

CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS

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All previous versions are void.

ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP

1. The dues are due and payable by April 1st of each year. Any club not forwarding member dues by April 1st shall not be eligible for any benefits from the Corporation, until the dues are received by the Secretary-Treasurer. New members' dues shall be collected and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer in the first month of membership.
2. The current dues are \$14 per senior member and \$2 per junior member. (Amended 11-7-2008)
3. Collection of dues shall be by club and forwarded to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer.
4. A junior member is any person who is under 18 years of age at the start of the calendar year.
5. All members become eligible for CSRPO benefits upon acceptance of their CSRPO dues by the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer.
6. The Board of Directors may grant membership to a person living in an area of California that does not have a racing pigeon club to serve them, and also may grant membership to a person living in California who does not belong to a recognized racing pigeon club but has demonstrated support for pigeon racing. Application for such memberships shall be in writing, forwarded to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer, and accepted only upon majority approval by the Board via the email board action process. (amended 02-09-2014) The dues will be paid directly to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer.

A former member who resides out of state may request Associate membership. The Associate member shall pay their dues directly to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer. These Associate members are not eligible to vote or participate in the Annual CSRPO Show or Race. (amended 11-07-2008)

7. The membership of the Corporation shall be divided into three (3) administrative units called "Sections". The Sections will be known as South, Central and North. The Southern Section includes the Tehachapi Mountain Range and all the area south of that range. The Central Section includes all that area north of the Tehachapi range and South of Hwy 17 to 680 to 580 to 5, and including all of Stockton and then South of Hwy 88 to the Nevada State line. This section will include all of the authorized areas of Nevada (currently 20 miles affiliated with the Lake Tahoe Club). The Northern Section is all that area north of the Central line. Each of these sections will have a Vice President serving its needs and

overseeing the Corporation's business while reporting to the President.

8. **FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS.** Any person whose membership has been terminated in any manner whatsoever shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property, real or personal, belonging to the Corporation and all other rights pertaining to membership.
9. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Directors may grant honorary lifetime membership to any resident of the State of California who has been a member of CSRPO or the CSRPO Ladies' Auxiliary and who has demonstrated extraordinary contribution to the sport. Annual dues shall be waived for all honorary members, and they shall be entitled to all privileges of regular members. (Added 11-11-05)

ARTICLE 2 MEETINGS

1. The Board of Directors shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the delegates at the previous Annual Meeting. The meeting shall convene at an hour selected by the President. Notice of the time and place shall be given to all members by mailing notice at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. Mailings will be to the members' address shown in the Corporation's records.
2. The **Order of Business** for the Annual Meeting is:

Meeting called to order
Seating of delegates and quorum call to certify meeting
Reading or confirmation of published minutes of previous meeting
President's annual report
Vice Presidents' annual reports
Secretary-Treasurer's annual report
Nominations Committee's report
Auditor's annual report
Finance Committee report
Publicity Director's annual report
Ballot Committee report
Hall of Fame Committee report
Walt Disney Award Committee
Waterhouse Achievement Award
Rules Committee report
Judges' Committee report
All other committee reports
Unfinished business
Installation of incoming officers
Incoming President's remarks
Committee appointments by President (not required)
New business
For the benefit of the Sport
Adjournment

3. The organization meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which the new board members and officers were elected and seated.
4. The Board of Directors shall conduct regular meetings as required to conduct the business of the Corporation. All Board meetings, except the Annual Meeting, are closed. Board members can ask for outside participation on a specific subject, but the outside parties will leave after their subject presentation is complete.

No one but a Board member can make a motion at a Board Meeting.
Any Board Meeting date, except the Annual Meeting, can be changed at any time, by resolution of the Board, and does not require notice to anyone other than the Board. Any meeting shall be valid wherever held, if held with the written consent of all members of the Board of Directors given either before or after the meeting and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

5. A special meeting will be held in the section from which the next President should come. The meeting will be held three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be presided over by the appropriate section Vice President, and all nominations will be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer for ballot preparation.
6. Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose, or purposes, may be called at any time by the President, or if he is absent or unable or refuses to act, by any Vice President or by any three (3) Directors. Written notice of the time and place for special meetings shall be delivered personally to all Directors, or to each Director by letter, charges prepaid, addressed to the Director at the address shown on the records of the Corporation. In the case of mailing, the notice shall be deposited in the United States Mail at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such mailing shall constitute due, legal personal notice of the meeting.
7. A special convention status meeting shall be held thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention in the area of the convention. Members of the Board of Directors constituting a quorum and including those residing in the convention area shall meet at the most convenient place for the purpose of, or resuming of, reviewing the progress and status of the annual convention and convention book.
8. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and a copy of this book will be on hand and available to all directors at each meeting.
9. The President shall be ex-officio chairman of all meetings of the Corporation and, in his absence, the next ranking officer will serve as chairman.
10. At the Annual Meeting, or any other meeting of the Corporation, the President shall poll the delegates or directors to determine that a quorum is present. A quorum consists of the delegates present at the Annual Meeting, plus at least

51% of the Directors. The Board of Directors will determine if a quorum is present and that a meeting can proceed with the business of the Corporation. (Amended 02/17/2002)

11. There shall be an Annual Convention held each year that should consist of a State Pigeon Race, a State Pigeon Show and a State Banquet. The Annual Meeting should be held in conjunction with this state convention. If the show will not be held at the convention, the CSRPO Board must approve the proposed change.

Standard Convention Itinerary:

Begins first Thursday in November

Thursday:

Registration
Hospitality Room
Receiving Show Birds
State Race Entry Fees Paid
Vendors
Dinner Break
State Race Shipping
Calcutta & Pooling

Friday:

Registration
Receiving Show Birds
Vendors
Annual CSRPO Meeting
State Race Lunch – Loft Site
Arrival of State Race birds
Hospitality Room
No-Host Bar & Reception
Trapping-In Dinner

Saturday

Judges Breakfast
Vendors
Seminar
State Show
Auction of birds not bought back
Hospitality Room
No-Host Bar & Reception
Annual Awards Banquet

The host organization may shorten the convention to two days as follows:

Friday: (Gathering day)

Registration
Race entry fees paid
Vendor room
Hospitality room
Shipping State Race birds

Saturday:

Registration
Annual meeting
State Race
Vendor room
Hospitality room
No host bar
Banquet dinner and awards

(Amended 01/10/2010)

12. Notice of time and place of holding or resuming an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place were fixed at the adjourned meeting.

ARTICLE 3 VOTING

1. Only members in good standing may vote. A member in good standing is a member who appears on the Corporation's records as a member.
2. In a referendum vote, each member will receive a mailed ballot which they will sign and return after voting. The ballot will contain the time and place the votes will be counted, and will contain a deadline for returning the ballot. The postmark will constitute legal documentation as to the date compliance of the ballot.
3. Each member is entitled to one vote, and they may vote in person or by written proxy executed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2225 of the Corporate Code of California and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.
4. The vote at the Annual Meeting shall be by delegate vote, with each delegate, or delegates, voting the total membership in good standing of the club that they represent. This vote number will be determined by the corporate records, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and announced by the Secretary of the Corporation at the meeting prior to any votes.
5. One (1) delegate is permitted for each ten (10) members or fraction thereof for each eligible club.
6. Any registered delegate may nominate, during the Annual Meeting, candidates from the floor for any office except the President. These nominations are only permissible if the Nominations Committee has failed to present candidates for each of the officers prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The office of President can never be filled from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
7. At all meetings, all questions or motions shall be determined by a majority vote of all members present or represented by proxy, except where specifically provided otherwise in the By-Laws. All voting shall be by a hand count or voice response on vote by club. The President may order, at the President's discretion, a secret ballot.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

1. **PRESIDENT** - The office of President shall be held in rotation, by a member from each of the sections. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the authorization and control of the Board of Directors, have all general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The President has all general powers, duties and responsibilities usually vested in the office of President of the Corporation. The President shall exercise these powers only with the authorization of the Board of Directors. The President shall sign all papers, appoint all committees, and look after the general welfare of the Corporation.

The President shall have the right to vote at all Board meetings, but may only vote in the case of a tie at meetings of the members/delegates.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, and is an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.

2. **VICE PRESIDENTS** - There will be one (1) Vice President elected from the three sections of the Corporation.

The First or Executive Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the responsibilities of the President.

The Vice Presidents shall hold responsibility for acting as the corporate officer in their respective sections, and shall report to the President.

The Vice Presidents will be nominated in their respective sections and elected at the Annual Meeting with all other officers. Nominations for Vice Presidents from each section shall be completed by the current Vice President for each section, not later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Convention.

3. **SECRETARY-TREASURER** - The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct all general correspondence of the Corporation. This will include forwarding all correspondence bearing on policies of the Corporation to the President.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete written record of all Corporation meetings, and shall maintain a book of these records as well as any computerized record that might be utilized. This written record shall be reviewed once a year by the President and the Vice Presidents, and verified for accuracy and completeness. Any changes to the corporate Constitution, By-Laws or other rules will be published in the Newsletter or other documented vehicle that is sent to every member.

The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to draw upon CSRPO funds by check or voucher up to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) on his or her signature alone. Any check or voucher for sums exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) must contain the additional signature of the Finance Chairman, unless previous commitment of the Board of Directors has been obtained.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record, at the principal recorded office of the Corporation, the names and addresses of all members of the Corporation.

The Secretary-Treasurer will provide all directors with a mailing list of all other directors. This will include telephone numbers.

The Secretary-Treasurer will maintain a reasonable stock of the Constitution, By-Laws and other rules to supply the requests of the membership. The Constitution, By-Laws and any other rules will be maintained on a computerized

disk with a master backup. This will permit annual upgrading and reprinting as required to meet the members' needs.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the seal of the Corporation and affix said seal to all documents requiring this type of mark.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall, upon assuming office, execute a bond payable to the Corporation in an amount to be determined by the President and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The incoming Secretary-Treasurer shall provide a documented receipt of all funds, stocks, equipment and any other property or assets turned over at the time of officer change. This receipt will act as the audit for the next changeover. It is the responsibility of the President to audit and verify that the changeover has been affected and all Corporate assets are accounted for.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and keep all funds received by the Corporation and pay all bills, expenses and other obligations authorized by the officers of the Corporation and approved by the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and shall have the Corporate books in order and ready for audit any time, with thirty (30) days notice. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver to the Auditor all corporate books requiring audit, including all statements involving receipts and disbursements and any other information needed to do a complete audit of the Corporate accounts.

The Secretary-Treasurer will file any required annual income tax reports with both the Internal Revenue Service (Federal) and California Franchise Tax Board (State). The Fiscal year of both reports will show September 1 as the start of the report year and August 31 as the end of the reporting year.

The Secretary-Treasurer will coordinate the annual CSRPO Convention Pigeon Race and act in liaison with the convention host organization. All moneys and entries to the race will be collected by the Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of the host organization, and all drawings, rules and notifications associated with the race will be conducted through this office. All entry fee checks will be made out to the host organization. 10% of the race entry fees will be retained by CSRPO to cover race correspondence and mailings. 85% of the entry fees must be impounded by the host organization and used solely for prizes of the corresponding Convention Race. The remaining 5% covers race expenses. The impound account shall be a separate account established by the host organization. The CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer will be made an associate member of the host organization and will be a required cosigner of all checks issued from the impound account. All prizes disbursed from the 85% impound will be calculated by the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer and authorized by the Finance Committee Chairman. Upon receipt of the prize calculations the host organization will issue the prize checks and turn them over to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer. The CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer will mail the checks to the winners with the race results 7 days after the race. All appropriate tax forms associated with the

disbursement of these funds will be filed by the host organization with the Federal and State agencies involved. (Amended 2-4-07)

4. **PUBLICITY DIRECTOR** - It is the duty of the Publicity Director to have published all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the CSRPO or the Sport. The Publicity Director, with the aid of the Vice President in the convention area, will supervise the progress and completion of the Convention Book, and will confirm its mailing, or other distribution method, not later than ten (10) days prior to the opening date of the convention. Mailing is to all paid up members of the CSRPO. Then convention city will appoint their own Convention Book committee who will promote and proof the book.
5. **AUDITOR** - The Auditor will make the annual audit of all the accounts of the CSRPO, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Copies of the audit will be mailed to each section Vice President for distribution to the members.
6. **SUBORDINATE OFFICERS** - The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint such subordinate officers or agents as the business of the CSRPO may require. The Board will fix the tenure and authorize payment as required or desirable.
7. **REIMBURSEMENT OF OFFICERS** – Officers of the Corporation, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Publicity Director, shall receive no salary/payment for their services. (Amended 2-20-05)

The Secretary-Treasurer and the Publicity Director shall each receive a miscellaneous expenses fee as is provided by the Board of Directors. The current fee is \$1,200.00 annually each to cover their miscellaneous expenses. (Amended 2-20-05) If the Publicity Director's office is vacant, the Board of Directors may divide that expense account equally (\$400 each) among the three section vice presidents so they may attend events to gather information and pictures for the newsletter. (Amended 11-09-07)

Any officer, Director or member of the Corporation may be employed to render special services and may be paid.

Reimbursement can be paid for travel/meals/lodging. It can include up to a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for travel mileage and lodging while attending the officers' meetings.

8. **VACANCIES** - A vacancy in any office, for any reason, shall be filled as follows: The President shall appoint a member of the Corporation from the same section of the state to fill the vacancy. In the case of the President, the First/Executive Vice President shall become the President and the other Vice Presidents shall move up.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

1. In order to facilitate the operations of the CSRPO, the following committees are provided.
2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** - The Finance Committee and its chairman shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have 5 members from different parts of the state.

At the Annual Meeting, this committee shall recommend to the Directors such expenditures and appropriations as they deem necessary to successfully operate the CSRPO. The Finance Chairman, subject to approval of the President, is authorized to sanction such legitimate expenditures during the year as are necessary to maintain a working organization. Unusual requests for financial authorization shall be presented in the form of a resolution on the floor of the Annual Meeting. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall arrange for the annual audit of accounts of the CSRPO.

3. **RULES COMMITTEE** - The Rules Committee and its Chairman shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have one member from each of the three sections.

It shall be the responsibility and duty of the Rules Committee to make such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as passed at the Annual Meeting and to prepare for referendum all resolutions pertaining to the Constitution and By-Laws passed at the Annual Meeting.

This committee shall act as interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws.

4. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** - The Nominations Committee and its chairman shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have one member from each of the three sections.

The Nominations Committee shall prepare a list of candidates for various offices and submit the list to the Ballot Committee. It shall be understood that more than one candidate's name should be submitted for each office.

5. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** - The Public Relations Committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have three members from each of the three sections, for a total of nine. The committee will appoint its own chairman, or in cases of necessity, the President can appoint a chairman of his own choosing.

The Public Relations Committee shall handle all matters relating to the State and Municipal laws, and rulings which may affect the sport of Racing Pigeons.

6. **HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE** - The Hall of Fame Committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have one member from each of the three sections, for a total of three.

The Hall of Fame Committee shall select the Hall of Fame winners from the applications submitted by CSRPO members. There shall be 5 categories in this award, both for Old Birds and Young Birds, and also a Junior award. The categories are: 5-25 lofts, 26-50 lofts, 51-75 lofts, 76-100 lofts and 101 and over. Only club and concourse results will be considered. The applicant must choose either club or concourse competition. Entry deadlines are: Old Birds, November 1 of each year; Young Birds, December 31 of each year. Applications must be mailed to the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman. Entrants must have won at least 3 diplomas in the club or concourse races, based on AU rules for the issuance of diplomas. Old Bird entries must have 1 race of over 400 miles and placing in the top 10% of birds entered. 1 point will be added for every 100 miles or fraction thereof. 1 point will be added for every 5 lofts or fraction thereof. Old Bird winners will be announced at the current convention. Young Bird winners will be announced at the Board of Directors' meeting. Award winners receive their awards at the following year's convention. All first prize winners will be awarded with trophies.

7. **DISNEY AWARDS COMMITTEE** - The Disney Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have three members from each of the three sections, for a total of nine.

It shall be the responsibility and duty of the Disney Awards Committee to select the "Disney Award" winner from the various applicants affiliated with the CSRPO and residing within the State of California. All race records must be signed and verified by the Race Secretary of both his/her club and combine, or by their Combine Officers. Each entrant must complete a minimum of 8 Old Bird races and 5 Young Bird races for the year in which the application is made. All races flown must show an entry sheet year and may be labeled "Special" or "Futurity", but must not contain the name of the event. All races in which the entrant competes for the year must show on the entry blank. If additional space is required, use the back of the entry sheet. All entries must be accompanied by the race reports. Each combine of which the membership is in good standing with the CSRPO should submit at least 1 entrant for each year for consideration of these awards. Any club in good standing with CSRPO can submit at least 1 entrant each year for consideration of these awards. No entry blanks will be accepted without appropriate verification signatures; such signatures include the club President or Secretary of the entrant. All entry blanks are to be numbered, and at no time can an entry show the name of the entrant's club, combine, or special races flown. At no time can the final selection committee know the entrant. Applications can be obtained from the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer or the chairman of this committee. If any member of this award committee is an entrant, he shall forfeit his rights to participate in the final selection of winners. The President will appoint a replacement. A simple majority of the committee can decide the winners of the Disney Awards. Voting at all times is by secret ballot. Each entry must be in the hands of the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer or the committee chairman by December 30th of each year. The annual winners will be announced during the Board of Directors' meeting.

The Walt Disney trophy is a perpetual award that can never be retired as long as the CSRPO exists. In the event of dissolution, the rules outlined in the Constitution will govern the outcome.

The Walt Disney Awards are to be divided into 5 separate awards based on competition, with each division receiving identical trophies. The divisions are: (1) 101 lofts and over; (2) 76 to 100 lofts; (3) 51 to 75 lofts; (4) 26 to 50 lofts; (5) 5 to 25 lofts. There will also be a Junior award for members who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. Only one Junior award will be given each year. An entry found unworthy of the award may be disqualified by the committee. All rules applicable to Senior members apply to Junior members also.

8. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - The Membership Committee and its chairman shall be appointed by the President. This committee will have 1 member from each of the three sections, for a total of three.

The Membership Committee shall maintain a list of all recognized pigeon clubs in the State of California, for the purpose of advising on eligibility of members for the CSRPO.

9. **BALLOT COMMITTEE** - The Ballot Committee and its chairman shall be appointed by the President. This committee will be 1 member from each of the three sections, for a total of three.

The Ballot Committee shall prepare necessary ballots and tally results of elections.

10. **JUDGES COMMITTEE** - The Judges Committee shall consist of 1 member from each of the three sections. All appointees must be bonafide CSRPO Judges, having qualified by passing the CSRPO Judges' examination. The committee shall elect a chairman for a 1-year term, to coordinate and delegate Judges' activities at shows in cooperation with the Convention Show Committee. The Judges Committee shall supervise all applicants for the State Judges' examination, the results of which shall be passed upon at the Annual Meeting by the members of this committee or substitutes thereof, appointed by the President for this specific purpose.

End of By-Laws