

NBRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Members of the Executive Committee include the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Regional Directors, Director-at-Large, Publishing Editor, and National Fly Director, and are the governing body of the organization as specified by the National Birmingham Roller Club Constitution and Bylaws, Article V, Section 5.

NBRC Item 2007-16

Subject: NBRC 001, Paragraph 001.13

The issue pertains to any member judging competition within his or her region of residency who also chooses to enter and win in the competition. There were no bylaws or policies addressing this situation.

After a period of discussion, the following three proposals were submitted for vote, with the one receiving the majority to be added to the NBRC Policies and Procedures (NBRC 001, Paragraph 001.13). EC members were requested to vote for the proposal of choice.

Proposal #1

Regions may use one of the following methods to judge their Region competition:

- a. One (1) judge for both the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats.
- b. Different judges for the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats.
- c. A "Judging Panel" consisting of at least 3 members.

Judges may enter and are encouraged to support their Regional Fly, however, they shall not participate in any competition they judge. Any judge entering a competition they are judging shall be credited with a DNF.

Proposal #2

It is each Region's discretion to choose a judge, and if that judge should be from within their own region, it is the region's discretion on whether the judge can fly and judge his own kit, or whether the judge's kit should be judged by an alternate judge or method agreed upon by that region.

Proposal #3

Regions may use one of the following methods to judge their Regional competition:

- a. One (1) judge for both the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats.
- b. Different judges for the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats
- c. A "Judging Panel" chosen by the Region.

A judge may enter a Regional fly but cannot compete in the fly format he is judging, unless he is a member of a "Judging Panel". He shall be credited with a DNF for the fly he is judging, unless a "Judging Panel" is used.

Vote Result: The committee accepted Proposal #3, with further revision in wording to be discussed as a new item. The official vote count was Proposal #1 – 0 Votes, Proposal #2 – 1 Vote, and Proposal #3 – 11 Votes. Six members abstained from voting.

Acceptance Date: November 30, 2007

NBRC Item 2007-17

Subject: NBRC 001, Paragraph 001.13

The following proposal was submitted for consideration to replace the newly adopted policy regarding a judge's allowance to score his own birds in official Fall Fly competition.

Present Policy:

Regions may use one of the following methods to judge their Regional competition:

- a. One (1) judge for both the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats.
- b. Different judges for the 11 Bird and 20 Bird formats.
- c. A "Judging Panel" chosen by the Region.

A judge may enter a Regional fly but cannot compete in the fly format he is judging, unless he is a member of a "Judging Panel". He shall be credited with a DNF for the fly he is judging, unless a "Judging Panel" is used.

Proposed Policy:

No judge shall judge his own kit in any NBRC Fall Fly competition. In the event that a judge is judging his own region, he may enter a kit in the specific 20-bird or 11-bird competition format(s) he is judging. However, rather than judging his own kit, the judge's kit will be awarded a DNF, meaning 'Did Not Fly'. Alternately, a panel of two or more judges may be appointed solely to judge the kit of the appointed judge, or a panel of three or more judges may be appointed to judge a region, with each of the panel judges excusing himself from judging his own kit. Questions concerning judging proposals may be presented to the Fly Director who will consult with the NBRC Executive Committee for interpretation or approval where needed.

Vote Result: The item passed the committee by a 21-0 vote.

Acceptance Date: December 6, 2007

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES OF THE NATIONAL BIRMINGHAM ROLLER CLUB

Policy Title: NBRC Fall Fly

Policy Number: NBRC 001

Effective Date: April 11, 2007

Last Revision Date: December 6, 2007

Introduction

The NBRC shall sponsor an annual flying competition to be held in the fall of the year. This competition shall be called the NBRC Fall Fly. The fly will be open to all NBRC members in good standing who reside in the Continental U.S.A. and on approval of the National Fly Director for those States outside the Continental U.S.A. The fly will feature both a 20-bird and 11-bird format to be held concurrently. After a Regional competition there will be a fly off to determine the winners in each contest.

001.01 Fly rules will be promulgated by the Executive Committee and published in the NBRC Bulletin prior to the fly and published on a continuous basis on the NBRC website. Any changes to the fly rules proposed by the Executive Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the previous NBRC Fall Fly participants.

001.02 Any rules or procedures for managing the NBRC Fall Fly which are not directly related to the flying and judging of the kits being flown, will be classified as part of the NBRC Fall Fly Policy. Additions and changes to the NBRC Fall Fly Policy shall take effect upon approval by majority vote of the NBRC Executive Committee. The NBRC Fall Fly Policy shall be published annually prior to the NBRC Fall Fly in the NBRC Bulletin and shall be published on a continuous basis on the NBRC website.

001.03 All NBRC National or Regional sponsored flies must be judged by the most experienced Judge available.

001.04 A flyer may enter a maximum of two kits. Any two kits flown in the same competition, either the 11-bird or the 20-bird competition, must be composed of completely different birds. Flying any of the same birds in two kits that are flown in the same 11-bird or 20-bird venue will result in the flyer being disqualified. However, the same birds may be flown in two different kits that are entered and flown, one in each of the 11-bird and 20-bird competitions without disqualification. In his discretion, the judge may confirm the composition of the kits by any means he deems appropriate under the circumstances. Judges are cautioned to avoid handling the pigeons entered in competition prior to their being liberated.

001.05 The National Fly Director shall, on behalf of the NBRC and within ninety (90) days of the completion of the competition, award a suitable plaque or trophy to the following:

- a) The Fall Fly winners in each of the 20-bird kit and 11-bird kit competitions.
- b) The Regional Qualifier(s) in each of the 20-bird kit and 11-bird kit competitions.
- c) The Fall Fly Finals Judge.
- d) Various and sundry achievements by flyers that are deserving of a special recognition award, as determined by the National Fly Director and approved by the NBRC President.

001.06 Each flyer shall receive one fly pin for every kit entered.

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001.07 Flyers who cross over regional boundaries to fly in another adjacent region, must first notify, in writing, the Regional Directors of both regions in order to prevent the possibility of duplication. In so doing, members who choose to fly in another region, other than the region in which they reside, may only vote for Regional Director in their home region.

001.08 The NBRC President and the NBRC National Fly Director will each contact the winners of the NBRC Fall Fly Finals, in both the 11-bird kit and the 20-bird kit competitions, by telephone in order to notify and congratulate them within 48 hours of the completion.

001.09 The Finals Judge for the NBRC National Championship shall compose a written fly report of the Finals Competitions, to be submitted to the National Fly Director within 30 days of the close of the competitions, for publication in the NBRC Bulletin and Websites.

001.10 The National Fly Director, within 30 days of the end of the competition, will conduct an interview of the winners of each of the 11-bird kit and 20-bird kit competitions to be submitted to the NBRC Publishing Editor and the NBRC Webmaster for publication in the NBRC Bulletin and posting on the NBRC website. It is suggested that the interview should provide such information as the number of years of experience of the flyer, the family of birds flown, the sex and age of the birds that comprise the winning kits, feeding regimens, etc. as the winners are willing and able to provide.

001.11 The NBRC shall, through its National Fly Director, invite the Fall Fly winners for the 11-bird kit and the 20-bird kit competitions and the Finals Judge to the next NBRC Convention for the purpose of acknowledging their accomplishment in the presence of their colleagues in the sport. If this invitation is accepted, the NBRC will pay the expenses incurred for transportation to and from the Convention site and lodging at the designated hotel. These expenses are limited to, (3) nights at the Convention-specific hotel and Airfare to and from the Convention and the nearest Regional airport servicing their residence. If the recipient chooses not to attend the convention, the housing and travel expenses will not be paid to the recipient. If the recipient chooses to attend the convention, but travel or utilize housing of his/her own choosing, the NBRC will provide financial payment equivalent to the proposed airfare and or housing to the recipient. The NBRC shall not be responsible for any other cost associated with this invitation.

001.12 The Regional Director is responsible for reporting the scores for the Regional competitions to the National Fly Director within one week of the close of the competition. The report should include the following:

- a) The judge's name
- b) The names of the flyers
- c) The total score, depth and quality multipliers
- d) The name(s) of the qualifier(s).

The judge is responsible for notifying each Regional Director of the scores for the Regional competitions within 72 hours of the completion. The Finals judge should report scores directly to the National Fly Director on a daily basis and provide a final report at the end of the competition. The National Fly Director is responsible for submitting all reports to the NBRC webmaster, the NBRC Publishing Editor, and to the person responsible for recording Master flyer points within 48 hours after completion of the competition.

001.13 No judge shall judge his own kit in any NBRC Fall Fly competition. In the event that a judge is judging his own region, he may enter a kit in the specific 20-bird or 11-bird competition format(s) he is judging. However, rather than judging his own kit, the judge's kit will be awarded a DNF, meaning 'Did Not Fly'. Alternately, a panel of two or more judges may be appointed solely to judge the kit of the appointed judge, or a panel of three or more judges may be appointed to judge a region, with each of the panel judges excusing himself from judging his own kit. Questions concerning judging proposals may be presented to the Fly Director who will consult with the NBRC Executive Committee for interpretation or approval where needed.

NBRC Item 2007-18
Subject: 2008 NBRC National Convention

A formal request was submitted by members of the Texas Performing Roller Association residing in the Dallas/Fort Worth area of Texas to host the 2008 NBRC Convention. The dates of Convention activity would be October 23rd through October 25th.

There was no opposition during the discussion period of the host site, although some EC members asked if the date could be changed due to its conflict with the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, KY. The Texas flyers graciously agreed to move the event a week ahead, with the convention then set to be held from October 16-18, 2008, allowing others the opportunity to attend both events if desired.

Vote Result: The item passed the committee by a 21-0 vote.

Acceptance Date: December 20, 2007

NBRC Item 2008-01
Subject: Revised Proposal (Posting of EC Minutes)

A revised version of failed proposal NBRC Item 2007-13 (Posting of EC Minutes) was re-submitted by Gregg Sale and Troy Copeland. The proposed measure still involved using the NBRC website to post matters under EC consideration for the general membership to openly monitor, as well as posting each committee member's personal voting record.

Committee members continued to be unreceptive to the idea of posting EC business affairs on the NBRC website. The drawback of allowing the full membership access is that it cannot be restricted to NBRC members, meaning that the general public could interfere with the process. While it was realized that those behind this proposal (and other like-minded individuals) have well intentions, there was overriding concern expressed that the Club and its officers may be at risk from outside influences, such as special interest groups, animal rights activists, etc.

Interested members desiring awareness of current issues under EC discussion are advised to contact their Regional Director and request that his opinion be considered.

The club will continue the practice of publishing in each bulletin any changes that have been voted on in the Executive Committee.

Vote Result: The committee rejected the item as written by a 14-4 vote.

Rejection Date: January 25, 2008

KENTUCKIANA ROLLER CLUB

"Promoting the Birmingham Roller Pigeon in the Greater Louisville and Surrounding Area"

By Larry Phillips of LaGrange, Kentucky

The Kentuckiana Roller Club was established in April 2007 and its members are looking forward to a great year in 2008. The KRC holds meetings every third Saturday of the month and Good Fellowship is a club priority. If your business or vacation travels find you in the vicinity of Louisville, please look us up!

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