

CANADIAN INDIAN FANTAIL CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2013 HELD @ BELLEVILLE

1. CLUB OFFICERS; The club officers for 2014 are as follows;
 - a. President; Joe Bell
 - b. Bulletin editor; Mike Vito
 - c. Band secretary; Angelo Biffi.
 - d. Show secretary; Mike Vito.
 - e. Secretary/Treasurer; Floriano Lindo
2. SHOWS;
 - a. The first show of 2014 will be the Winter show that will be held Sunday, January 5 to be held at the Belleville Fairgrounds. By the time you receive this it will be history. Rob Burn is the driving force behind this show and he is hoping to make it an annual event at this time of the year. If he can make it work we will certainly support it again in 2015.
 - b. The CPFA National show was held in Sarnia recently as well and the show report is in this bulletin.
 - c. There was discussion of having a lawn show this year, as we had for many years from the time the club was formed. Milt Marshall has offered to hold the show at his house. The date discussed was Sunday, Sept 21. This will be confirmed later in the year. This show is traditionally a fun show / BBQ / social meeting. The birds generally are in lousy shape but it is a fun day and we get a chance to see what everybody has been up during the breeding season.
 - d. There is interest in having additional shows as well. Possibilities include the Royal Winter Fair, Perth, Montreal and Sarnia again. Details will follow in future bulletins. It is imperative that the club focus on expanding it's horizons to other areas of the country so we are going to try different show locations to see if we are able to support the new shows.
 - e. Show classes; existing are Solid, White, Bar / Check, Pattern, AOC. The will stay the same for 2014.
 - f. The club agreed the entry fees for major shows, where we have to pay for cages used, will be in the neighbourhood of \$4 / bird. The entry fee for minor shows will be roughly \$2 / bird. Junior entries will be no charge for the coming year.
 - g. We are going to try to hold a club auction at each club show if there are sufficient birds for sale. The club would charge a 10% fee on the selling price of the birds to help augment club funds. This should be a win – win situation as if it becomes a fixture in club shows then there will be more anticipation for picking up birds and they will sell for more \$.
 - h. The club is going to institute a cash award for the show champion in upcoming shows. The amount will be discussed prior to the show and will reflect club fund status and the type of show. A range of \$25 - \$50 is probably where it will end up for most shows. The only catch is that the winning bird must be bred by the exhibitor and must be banded with a club band. We are hoping to encourage all members to use club bands, obviously.
 - i. The club is going to continue with the brass tags for class winners and all finals winners. There is going to be an attempt to have a wall plaque presented at each show with a picture of the days show champ pictured, the same day it is crowned! Technology is great!

- j. Club president Joe presented an idea that he has used in other clubs before to voluntarily solicit funds from the exhibitors at shows and then split the funds between the winning birds. If this moves forward it will be sorted out in more detail and presented in the bulletin in the future.
3. Feather Fancier, IFCA and CPFA contact; The FF, IFCA and CPFA contact will be the secretary/treasurer, Floriano Lindo. Floriano will forward new member information to the president and is putting together a new member package so that it can get sent out to the new members. Floriano is also investigating the possibility of resurrecting the CIFIC website that was originally put together years ago by Robert Raymond.
4. Club membership was formally increased to \$20 / year for senior members and families and is \$5 / year for junior members.
5. Floriano Lindo now has the new club bank account opened. Funds were transferred from the old account. Floriano is going to try to have an up to date account of club funds ready for the next bulletin. He tells me that at present all club bills are paid. There is a bill of about \$200 due to be paid for having John Heppner judge the Sarnia show. There is roughly \$700 left after that in the club account.
6. There was discussion of an affiliation in some form with the Indian Fantail Club of America. It had generally broad support at the meeting. Most of our members see nothing but positive help from that kind of thinking. Since that meeting I have talked to Doc Larson in Virginia. While talking he mentioned that they were talking recently at one of the American shows about precisely the same thing! I have since talked to a couple of other American breeders and the issue has come up and they seem all too willing to make it work as well. Stay tuned.....

We had a new member join the club in Belleville. Dan Rose is his name and many of our members already know him from his show rollers. Dan is a knowledgeable breeder and I am sure will be an active and positive member of the club. Welcome Dan.

AT the Belleville Show junior member Emmilynn Crawford entered her first birds. Wow, what an energetic young member! She was in full charge of her birds and made sure they got to the judging cages for each class. The look on her face while her birds were there was priceless. She is sure to make an impact on future shows as well. Congratulations Emmi and welcome (Mom, Dad and brother and sister as well). Welcome to the entire Crawford family.

Chris Battle is another new member that showed his first birds in Belleville. I have known Chris for a while now. He is just getting back into pigeons and is absolutely hooked! Chris is very energetic and is a great person to be around. We are hoping to get Chris lots of good birds and look forward to having him participate in the club in every way. Welcome Chris!

NOTE; This is the original report as it proceeded at Belleville. If you have read the rest of the bulletin you will realize that many things have changed since this meeting was held.

Mike