

**Southwestern Ontario Association of Racing Pigeon Clubs**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held Sunday November 19, 2023**  
**Polish Hall 554 Hill St. London, Ontario**

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**Call to Order** - President Ray Smith the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

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

**Lambton** - Rick Veens, John Szarca

**London Invitational** - Ed Boersma, Sal Circelli, John Favorito, Joe Winser, Joe Oberda  
Bill Sowden, Mario Berreto, Rob Smith, Bob Mathieson, Willy Slowakiewicz, Lloyd Flood,  
Mace Medeiros

**Tillsonburg** - Rodney Morris, Paul Gauvin

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - No conflict of interest declared

**Motion to Accept** : The Minutes of the last AGM held on January 15, 2023.

**Motion** - Joe Winser

**Second** - Rodney Morris

**Motion Carried**

**List of Action Items:**

**Annual Membership Fee:**

**Motion:** Joe Winser

**Second:** Chris Osborne

That the annual membership fee be set at \$100.00 for 2024.

**Motion Carried**

## **Race Season for 2024**

**Motion:** Chris Osborne

**Second:** Rick Veens

That a 30 bird limit to each race station in 2024 be set on all young bird races with the exception of the first two weeks which will remain at the present 60 bird limit

An open discussion was then put to the floor. It was decided to put this matter to a vote by ballot for either **yes** or **no** to have a 30 bird limit for the 2024 young bird and old bird race season. The first two weeks of the young race season to remain at the present 60 bird limit..

The vote for **yes** was declared. Ballots were then destroyed.

**Motion Carried** as amended

**Delegates Meeting** - A Delegates Meeting to be held Sunday January 14, 2024. The place and time to be announced later.

Items to be discussed. How many young and old bird races. Also, do we want a Band Race in 2024?

Nick Oud advised the members of a National Award system that now makes it easier to be eligible to enter your birds. See Nick for details.

## **Association Rules**

The matter of Rules and Regulations of the CU, SWOA and all Clubs should be adhered to. Durval Medeiros suggests that copies of these rules be made available to all members on or before the first 2024 old bird races.

**Financial Report** - copies emailed prior to the meeting

Discussion regarding year end balance and typo on birds shipped by Windsor, which would not have any change to the final financial balance.

**Motion** - John Favorito

**Second** -Nick Oud

Accept the financial report as amended for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2023 as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Honorariums - Total for - 2023 - \$2,300**

**Motion -** Rene Van Wanrooy

**Second -** Pete Priester

That the honorarium for the Secretary/Treasurer position be increased to \$ 1,200.00.

**Motion - Carried**

**Election of Officers for 2024**

**President - Nominated Members:** Ray Smith agreed to stand

Ray Smith was acclaimed as President for 2024

**Vice President - Nominated Members:** Rene Van Wanrooy, Durval Medeiros

Renee declined, Durval agreed to stand

Durval Medeiros was acclaimed as Vice President for 2024

**Secretary/Treasurer - Nominated Members:** Bill Bogue

Bill Bogue was acclaimed as Secretary/Treasurer for 2024

**Transportation Chairman - Nominated Members:** Nick Oud

Nick Oud was acclaimed as Transportation Chairman for 2024

**Race Secretary - Nominated Members:** Sharon LaBonte-Jacques

Sharon LaBonte-Jacques was acclaimed as Race Secretary for 2024

**Publicity Officer - Nominated Members:** Chris Osborne

Chris Osborne was acclaimed as Publicity Officer for 2024

**Directors- Nominated Members:** Lloyd Flood, Declined, Ed Boersma, Rene Van Wanrooy, John Favorito, Paul Gauvin for 2024

Ed Boersma, Rene Van Wanrooy, John Favorito, Paul Gauvin were acclaimed to this position.

**Adjournment Motion to Adjourn at 2:23 pm**

**Moved By** Rodney Morris **Seconded By** Paul Gauvin

**Motion Carried**

