

Southwestern Ontario Association of Racing Pigeon Clubs
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held Sunday November 24, 2024
Polish Hall 554 Hill St. London, Ontario

Call to Order - President Ray Smith the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Moment of Silence - For our members that passed away this year,

Roll Call - Executive - President - Ray Smith
Vice President - Durval Medeiros
Transportation Chairman - Nick Oud
Secretary/Treasurer - Bill Bogue
Race Secretary - Sharon LaBonte-Jacques
Publicity Officer - Chris Osborne
Director - Rene Van Wanrooy
Director - John Favorito
Director - Paul Gauvin (Absent)
Director - Ed Boersma

Lambton - John Szarca

London Invitational - Ed Boersma, Eric Platteeuw, John Favorito, Joe Oberda, Ray Smith, Bill Sowden, Mario Berreto, Rob Smith, Bob Mathieson, Willy Slowakiewicz, Lloyd Flood, Mace Medeiros, Rene Van Wanrooy, Chris Osborne, Ed Dobaczewsky

Tillsonburg - Rodney Morris, Ronson Sandham, Allen Chambers, Peter Priester, Nick Oud, Durval Mederious, Bill Bogue, Fred Weening

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - No conflict of interest declared

Motion to Accept : The Minutes of the last AGM held on November 19, 2023

Motion - Rodney Morris
Second - Eric Platteeuw

Motion Carried

List of Action Items:

A lengthy discussion regarding a deficit of \$2,225.00 which was realized for the 2024 season, despite the fact that more than \$2,000.00 was raised by the young bird auction last April.

Financial Report - The 2024 financial report was presented to the members.

Motion: Durval Mediorious

Second: Ray Smith

That the 2024 financial report for the year ending November 24, 2024 be accepted.

Motion Carried

Annual Membership Fee: 2024 fee was \$100.00

It was agreed that the annual membership fees for 2025 be discussed and set at a later date.

Race Season 2025

The London Invitational Club presented a number of concerns they have pertaining to the 2025 old and young race season. These matters were discussed by the members present.

The matter of a 30 bird limit for both old and young birds which was in effect in 2024 was discussed in length.

Motion: Ray Smith

Second: Ronson Sandham

That there be a permanent 30 bird limit per race for all races, both old and young birds for a total of 60. This 30 bird limit would not be in effect for week 1 and week 2 of young bird races but, the 60 bird total over both races would be if the club does not fly Georgetown.

This motion was put to a vote by ballot which resulted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried

The matter regarding the Grande Mere and short races before long races plus no 2 year schedule, would be pending due to possible changes happening in 2025.

Joe Oakley advised London Invitational, that he is interested in taking 2 Smith Falls young bird races. Split 50-50. A discussion ensued regarding unfavourable dealings with Joe in the past.

Motion: John Favorito

Second: Mario Baretto

That we go with the ECC and Joe Oakley to two Smiths Falls young bird races. Split 50-50.

A vote by show of hands accepted the motion.

Motion Carried

The possibility of needing to put together a tender for a new driver was discussed.

Motion: John Favorito

Second: Mario Baretto

That a tender for a driver be sent out.

Motion carried

Flying Fees

The cost of the 2025 flying fees and race schedules to be reviewed and decided at the Delegates Meeting to be held approximately 60 days from today.

SWOA Website

An e-mail has been received from Scott Kennedy who has been providing us with our website, stating he will no longer be able to provide this service.

Nick Oud advised that he can provide our Association with a new website. It was agreed to accept Nick's offer of this service.

SWOA Membership

The members were advised that the Oxford Racing Pigeon Club has requested to join the SWOA.

Motion: Nick Oud

Second: Durva Mederios

That the Oxford Racing Pigeon Club be accepted as a member of the SWOA.

Motion carried

Discussion regarding the possible opportunity to ship some of our longer races with the North Road Pigeon Racing Association which may further increase our income.

Motion: Nick Oud

Second: Rene Van Wan Rooy

That the SWOA discuss flying with the NRRPA to some of our longer races in 2025.

Motion Carried

Honorariums for 2025

Honorariums for 2024. Secretary/Treasurer - \$ 1,200.00
Transportation Chairman - 500.00
Race Secretary - 800.00 \$2,500.00

Nick Oud advised that he would do the job of Race Secretary for no charge.

Motion: Rodney Morris
Second: Allen Chambers

That the honorarium for the Race Secretary position be removed.

Motion carried

Election of Officers for 2025

President - Nominated Members -Durval Mederios, Stand, Ronson Sandham, declined, Ray Smith, declined, John Favorito, declined.

Durval Mederios was acclaimed as President for 2025

Vice - President - Nominated Members - Ray Smith,

Ray Smith was acclaimed as Vice President for 2025

Secretary/Treasurer - Nominated Members - Bill Bogue

Bill Bogue was acclaimed as Secretary/Treasurer - assisted by Durval for 2025

Transportation Chairman - Nominated Members - Nick Oud

Nick Oud was acclaimed as Transportation Chairman - assisted by Roland Paret for 2025

Race Secretary - Nick Oud

Nick Oud agreed to act as Race Secretary for 2025

Publicity Officer - Nominated Members - Chris Osborne

Chris Osborne acclaimed as Publicity Officer for 2025

Directors - Nominated Members - Rodney Morris, Ronson Sandham, Fred Weening, Ed Boersma All acclaimed as Directors for 2025.

Adjournment -Motion to Adjourn at 3:40 pm

Moved by Rodney Morris Seconded by Allen Chambers

Motion carried

