

**CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL MEETING 11-03-2017  
At the Convention Hotel in Bakersfield**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Ex-Officio Frank Meder at the Bakersfield convention. Present: Board members Ortega, Coston, Meder, Stierlin, Dias, Barger, Gonigan; delegates from AUB, BAK, AVC, FSC, HAY, MTZ, FRC, MAN, SOC, COM, ARC. Guests from AU: Karen Clifton and Ernie. Guest from Michigan: Mike Netzky. Guests from Utah: Jack Schiess and Harry Lee.

**OFFICERS' ANNUAL REPORTS:**

**Northern VP Manny Dias: No ordinance issues.**

**Central VP Ramon Ortega: Ramon is a new vice president. He is the race secretary of Bakersfield Club and speaks fluent Spanish. Hopefully he will help to reach out to our Spanish-speaking members. Frank Meder performed the official new officer swearing-in ceremony.**

**Southern VP Bill Barger: No ordinance issues.**

**Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Stierlin gave the financial report and provided copies for the clubs.**

<b>Beginning Balances as of 9-01-2016</b>	<b>\$50,405.62</b>
Checking	\$11,311.28
Savings	\$29,094.34
CD	\$10,000.00

<b>Checking Account</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance Checking</b>	<b>\$11,311.28</b>
<b>Income</b>	
2016 Late Dues	\$748.00
2017 Dues	\$10,786.00
Interest - CD	\$25.01
2016 Race	\$1,650.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,209.01</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
2016 Convention	\$2,246.01
2017 Convention	\$3,250.00
Awards	\$2,672.90
Insurance	\$1,662.15
Office	\$1,063.33
Officers' Expenses	\$1,575.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,469.39</b>

<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$12,050.90</b>
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**Savings Account**

Beginning Balance		\$29,085.64
Interest	\$17.43	
Ending Balance		\$29,103.07
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Checking	\$12,050.90	
Savings	\$29,103.07	
CD	\$10,000.00	

**AUDITOR’S REPORT FROM JIM RYAN WAS READ:**

“The CSRPO financial records were reviewed on October 21, 2017 and found to be in compliance with all acceptable accounting procedures. Any required IRS reports or documents have been filed on a timely basis. The California Statement of Information has been filed and the required fees have been paid. No discrepancies were noted.”

**AWARDS CHAIRMAN MIKE GONIGAN:**

Mike would like to add CSRPO Champion Loft awards based upon data in the AU National Database. He would also like to modify the Disney Award requirements. His written proposals will be reviewed at the February Board meeting.

Mike Gonigan has been appointed Judges Panel Chairman to replace Mike Brazil. The original State Show belt buckle has been retrieved from Elain Brazil and given to Gonigan for storage in his safe deposit box. It will be brought to the convention each year in a secure showcase procured by Gonigan. A separate silver belt buckle is awarded to the California State Show Grand Champion when there are at least 50 birds entered in Classes I and II. This year’s State Show Grand Champion is Lazlo Zugor.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Since this is an odd-numbered year, the three vice presidents and the secretary-treasurer are up for election. Nominations were opened to the floor. Jim Cain moved and Mickey Hickman seconded that we retain the current officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Northern VP	Manny Dias	MTZ
Central VP	Ramon Ortega	BAK
Southern VP	Bill Barger	COM
Secretary Treas	Joyce Stierlin	AUB

**2018 CSRPO CONVENTION:**

Sonoma Club was scheduled to host the 2018 CSRPO convention, race and show but has withdrawn due to reduced membership. It is essential that we get volunteer clubs or combines to continue CSRPO conventions each year. Meder has had discussions with the Bakersfield Club to continue hosting but no agreement has been reached yet.

Hosting the convention, state race and state show tends to generate about \$10000 for the host organization. There are two approved convention schedules detailed in the CSRPO Constitution & By-Laws. One is a 3-day convention and the other is a 2-day convention.

AU Executive Director Karen Clifton asked if there is anything the AU could do to assist. The AU supports regional AU mini-conventions so that might be a possibility. Darryl Coston noted it would be good for CSRPO to loan more than \$1000 to the host to get convention planning and reservations started. This will be discussed at the February CSRPO Board meeting. Four people who are event-drivers can put on the convention. A pet-friendly hotel is needed. The host organization can get vendors to donate feed.

If your club or combine is thinking about doing an event to raise funds, this is a golden opportunity. There is a detailed booklet written by Gary Berthiaume of the Bakersfield Club that instructs about all aspects of the convention, race and show. Contact CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Stierlin at 916-847-9988 for more information.

### **GOOD OF THE SPORT:**

Bill Willoughby proposed we make a new perpetual belt buckle to be awarded to winner of the State Show. The winner this year would get the perpetual and then bring it to next year's convention where they turn it over to next year's show winner and get their own silver belt buckle. This will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

AU's Karen Clifton noted this is her 18<sup>th</sup> year attending the CSRPO Convention. AU membership is up slightly. One topic of conversation at the Midwest Convention was the sport is not dying but negative talk is making it seem so. Events like Fort Sutter's annual fireworks stand are great PR for the Sport. 2 months after AU's annual band order was submitted to the manufacturer, that manufacturer announced a new \$213 per order charge. This caused much disruption of what had been a smooth ordering process in the past so AU has changed to a new vendor starting with 2019 bands. The bands will be a plastic sleeve with an aluminum insert. All existing AU band requirements will be met; they are not substandard. Next year is an election year for AU. Be sure to vote your ballot and mail it back. This year's AU special award recipients include 4 members of CSRPO: Tim Perry, Dan Severns, Mike Hernandez, Joyce Stierlin.

Mike Netzsky from Northern Michigan discussed his 4H club with 11 junior members and 6 lofts. Birds were donated from Michigan flyers. The club has a 16 year old president, 11 year old treasurer and a younger sister is secretary. They do releases at venues such as the county fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am.  
Joyce Stierlin, Secretary-Treasurer