

**CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL MEETING 11-03-2018
At the Convention Hotel in Bakersfield**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Ex-Officio Frank Meder at the Bakersfield convention site. Present: Board members Ortega, Coston, Meder, Stierlin, Dias, Gonigan; delegates from Fort Sutter, Auburn, Martinez, Manteca, Bakersfield, Sonoma, Compton, Santa Maria, Tule, Apple Valley, Atascadero, Wings Over California, Fresno.

Guests: AU Executive Director Karen Clifton, Jack Schiess and Gary Lee of Utah, Ed Minvielle of Siegel's.

Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as published.

AU REPORT:

AU's Karen Clifton noted this is her 19th year attending the CSRPO Convention. Current focus of the AU is on publicity...social media. AU is promoting the Cher Ami centennial celebration with a Smithsonian display and special events around the country. Dr. Frank Blasich, curator of the Division of Armed Forces History at the Smithsonian, did two tours of 7 members each from AU and IF to view Cher Ami and associated memorabilia. He has sought and been granted approval from Smithsonian to continue the Cher Ami celebration for one year. Dr. Blasich gave a very interesting and informative talk about Cher Ami at the recent AU Convention Awards Banquet. Chic Brooks and Frank Garcia have been inducted into the AU Hall of Fame. Bill Barger was awarded AU Legend of the Sport. With a dedicated programmer using specs and testing from Joyce Stierlin the National Database rewrite has been completed and eWinspeed development is underway. Karen urged members who have moved to advise the AU Office at 405-848-5801 of their new address as annual membership renewal is in progress and bands will be mailed around December 21st.

OFFICERS' ANNUAL REPORTS:

President Ex-Officio Frank Meder: The Sacramento area Camellia Combine had to delay YB season 2 weeks due to smoke from the fires. If the season had still been in progress this weekend it would have been delayed one week out of respect for the CSRPO Convention and California State Race.

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

Beginning Balances as of 9-01-2017	\$51,153.97
Checking	\$12,050.90
Savings	\$29,103.07
CD	\$10,000.00

Checking Account

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Income		
2017 Late Dues	\$184.00	
2018 Dues	\$11,212.00	
Interest - CD	\$25.00	
2017 Race	\$1,670.00	
Total Income		\$13,091.00
Expenses		
2017 Convention	\$1,750.99	
2018 Convention	\$5,250.00	
Awards	\$2,738.94	
Donations	\$1,800.00	
Insurance	\$1,674.00	
Office	\$741.13	
Officers' Expenses	\$1,650.00	
Total Expenses		\$15,605.06
Ending Balance		\$9,536.84
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance		\$29,103.07
Interest	\$8.04	
Ending Balance		\$29,111.11
Ending Balances as of 9-01-2018		\$48,647.95
Checking	\$9,536.84	
Savings	\$29,111.11	
CD	\$10,000.00	

AUDITOR’S REPORT FROM JIM RYAN WAS READ:

“The CSRPO financial records were reviewed on October 29, 2018 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.”

Meder thanked Ryan for continuing with auditing despite health concerns.

AWARDS AND JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKE GONIGAN:

The AU National Database is used to compile top 10 California awards. On the award listings an asterisk indicates not a CSRPO member so that prize is not awarded. 1st place winners receive a plaque and 2nd-10th place winners receive certificates at the Awards Banquet. There were no applications for the Disney Award this year. Starting with 2019 Mike will choose one Disney Award per year based upon AU National Database stats. Also new will be

Champion Loft Young Birds and Champion Loft Old Birds for Middle, Long and All Distance categories.

We are down to two active CSRPO judges. This year's official CSRPO Show will be held in January in conjunction with the Bakersfield Club Show.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Since this is an even-numbered year, the President, Finance Chairman and Auditor are up for election. Due to Bill Barger's passing, Southern VP is vacant. Nominations were opened to the floor. Norgrove moved and Cain seconded the following nominations and they were approved unanimously.

President	Frank Meder	FSC first half of the term
	Manny Dias	MTZ second half of the term
Finance Chairman	Darryl Coston	BAK
Auditor	Jim Ryan	AUB
Southern VP	Leonard Lee	AVC

2019 CSRPO CONVENTION AND CALIFORNIA STATE RACE:

The CSRPO Board has approved the following changes to California State Race Rule 1 to allow up to 4 perches per CSRPO member and reduce the preliminary prize races from two to one:

1. Entries are open to paid-up members of CSRPO over the age of 18 years. Each member can request **up to 4 perches** (\$200 each). Perches will be awarded one per member through **January 31st** or until all available perches are filled, whichever comes first. A maximum of 250 birds will be accepted.

Each \$200 perch fee will be divided in half. \$100 (minus 15% for expenses) will go toward prizes for **a 150-mile+ preliminary race** during the training period. The other \$100 (minus 20% for expenses) will go toward prizes for the main California State Race. The prize structure for **both** races will be:

- 17.5% to first place
- 12.5% to second place
- 5.5% to third place
- 2.5% to fourth place
- 2.385% each to 5th-30th places

All prizes are paid by the drop.

After **January 31st** if all available perches have not been filled with one per member, remaining perches will be awarded via drawing of members who have submitted more than one perch fee. **The first drawing will be among those who paid for 2 or more perches; the next drawing will be among those who paid for 3 or more perches; the final drawing will be among those who paid for 4 perches.** Those who are unsuccessful in the drawings will have their remaining perch fees refunded. If all requests for second, **third and fourth** perches can be accommodated there will be no drawing and no refunds. Entries will continue to be accepted (maximum 4 per member, first come first served) until all perches are filled.

The revised California State Race Rules will be placed on our website www.calpigeon.org

We need a host organization for the 2019 CSRPO Convention and race. 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.

PROPOSAL TO ADD 25 REPLACEMENT BIRDS TO STATE RACE LOFT – Norgrove

Richard Norgrove of Sonoma County club submitted the following proposal intended to allow those flyers who are attending the Convention an opportunity to compete in the State Race if their bird has been lost:

“That the club sponsoring the annual CSRPO Convention and State Race be allowed to enter up to 25 pigeons in the State Race as potential replacement birds for those flyers whose pigeons were lost prior to basketing for the final race. These 25 replacement birds are in addition to the normal entries and are not intended to reduce the standard 250 bird limit. In addition, these designated pigeons shall be treated and trained with the state birds with all training results noted. They shall be recorded as replacement entries and their training results showed along with all state birds.

On the night of basketing, any flyer whose bird has been lost and their prior perch fee paid is eligible to select one of the trained replacement birds under the following conditions:

1. Purchase a replacement ticket for \$25 from the Race Chairman or designated individual. The \$25 will be designated to the Ladies Scholarship Committee.
2. A drawing will then be held to select the Flyers eligible to choose a replacement pigeon.
3. Pay the race entry fee and have the bird scanned, entered under his or her name, and basketed for the race.
4. All prize money won by the bird in the state race will be paid out at 80% to the flyer who paid the race entry fee and 20% to the Convention Committee.
5. All replacement birds remain the property of the breeder and do not compete for prizes in the two 100 mile tosses.”

Comments on the proposal:

Jim Cain: Make it mandatory to attend the convention to buy the \$25 ticket.

Darryl Coston: Had many calls re replacement birds. Would rather see a blind draw and not selection of replacement. Raffle ticket winner should get ownership of the bird.

Jerry Stone: Only eligible to purchase a raffle ticket if they originally entered a bird and can only buy as many as you lost. All replacement tickets will be raffled. If people who lost birds don't take all available replacements, additional raffle for others who did not enter birds

originally and they should also pay the original \$100 perch fee like others whose birds are going to the race.

Jim Cain: Don't give incentive for folks not to enter originally. DQ remaining birds?

Vidal Gonzalez: Limit raffle tickets to one per person (up to number of replacement birds remaining).

This proposal was supported unanimously by those in attendance. It will be taken to the CSRPO Board meeting in February for final wording and approved for use starting with the 2019 California State Race.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.
Joyce Stierlin, CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer**