Snake River Valley Racing Pigeon Club

Winter Meeting 1-19-2023 6:00pm

Bruce Nykamp’s Shop

Attendees: Guests:

Bruce Nykamp Rich Dingman Rebecca Wall

Gary Holyoak Cindy Dingman

Travis Wall Holland Dredge

Maegan Wall Clay Piazza

Welcome- by President Bruce Nykamp.

Cindy Dingman read the minutes from the 2022 January meeting.

Fiscal Report- by Treasurer Cindy Dingman

Bank balance is currently $1335.45- $476.25 has been collected during January. With outstanding charges to be collected of $215.81, and current credits held by members of $911.20 the real balance for the club is $1116.31. Club dues remain at $25 for members and $12.50 for Junior members.

Old Business- Gary Holyoak thanked Rich and Cindy Dingman for sending him pictures for the Club Facebook pages. Gary is requesting from all members, stories and pictures about raising and racing pigeons to add to the Facebook pages

New Business- 2023 bands were distributed to members including individual charges for the bands, AU and Club dues. In each package there were diplomas for the 2022 Young Bird Season for those who like to receive them. Bands remain 75 cents each. There are 100 2023 bands remaining for sale. There will be 600 bands ordered for 2024. There is a savings of 20 cents per band between ordering 500 (75 cents each) vs. 600 bands (55 cents each).

It was agreed last year’s Young Bird fund raiser was a success. There have been some changes to be enacted such as the three awards for winners will be for lofts vs. birds. 1st place loft will be 50%, 2nd place loft 30%, third place loft 20% of half the money raised. The other half will go to the club. This year, only club members will be investing $10 per bird, no minimum and no maximum for this race in the Young Bird Season. Specific birds must be nominated at the first week of the season.

2023 Old Bird Schedule- Two options for the 2023 Old Bird schedule were presented. A North/South course involves flying 3 out of 10 weeks with a Utah Federation driving. The club would be allocated up to 6 crates which will have a 30 bird limit. The club will meet their trailer on the race route at Osgood and Route 15. The second option is a South course where our club would do the driving. The difference in cost between Option 1 North/South course is @$450 vs. Option 2 South course @$770. After a detailed discussion of the pluses and minuses, a vote was held. Votes for the North/South course was 4 out of 5, the 5th voter abstained.

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The club will negotiate with the Utah Federation for some possible separate releases, using our crates. On the May 20th Salt Lake City Western Open Race the club will try to facilitate an open Yearling Only race from Kanosh.

Holland Dredge will have crates at his home unwrapped from winter covering on April 1st. It is every member’s responsibility to get to Holland’s and their crates cleaned and ready for the first race on April 15th. Holland also discussed the K factor ratings affecting the weather. If the K factor reading for race day is 4 or higher, the Race Committee would evaluate and reschedule the race. Gary Holyoak will monitor the K factor. Drivers for races will be determined at a later date.

Election of Officers- Cindy Dingman nominated Gary Holyoak for president. Second by Holland Dredge. Vote- unanimous. Cindy Dingman was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Vote-unanimous. Bruce Nykamp was nominated for Race Committee Chairman. Vote-unanimous. Race Committee members – The President is a member plus the chairman and one other member. Maegan Wall nominated Travis Wall for the remaining member. Vote-unanimous.

Newly elected officers are as follows-

President- Gary Holyoak

Secretary/Treasurer- Cindy Dingman

Race Committee Chairman- Bruce Nykamp

Race Committee Members- Bruce Nykamp, Gary Holyoak, and Travis Wall

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Cindy Dingman