Snake River Valley Racing Pigeon Club

Winter Annual Meeting 1-13-2024 9:00am

Bruce Nykamp’s Shop

Attendees: Guests:

Bruce Nykamp Gary Holyoak Nickolas Rindlisbaker

Cindy Dingman Holland Dredge Luke Richardson

Ethan Clark Travis Wall

Clay Piazza

Welcome- President Gary Holyoak

Many thanks to Bruce for the excellent refreshments!

Introduction of our two guests who are prospective Junior members to all current members.

Cindy Dingman read the minutes from the 2023 Annual meeting. A vote was held to accept the minutes.

Fiscal report was submitted to President Gary Holyoak.

Bank balance as of 12/31/2023 $1822.20

Charges to be collected 0.00

Current member credits -1326.30

Real balance $495.90

2024 invoices were distributed

$75 has been collected since January 1, 2024

Bank balance today $1897.20

Amount owed for new year -dues, bands $262.19

Remaining credit -797.80

Possible balance once new charges $1361.59

Are collected

Status update by President Gary Holyoak-

The Pocatello members have been sent a note asking for their participation in paying past and current dues. We have asked for a response by 3-1-2024. Holland has volunteered to follow up with them.

The Race Committee had a meeting in December with the following results:

* There will be a 50 cent per mile payout to drivers this season
* If the price per gallon goes above $4 this will be revisited
* Silent vote was held on A race shipping limits-
* New limits- A races 15 birds all stations
* B races -open
* C races races were added each week

By laws need to be reviewed. Holland updated a few on the spot including the requirement for only two flyers to be present for shipping.

The Salt Lake Combine has offered to transport our birds for a $700 fee for a 200, 300 and 400 mile stations. There would be a 30 bird limit and they would be B races.

They may be interested in flying a 200 and 300 mile race south with us.

There are many challenges associated with this race course, cost, crate sizes and results publishing.

A decision was made to vote on the flying direction for this season to address this proposal:

Vote- South course 5, North/South course 2 We will be flying south

We will respectfully decline their offer for North but may consider taking their birds south. To be continued.

After voting to fly south there are two options to consider, Option 2 starts AU races on April 13th a week later than Option 1. Option 2 also steps the flying distances a bit different. Vote-South Option 2 Yes 6, No1

A Club/training race will be added on April 6th weather permitting

The three long races will have a Three Bird Derby. There will be a $10 fee for each bird entered each week. ½ of the money collected goes to the Club, other ½ goes to the loft winner of the best average speed for all three races.

Vote to include the Three Bird Derby to Overall Average Speed-Yes 3 No4

Fundraising- Gary suggested we have another Auction at our Summer/Picnic Meeting Vote- unanimous

Holland suggested we continue to have the money races during Young Bird Season.

Holland will also explore an option to have an Auction/Pigeon Show some time in the year for a larger gain in fundraising.

Elmer Suggestions- Gary suggested each seasoned flyer give their best advice to the 2 new junior flyers.

New Business- The two new Junior Flyers will need clocks for racing if they decide to participate. Gary proposed the Club purchase a Benzing M1 clock which would accommodate up to 4 flyers for he and his 2 sons. He in turn would donate his 2 Topigeon clocks for the Junior members. Gary also volunteered to sponsor 25% of any fees for them as well. Everyone agreed to start looking for a reasonably priced M1 for the club to purchase.

Election of Officers-

Holland asked if someone is nominated for an office to let us know if they really want to have the office.

President- Holland nominated Gary, 2nd Cindy vote-unanimous

Secretary/Treasurer- Gary nominated Cindy, 2nd Holland vote-unanimous

Race Committee Chair- Clay nominated Holland, 2nd Bruce vote-unanimous

Race Committee members- Cindy nominated Travis, 2nd Clay vote-unanimous, President Gary Holyoak is a required member.

Crate Boss- this is a new position to monitor and direct the placing of race birds in the correct crates and races on shipping night. Holland nominated Rich, 2nd Bruce Vote- unanimous

Social Media- Gary Holyoak volunteered for this position and maintains our Facebook page. Thank you to all members who have contributed.

All nominations were unanimous and all nominees accepted the positions.

Adjourned at 10:45am

Submitted by Cindy Dingman Secretary/Treasurer