

**CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL MEETING 1-27-2024  
At the State Show at Bakersfield Club**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Finance Director Darryl Coston at the Knotty Pine Restaurant next to the Bakersfield Clubhouse. Present: Directors Darryl Coston and Joyce Stierlin, Awards Committee Chairman Mike Gonigan, members Barbara Coston, Mickey Hickman, Doug Burnett and Robert Mathews. President Frank Meder was unable to attend due to health.

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**Finance Chairman Darryl Coston** said he has received several calls asking what CSRPO does for its members now that no one is stepping up to host the annual convention and State Race.

- We are continuing the Annual State Show with the usual class awards and a beautiful silver belt buckle for State Show Grand Champion. Our thanks to the Bakersfield Club for putting on this annual event. They did their usual great BBQ lunch and filled us up with goodies! And thanks to Bill Willoughby for handling the purchase and engraving of the buckle each year. Congratulations to Mickey Hickman for winning the prestigious award this year.
- We continue to award Annual CSRPO Hall of Fame, Champion Loft and Disney Award plaques based upon statistics gathered by Awards Chairman Mike Gonigan from the AU National Database Awards section for California flyers. Only flyers whose dues were current in the award year are eligible to receive these. See our website [calpigeon.org](http://calpigeon.org) for complete award listings and note that the flyers with \*\* in front of their name were not CSRPO members in 2023 so will not receive the prestigious award plaques and certificates. Instead, these are awarded to those who were members of CSRPO as their clubs continued to support our organization through thick and thin.

Congratulations to the following 2023 first place award plaque winners:

Pat Siino	– Walt Disney Award
Fred Belus	– OB Middle Distance Champion Loft
Tom Shelton	– OB Long Distance Champion Loft
Tom Shelton	– OB All Distance Champion Loft
Carl Perry	– YB Champion Loft
Raul Martin	– OB Middle Distance <350 Birds Hall of Fame
Shannon Brown	– OB Middle Distance 351-900 Birds Hall of Fame
Cuco Lopez	– OB Middle Distance 900+ Birds Hall of Fame
Trina Dewitt	– OB Long Distance <350 Birds Hall of Fame
Richard Callas	– OB All Distance <350 Birds Hall of Fame
Tom W. Shelton	– OB All Distance 351-900 Birds Hall of Fame
Tonia Harper	– YB Ace Pigeon <350 Birds Hall of Fame
Francisco Javier Tapia	– YB Ace Pigeon 351-900 Birds Hall of Fame

- Mark Hernandez continues to maintain our website calpigeon.org with the latest CSRPO information. Thank you very much, Mark, for continuing this “labor of love”.
- Secretary Stierlin continues to maintain the California State Roster with current address, phone and email information supplied by club secretaries during dues renewal. Any member club secretary can request a free electronic copy of this Excel info. Any CSRPO member can call Joyce at 916-847-9988 for a phone number of a member if they wish to contact them. Any CSRPO member can request mailing labels for all members or selected clubs/sections for their event advertising. These are provided at cost (1 cent per label plus \$10 postage and printing costs). Sponsors of California pigeon events that benefit a CSRPO member club can send Joyce an electronic copy of their event flyer to be distributed free of charge to her CSRPO Email Group. These email addresses are supplied by club secretaries during dues renewal and the group is kept up-to-date.

Awards Committee Chairman Mike Gonigan gave his report on the awards as noted above. Since we no longer have an annual convention he suggested we might give out the CSRPO awards at some other popular event. Maybe we could find someone willing to incorporate a special State Race category into their one-loft event.

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Stierlin noted we are limping back to life after the Covid years and lack of interest in the Convention and State Race. Stierlin, Coston and Gonigan met at the 2023 State Show to brainstorm whether to dissolve CSRPO or continue without the convention. It was decided then to keep on with our show and annual awards as before.

This year we have decided to reduce the CSRPO dues to \$10 per member as our expenses are less without the convention activities. Junior dues are still \$2 per junior member. We also decided to provide a \$75 travel check to each officer/committee chair to attend the annual meeting.

Stierlin gave the financial report and provided a copy of the bank statement for September 2023 to verify the ending amounts in the report (our fiscal year is September 1 through August 31). She also provided the receipt for filing of our annual FTB and IRS reports for 2023. Our Secretary of State filing is every two years so there was none in 2023.

<b>Beginning Balances as of 9-01-2022</b>		<b>\$60,623.85</b>
Checking	\$21,489.20	
Money Market	\$39,134.65	
<b>Checking Account</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance Checking</b>		<b>\$19,022.69</b>
<b>Income</b>		
2022 Late Dues	\$580.00	
2023 Dues	\$2,282.00	
State Race 2022	\$1,831.51	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$4,693.51</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>2022 Convention</b>		<b>\$1,710.43</b>
<b>Awards</b>		<b>\$2,122.84</b>
<b>Office</b>		<b>\$501.34</b>
<b>Officers' Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Website</b>		<b>\$520.83</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$6,055.44</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$17,660.76</b>
<b>Money Market</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$39,130.57</b>
<b>Interest</b>		<b>\$48.55</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$39,179.12</b>
<b>Ending Balances as of 8-31-2023</b>		<b>\$56,839.88</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$17,660.76</b>	
<b>Money Market</b>	<b>\$39,179.12</b>	

**We continue to encourage members to step up to positions that are now “in name only” so we can get back to our usual annual election of officers who agree to be active in CSRPO activities.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.  
Joyce Stierlin, CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer**