2007 (400 miles).
- 2nd and 3rd Oshawa Gold Bond Y/B Race 380 miles 2006.

Also 1st 465 miles and 1st and 2nd 340 miles in the two Old Bird Opens in the UNC 2007.

Racing on the long end against lofts up to 115km shorter.

No loft in North America has won this assortment of AU Awards that Claude has:

- 8 X 1st and 2 X 2nd A.U. Presidents Cup
(Best annual all - round performance old and young birds).
- 3 x 1st A.U. Breeders Cup
(Most points in North American all futurities 600 birds and over).

The birds are imported from:

- M&G Casaert in 2002 (according to Belgians, the strain in most demand world -wide today). Including a direct daughter of NASDAQ.
- Emiel Denys in 2003 (probably the most successful living fancier from the extreme long distance).
- Noel Peiren in 2004 and 2005 (this loft has provided many foundation birds for Gaby Vandabeele, Roger Florizoone, etc, and won 1st Bourges and 1st Brive Nationals in 1 week in 2004).

Claude speaks Flemish and has visited Belgium **regularly** over the past 44 years. When he left South Africa in 1985 his sale broke all **South African** records.

It is well known that Claude has suffered from **severe** rheumatism for the past 7 years. He has had one knee replaced and another is **scheduled this year**. He reluctantly therefore has to reduce his activities.

Auction Venue:

Schomberg Community Hall
Main Street
Schomberg, Ontario

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2008

Viewing at 11AM.

Auction starts at 1PM.

Light refreshments available.

Auctioneer: Rick Broere
Phone: (905) 355-3931
Detailed brochures available now!

Those who are unable to attend can arrange **confidential bids** with Rick Broere.

2008 C.U. CONVENTION

AUCTION

APRIL 20, 2008
QUALITY INN HOTEL
WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO

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VIEWING AT 11.AM AUCTION STARTS AT 1.PM

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| JEFF OGRODNICK | | |

FOR MORE INFO CALL
DURVAL 519-539-8031 OR CARLOS 519-944-1826

Bio security procedures to follow in the case of an outbreak of Avian Influenza or Newcastle Disease (virulent Paramyxo Virus)

Procedures if one of the above mentioned diseases is found in your area, i.e. within 200 km.

1. Lock down – do not let your birds out.
 - close access to aviaries.
 - *call* all other fanciers to ensure all are aware
 - this is the most important of all the suggestions
2. Eliminate all activities that require getting together, try to avoid contact with other pigeon fanciers and also poultry producers. Use phone for contact when necessary, this will minimize exposure to the virus. Do not bring in new birds or ship out existing birds.
3. Avoid spending time at the coffee shop / restaurant.
4. Make sure your birds are vaccinated for Paramyxo Virus, this helps to keep their immune system in good working order.
5. Avoid areas where waterfowl frequent, such as parks. The instance of AI is higher in wild waterfowl.
6. Watch your birds for any unusual symptoms, ask for help if you are not sure from your local vet, the CU, Dr. Chalmers, if you have access to him or even the CFIA Inspectors that will be in your area. We are all there to help and want to if you ask..
7. Use common sense, if you think it sounds risky, it probably is.

Additional procedures if the outbreak is in you direct vicinity, i.e. 50 km. This is a little extreme but is a simple procedure that will show we are doing all we can to help.

8. Wear clean rubber boots from the house to the coop. have a set of loft shoes in the coop. Have a footbath at the coop door (I use a chlorine pool puck in a pan of water. Be sure children and animals cannot get in it.) Step in the pan on your way in the loft. Change to your loft shoes for any work in the loft. Change back as you leave, again stepping in the footbath. This procedure is to avoid bringing the virus in from exposure to waterfowl such as ducks, geese and seagulls, the prime reservoir for the virus and they can leave you a load of virus just flying over your property.

Remember to change clothes and wash your hands before leaving home.

Finally, you may want to do a lock down for other diseases such as Foot & Mouth. Our birds are not affected but can be physical carriers of the virus. It would show our neighbors that we are concerned for their welfare as well as our own.

Watch for updates and links to Bio-security sites that will come on line in the near future for more detailed programs.

By Tom Cosstick



Apollo Racing Pigeon Association
2008 YOUNG BIRD SALE AND SOCIAL
SATURDAY APRIL 26th, 2008:

As usual, our Young Bird auction will be held at the Masonic Hall in Washington Ontario.

Washington is located 5Km North of Drumbo, 11Km West of Exit #268

off the 401 on Oxford County Rd #8 (old Hwy #97).

Sale of top quality 2008 Young Birds from Apollo members and their friends. Don't miss this

opportunity to get some new stock from well tested background. Maybe a little something to revive your birds tired blood?

Remember, from the best flyers come the best Young Birds. Just ask our competition!

VIEWING STARTS AT 11:00 A.M. ----- SALE STARTS AT 12:00 P.M.

Food and refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For further information please contact

Karl Von Gardony at 519-684-7294 or Alan Fewkes at 519-662-3144.

Young Birds Flying Kits For Sale

Once again this year I will have a number of 2008 Young Birds For Sale this Spring from my entire flying team. These birds will be available in late April of this year.

They are a combination breed from birds that I obtained from Tony Melucci,
Chris Peeman (Oakhaven) and Flandria Lofts (the Famous Ozzie)

They are available in Kits of 5 at \$149 per Kit
Order early as last year's kits were completely sold out
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Zeb Talach

Member of Tillsonburg District Racing Pigeon Club

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WESTERN CANADA CHALLENGE 2008

ONE LOFT – 6 RACE SERIES

INTRODUCTION

Our very successful 6 race series in Oliver, B. C. last year was a big hit so we have decided to repeat this exciting challenge. A new 200 bird loft is being constructed in Keremeos, B. C. to house the participants. The birds will fly a series of 6 races starting with 150 km and ending with 550 km for a total of 2055 km. This race is patterned after the very successful futurity “Tour Des Maritimes” by Andrew Skrobot.

ENTRY FEES AND RULES:

\$150.00 per bird or 3 for \$400.00. \$50.00 perch fee per bird over and above entry fee (non refundable).

Enter as many birds as you like. Send perch fees immediately to reserve your spot. Remaining money must be sent with your birds. Make cheques or money orders payable to: Gordon Plews, 2562 Middlebench Rd., Keremeos, B. C., V0X 1N4. In the event your bird or birds are missing prior to the 1st Race your entry fee will be refunded.

SHIPPING: Birds must be shipped from May 16th – June 6 – no exceptions. Birds should be shipped by Air Canada to Penticton B. C. Birds can be shipped by West jet to Kelowna on only two days to be announced later.

For further information contact Peter Toth at peto@shaw.ca or Gordon Plews at 250-499-2404.

CHECK OUR WEB SITE AT :- [Okanagan Pigeon Racing.com](http://OkanaganPigeonRacing.com) for further information.

TEST YOUR BIRDS AGAINST THE BEST IN WESTERN CANADA. COME AND JOIN US FOR “THE HEAT IN THE DESERT”.



Rouge Valley Flyers 2008 Young Bird Auction

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008

Vandorf Community Centre

14663 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley, Ontario
E. side of Woodbine Avenue, 1.3kms N. of Bloomington Side Road
1km S. of Aurora Sideroad



Viewing at 11:00 – Sale starts at 12:00 Sharp

Please join us for our first young bird auction!

This auction will feature select birds from the Rouge Valley Flyers as well as other top flyers.
For this Young Bird Auction only, instead of our usual 50/50 split with the donators, a portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children!

Refreshments will be available.

Need more information or want to donate a bird? Contact:

John Adams - 416-281-1967

Ken Wall - 416-283-7816

Denis Adams - 905-839-7810

<http://ca.geocities.com/rougevalleyflyers@rogers.com/>

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Saturday Oct. 4/08 Race Point Temagami 300 mile/480km

Advance perch fee \$50.00 - Secures an Entry (ASAP)

Entry fee \$100.00 due with Bird from April 5th to May 3rd.

Prizes 35% pay out to 1st bird, all others birds pay out 25% in clocking order decline elec. clocking.

All birds will be vaccinated for PMV. Breeders will be notified of their progress. First 30 birds will be auctioned 50 -50 breeder handler. Health and training is our first priority. No birds of my own will be entered into this race. Not responsible for lost birds.

Make all cheques payable to – GARY STAVINGA

For information call:

Gary Stavinga @ 905-732-6561

R.R #3 Wainfleet ON L0S

Rolly Breton @ 905-834-3446

monaandrolly@hotmail.com

RACE DAY

BBQ + Refreshments

WIDOWHOOD , HOW I PLAY THE GAME

I was asked to write a short article on how I fly and handle my pigeons. To start with I am no authority in the racing sport and there are those who have far more knowledge and are better flyers than me. This writing is strictly on my

personal experience that works for me.

In the past six years we have topped the Up North Combine 15 times, won 6 combine championships and 8 CRPU awards, which is more than enough to satisfy my ego.

The biggest thrill for me is to see them come home, especially that first one, after that everything else is a bonus. It is such a game of anticipation not just on race day, but also in the breeding coop, when holding a beautiful baby and maybe your next champion.

It allows a grown adult to become a kid again and most of all we are all going to get old one day and what a beautiful sport for those who are retired.

A couple of areas that are often asked about is form and how to set up birds to fly the long end. These two subjects often fall under the radar, when most discussions are centered around feeding, training, medication, family strains, all

important but let's take a

look at what makes a bird special on race day.

To top a combine these days is hard to do and it definitely takes a special bird with a touch of good luck. If you consider that the birds in the best form will end up in the first pack out in front, then the one with the highest motivation to get home will probably fly in the straightest line and trying to pull the others with it. It is logical to assume that birds of equal quality will create a tug of war and compete for the lead.

The short races are all about motivation, such as a first time hen on eggs or young or both and it helps when your birds are well experienced on the course. Once you get out to the distance then all the other factors come into play, with

motivation and super form playing a big part. Here in our combine we have a Mike & Wally loft, their birds have to fly across Lake Simcoe in order to win and by the success they are having you can't tell me they don't know about motivating quality pigeons.

The following is a general overview of what I consider important, followed by a check list on form and motivation.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

BREEDER REQUIREMENTS

Strong constitution
Productivity
Parenthood
Character
Pedigree

MEASURE OFFSPRING

Race performance
Disease free
Homing intelligence
Alertness
Adaptability

PROMOTE IMMUNITY AGAINST DISEASE

Use premium diet to suit four seasons
Use health additives with natural supplements
Balance work and rest, avoid stress
Medicate if required only, record those affected
Use breeding reference for good health

WIDOWHOOD DESIRABLE TRAITS

Cocks- peacefull, calm, restful, loyal.

Hens- loving, sexy, excitable, active, loyal

UNDESIRABLE TRAITS

Wild, high strung, nervous,
flirting, unsettled, an xiety,
disruptive, aggressive,

MOTIVATION SYSTEMS

Widowhood-based on love for each other& nest box ownership(good for total schedule)

Natural-----based on parenthood & responsibility (best for long end)

Driving-----based on jealousy & possession (best for sprint races)

Food-----based on hunger (best for young bird sprinters)

Widowhood y/b-based on sexual maturity (best for winter hatched young)

Natural y/b-----based on sexual maturity (best for winter hatched young)

COMPLIMENTARY BEHAVIOUR FOR MOTIVATION

Loving & loyal hens—will motivate a widower and are usually good racers themselves

Good sitters-----parents competing to sit and over sitting for several days

Nest builders-----have straw available for those who are turned on by this action

Good feeders-----both parents but especially the cocks on big youngsters

Protective mates-----over eggs, young, nest box

Possessive cocks-----over mate, youngsters, and its territory

Hard drivers-----have feed and grit in the nest box for the hen.

WIDOWHOOD FORM-HOW DO I GET IT

Must have loft harmony—(Get rid of trouble makers or try them on natural.)

Warm loft with southern exposure is best (Sun and warmth makes widowers calm,sleepy.

Small loft sections helps (6 to 8 cocks,easier to settle them down to calm environment)

Have a system and balance work with rest -(rest after work builds muscle and reserves)

Rest most important for widowers (form will come if they rest and sleep in the day)

Fly time most important for mated birds or widowhood hens(to hold race condition)

A consistent routine- (to hold form for the whole season)

Re-mate old birds right after race season (for next years bonding)

WIDOWHOOD FORM – WHEN DO I HAVE IT

Small tight droppings with down feathers in the nest box ,is a early sign of good health.

Beautiful shiny feathers and chalk white wattles also a sign of excellent health

Body muscles puff up with clear pink skin, eyes are bright no blinking for extended time, the start of great condition and beginning of form.

Cocks loft fly solely all over coming and going, usually 2nd or 3rd week on widowhood, with birds coming in form.

Character change, cocks become bold, daring, fearless, challenging, you now have or are reaching super form. Not all will reach this level, but when you get one, fly it and you will have a very pleasant race day.

FLYING THE LONG END

To fly the long end is a matter of a bird having the physical properties to go the distance, plus the endurance, plus the motivation, plus being paced for the day, in order to have a chance to win.

Physical properties- meaning in general terms a strong pigeon.

Endurance- meaning having super form and the reserves to fly all day and into the next.

Motivation - meaning to have the mental will to get back to what it loves most.

Paced for the day - meaning you ship a slower paced bird to a tough long one, however if you expect an easy race with a tail wind then send a fast paced bird.
The above is important, as the long end on a tough day can be unforgiving, how often do we send a fast paced champion to a long tough one and be disappointed never to see it again.

Notes—Ship a slow paced bird on a fast day and it will be late.
Ship a fast paced bird on a long end slow and tough one and it will be lost
Ship a fast champion to a long one , only if the conditions allow it to fly fast from A to B and even then it's a risk.

Example—Ask yourself, why do lofts that are systematically at the low end of the results rise to the top on a long slow tough one.
Why do top flying lofts complain that they have lost their champion on such a day.

Exception—Having said all of the above, occasionally you get a bird which is so highly motivated and or in such super form, that physical properties or pacing are not a factor, but on the norm all of the above play a part for a long end champion to win, its up to you to make the right choices.

Tid bit--- Most double widowhood lofts get rid of old hens that mate up with one another but not me, I let them be, as they are excellent candidates for the long end they will be winded from previous races already flown, quickly build reserves and will be highly motivated .Its all about utilizing opportunities as they present themselves and important for the small loft where every bird counts to help the team.

Tom de Munnik

To Whom It May Concern:

The Windsor Invitational Racing Pigeon Club wishes to note that any accusations of cheating or wrongdoing geared towards Wray Shearon during the 2007 old bird racing season were completely without foundation. After thorough investigation by the club, there was no evidence of impropriety whatsoever. The allegations were a complete fabrication caused by poor sportsmanship by a club member. We apologize to Wray Shearon and all individuals involved for any inconvenience this affair may have caused.

Windsor Invitational Racing Pigeon Club

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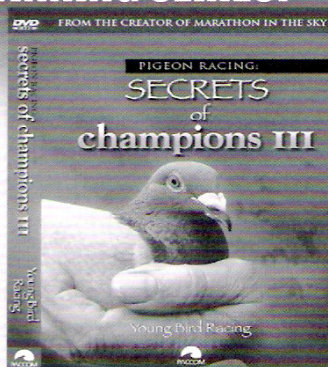
SECRETS OF CHAMPIONS III

Young Bird Racing

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- Why your Y.B. feed mix is THE SECRET TO WINNING?
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- Why will ELECTRONIC TIMING change what happens to you on the race sheet?
- What tragic TRAINING ERROR do many fanciers make with darkened young birds?
- What VITAL STEPS must you take to raise healthy babies in the heart of winter?
- What are the BEST METHODS TO MOTIVATE your young bird team?
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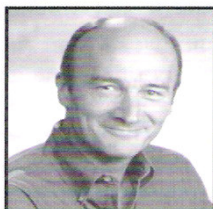
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2008 EMPIRE CLASSIC

Now is the time to reserve your perches in this years EMPIRE CLASSIC. We are taking 1000 birds on a first come, first served bases, don't miss out on entering one of the best "One Loft" races in North America. This is your opportunity to win "BIG MONEY" with your youngsters. If money is tight, form a "syndicate", we have several club syndicates already booked. Send your reservations along with a \$250 deposit per team to: Jim McInnes, 184 Hunt Rd, RR4 Brighton, On K0K 1H0. Please make checks payable to: Jim McInnes. For detailed rules and information see our web site: www.eijerkampamerica.com

GOOD LUCK in 2008

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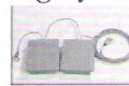


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CALGARY STAMPEDES' DASH FOR CASH

We are now accepting entries for the Stampedes annual race. This race has proven time and again that it promotes our sport of racing pigeons. The entry fee is \$50 per bird with a 2 bird maximum per entrant to allow as many participants as possible. Due to the size of the loft we can only accept 55 birds.

Entries must be received by April 14, 2008. Prize money will be paid to the top 6 birds with first prize being \$1500.

Entry forms, rules and more information can be attained from Mike Tomshak by phone or e-mail at 403-295-8876, air4ce@shaw.ca or Doug Schmaltz at 403-275-0622, d_vschtaltz@shaw.ca

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
 DIRECTORS MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007 – 7:00PM
 C.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, R. Sandham

Conference Call: D. Booth, T. Cosstick, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, O. DeVries

A review of the minutes of the Board of Directors held October 5th, 2007 opened the meeting.

MOTION: R. Hastie seconded by O. DeVries to accept the minutes as printed.

Carried

A review of the minutes of the Board of Directors held October 6th, 2007.

MOTION: R. Hastie seconded by D. Booth to accept the minutes as printed.

Carried

BYLAWS:

A letter was received from the Stanley, Brown lawyers office to inform the C.U. Office that we have a Trust Balance of \$61.90. R. Sandham letter be written to obtain back our \$61.90 that is in trust at the Stanley, Brown Lawyers.

Brampton – Central Peel Bylaw has had no changes to report at this time, City Council needs to look at the proposal Lou Acri (Lawyer) will present that has been worked on and will be favorable to the pigeon flyers in the area.

AWARDS:

Young bird award deadline is fast approaching O. DeVries will calculate all awards and verify Race results used. T. Cosstick will calculate and verify the received points for each award.

RULES:

Family membership's template application was looked at by the Board of Directors for any mistakes or suggestions before being released to membership.

FINANCE:

Monik Collins salary was discussed with all members of the Board of Directors. No changes made. Part Time salary was also discussed.

WEBSITE:

Nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH:

N. Oud still in contact Mr. Bomersbach involved in the avian influenza outbreak in Regina, Saskatchewan. The club is still on a voluntary lockdown until situation is contained.

T. Cosstick has an article that was published in the Canada Poultry Magazine and has permission to reprint it in the upcoming Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

B. Eddie vs. Ottawa Valley Combine to be heard on November 24, 2007 at 1:00pm. Letters will be sent out notifying them of the upcoming hearing.

G Pffnner request to become a dealer for C.U. products in his area and receive wholesale pricing from the C. U. has been denied.

RULES:

Rules committee presents to the Board of Directors some changes to clock rules.

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Race Dead Time

(b) Race dead time will be ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise in each respective area. Birds clocked before midnight are calculated at the downtime and will be recognized as first day birds and birds clocked after midnight are calculated at uptime and will be recognized as second day birds etc.

Speed Calculation

(c) Race speeds will be calculated as meters per minute accurate to three (3) decimal places. See Appendix A for calculation formula.

Positions

(d) All birds clocked on the same second to a loft will receive the same speed and will be given the same position.

Clock Variations

(e) Any clock time variations of four (4) seconds per hour or less shall be calculated proportionally as follows: See Appendix A for calculation formula.

The following section in italics will be part of Appendix A

(1) The formula for correcting the clocking time is a simple math problem based on the following decimal figure: Take the time the clock ran (elapsed seconds) until EACH bird was clocked. (START TIME to CLOCKING TIME).

(2) Then take the TOTAL time the clock ran from START time to STOP time (elapsed seconds). Example: Clock start time at 8:00 P.M., Clock Stop time at 7:30:00 P.M. the following day. The total elapsed time is 84,600 seconds.

(3) Divide the TOTAL time the clock ran (number from (2)) into the time that the first bird was clocked. This will result in a decimal figure. The decimal figure is then multiplied by the clock variation. Example From Chart Below: 69,734 seconds of time occurred when the first bird was clocked, divided by 84,600 seconds the total time the clock ran, resulting in a decimal figure of 0.824113475. Multiply the decimal by the amount the clock was slow or fast. The clock variation in this instance is 44 seconds slow. 44 seconds times 0.824113475 equals 36.261 seconds variation to the first bird clocked. Each succeeding bird clocked would have a slightly different variation based on the elapsed time. The formula is: Clock run time until each bird was clocked in seconds, divided by the total time the clock ran in seconds, then multiplied by the clock variation.

(f) Should a clock vary at a rate of more than four (4) seconds per hour, a fast clock shall be considered correct, a slow clock will have double the lost time added.

Flying Distances

54. GPS (Global Positioning Satellites) units with WAAS capability only, is approved for use to determine loft location. The coordinates must be accurate to a minimum of one decimal point in the seconds of these coordinates.

- (a) Distance calculations for GPS unit coordinates must use the WGS84 formula and the GPS unit is to be set to degrees, minutes and seconds.
- (b) Any club not using GPS, Mark Brown or Bowen measurements are still acceptable providing all club/combine are on the same method of calculation.
- (c) At least two (2) club/combine member must be present when lofts are being measured.
- (d) A loft location must be remeasured if the loft is moved 30 feet or more.
- (e) The measurements must be taken from the midpoint of the loft or lofts of each flyer.

Management Systems.

69. An CU-affiliated organization shall not ban or outlaw racing or loft management/handling systems, such as loft darkening, lighting, widowhood or other such systems. An CU-affiliated organization shall not specify the physical condition of a race bird for entry into competition (such as number of flights moulted), unless they first provide the CU Competition Standards Committee with scientific evidence or proof that the use of such systems is harmful or injurious to birds flown under that system, or unless the organization determines that the bird is sick or exhibits symptoms of an infectious disease.

MOTION: O. Devries second by J. Stevenson to accept the rules - committee report on rule 56(b),(c),(d), and Clock Variations (e) Flying Distance 54 (a),(b),(c),(d),(e), 69 Management Systems as printed.

Unanimous CARRIED

Race Results

56.(a) Race results shall show the full ring particulars of the pigeon in the results of each race. The race result must show the true order of finish of all pigeons clocked in the race.

The result will show the true order of finish of the top 20% of the birds entered in the race. Results of races shall be posted in a prominent position in the Clubroom or at Headquarters of the Organization or on the internet where they can be easily available to all members, or copies shall be posted or emailed to members as per resolution recorded in the Minutes.

MOTION: O. Devries seconded by D.Booth to accept the rules - committee report on rule Race Results 56. (a) As printed.

AMENDMENT- T. Cosstick seconded by R. Sandham to accept rule 56. (a) As

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The result will show the true order of finish of the top 20% of the birds entered in the race, to qualify for CU Awards. Results of races shall be posted in a prominent position in the Clubroom or at Headquarters of the Organization or on the internet where they can be easily available to all members, or copies shall be posted or emailed to members as per resolution recorded in the Minutes.

- Recorded vote T. Cosstick – favor
- R. Sandham – favor
- O. Devries – No
- D.Booth - No
- R. Hastie – Favor
- J. Stevenson – No
- N. Oud – No

Amendment not passed

Original Motion

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CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on drug enhancing performance drugs in the racing pigeon racing world. Are they being used, what are they and should rules be in place to stop this problem?

Board of Directors questioned what other organizations have in place for this situation.

D.Booth was going to look into the list of other organizations.

MOTION : R. Sandham seconded by T. Cosstick The General account of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. in the amount of , 13900.57 from the period of Oct. 6th 2007 to Oct. 24th , 2007 cheque # 3254-3279 inclusive be approved.

Next meeting November 15th 2007 7:00pm

MOTION:R. Hastie seconded by D. Booth meeting to adjourn .

Carried

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
 DIRECTORS MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 2007 – 7:00PM
 C.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

Present: N. Oud, R. Sandham

Conference Call: D. Booth, T. Cosstick, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, O. DeVries

Review of the minutes of the Board of Directors held October 24th, 2007 opened the meeting.

A question arose about conflict of interest on the vote on Race Rule 56. The chair ruled against the interpretation of conflict of interest.

Motion: T. Cosstick seconded by J. Stevenson to accept minutes as printed.

Carried

A question arose on membership voting on select changes made to the race rules at the last meeting. The chair explained the procedure for membership voting on a motion.

BYLAWS:

Nothing to report at this time.

AWARDS:

O. DeVries noticed a few differences in calculating awards by a calculator compared to the way WINBIRD calculates out Award points when submitted electronically. This seemed to make a very slight decimal difference in the groups. The program seems to round differently then when using a calculator.

Young Bird Awards are soon going to be completed for recognition in the 2007 yearbook.

RULES:

R. Hastie went over rules 56 (d & f) for clarification on the fast and slow times of clocks.

PROMOTIONS:

M. Collins will be attending the Woodstock Pigeon show in November both for promoting the sport and selling products.

RACE PROGRAM:

R. Hastie is working with the programmer to make the awards section more informative for figuring out how the points are calculated for the awards. The programmer is making a third window so you can see how the points are being added to get the total showing which birds and races are being used.

WEBSITE:

Nothing to report at this time.

HEALTH:

T. Cosstick says the poultry industry and C.F.I.A. (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) is very fearful of an Avian Flu outbreak. England, Germany, France have all had reports of H5N1 Avian Flu outbreaks, testing being done in the US and Canada all the time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board of Directors decided to leave the rule section out of the 2007 Yearbook. The Board of Directors is working on updating and changing CU rules. An updated rule book will be printed and mailed out early in 2008.

Discussion on the use of performance enhancing products. The CU does not have a policy or guidelines in place at this time. Will look into publishing a position or guideline in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: R. Sandham seconded D. Booth The General account on the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc. in the amount of \$14,611.28 from the period of Oct. 25th 2007 to Nov. 15th, 2007 Cheque # 3280-3297 inclusive be approved.

Carried

Next Meeting Thursday January 10th, 2008- 7:00pm

Motion: R. Hastie seconded by D. Booth meeting to adjourn.

Carried

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