

**CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION  
ANNUAL MEETING 10-19-2019**

At the Convention location Perrys' Ranch Hilmar.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by President Ex-Officio Frank Meder at the Hilmar convention site. Present: Board members Leonard Lee, Darryl Coston, Frank Meder, Manny Dias, Joyce Stierlin. Committee Chair Mike Gonigan; delegates from Apple Valley, Auburn, Bakersfield, Fort Sutter, Fresno, Golden State Flyers, Manteca, Martinez, Orange County Flyers, San Francisco Racing, Santa Maria, Sonoma County, West San Jose.

Guests: AU Executive Director Karen Clifton, Marcie from Winners Cup.

Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as published.

**AU REPORT:**

AU's Executive Director Karen Clifton reported the Virulent Newcastle Disease quarantine area and surrounding areas are under surveillance by California Dept of Food & Ag. (The quarantine area is Los Angeles and eastern section of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.) Two new positives were detected on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Public Information Officer of California State Vet's office has indicated they were isolated events and no further spread has been detected. Updates are posted on the Important Updates section of the ARPU.org website.

Recently bird shipping costs have increased. Any shipping carton over 12x12x12 increases the cost. AU's lobbyist is working to get mailing requirements with USPS changed from Priority Express to Priority (costs less).

One of the handlers of G.I. Joe will receive a medal in Washington D.C. Contact AU Vice President Bob McKenna [mckennasloft@prodigy.net](mailto:mckennasloft@prodigy.net) for details about the ceremony.

**OFFICERS' ANNUAL REPORTS:**

President Ex-Officio Frank Meder: Moment of silence for Dan Severns, CSRPO President, who passed recently.

Southern Vice President Leonard Lee: The quarantine hopefully will be lifted after the first of the year.

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

Beginning Balances as of 9-01-2018		\$48,647.95
Checking	\$9,536.84	
Savings	\$29,111.11	
CD	\$10,000.00	
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance Checking		\$9,536.84
Income		
2018 Late Dues	\$182.00	
2019 Dues	\$8,879.00	
2018 State Race	\$1,740.00	
Interest - CD	\$25.06	
Total Income		\$10,826.06
Expenses		
2018 Convention	-\$944.71	
2019 Convention	\$5,250.00	

Awards	\$1,593.18	
Donations	\$1,900.00	
Office	\$761.45	
Officers' Expenses	\$1,841.00	
Total Expenses		\$10,400.92
Ending Balance		\$9,961.98
Savings Account		
Beginning Balance		\$29,111.11
Interest	\$8.79	
Ending Balance		\$29,119.90
Ending Balances as of 9-01-2019		\$49,081.88
Checking	\$9,961.98	
Savings	\$29,119.90	
CD	\$10,000.00	

**AWARDS AND JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MIKE GONIGAN:**

2018 Awards will be presented at the banquet tonight. Mike is working with Bakersfield Club to have the State Show in conjunction with the Bakersfield Show on the last Saturday in January. He is looking to partner with other organizations in the state and move it around.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Since this is an odd-numbered year, the Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer are up for election. All were re-elected.

**CSRPO CONVENTION AND CALIFORNIA STATE RACE:** Currently we do not have a host organization committed to do the 2020 Convention and State Race. There was some discussion about getting host organizations to do more than one year at a time and maybe partner with other organizations to divide the duties. We used to get 100+ entries for next year's State Race at this year's shipping. It doesn't happen now as we don't have next year's convention and race info yet.

This year's State Race shipping had two to three times more people attending, probably in response to Richard Norgrove's proposal last year to raffle replacement birds to entrants whose birds had been lost. 31 entrants purchased raffle tickets for the 13 replacement birds.

Jim Vander Heide proposed the following amendment to California State Race Rules

**Section 8-B. A drawing will then be held to select the flyers eligible to blind draw a replacement pigeon. Priority will be given to those flyers, present at the convention and registered, who lost all of their birds during training. They will be allowed to draw for a replacement bird first. Any remaining replacement pigeons will be included in a second drawing for those who lost birds, but still have at least one remaining for the final race.**

**Carl Perry proposed an additional State Race Rule modification: Any race birds that the final race fee is not paid for by the deadline and approved fit for the race by the loft manager before shipping then those birds would be entered in the replacement bird raffle.**

Both of these proposals were well-received by meeting attendees and will be taken to the CSRPO Board meeting for final wording and approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.  
Joyce Stierlin, CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer