

# **GREATER SEATTLE RACING PIGEON CLUB**

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**

- 1.01** The name of this organization shall be the **Greater Seattle Racing Pigeon Club (GSRPC)** denoted by **GSC** on our bands.
- 1.02** **The purposes of the organization:** To promote and conduct the racing and showing of its member's homing pigeons.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **AFFILIATION**

- 2.01** The GSRPC shall be affiliated with the American Racing Pigeon Union (AU) and will compete and conduct their activities in compliance with the AU rules and Competition Standards. Members may affiliate with any other club or national organization as an individual or as a club if desired.
- 2.02** GSRPC shall apply to join and participate in combine/concourse races if so desired by a majority of the membership.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

- 3.01** The purpose and objectives of the GSRPC is to provide friendly competition among its members, to administer all of its business and social affairs on the highest level of sportsmanship, and to foster a positive social environment for its members and their families.
- 3.02** GSRPC shall encourage the breeding, training and competitive racing of racing homing pigeons while providing for their safe care, handling and transportation.
- 3.03** GSRPC shall recognize bird and loft performances through the issuance of diplomas, plaques, and trophies at an annual banquet.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.01** GSRPC will be open to any individual that desires to participate in the promotion of the sport of Racing Pigeons. No individual shall be denied membership on the basis of sex, race, age, color, or religion.

- 4.02** All prospective members shall be sponsored for membership by a current member at a regular club meeting and must be present in person. If he/she is unable to attend the meeting, his/her sponsor or representative can represent the prospective member. A vote will be taken for approval or rejection by the membership in attendance.
- 4.03** A majority vote of present members will be required for membership. If an application for membership is rejected, the President will provide an explanation to the individual as to the reason for rejection.
- 4.04** All expulsions and or reinstatement will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  membership vote of approval by membership in attendance at the meeting.
- 4.05** **Associate Membership:** An associate membership for a person who have an interest in the Club, but who are not currently racing pigeons. An associate member may participate in the non-racing activities of the Club, but cannot propose or vote on any Club's business pertaining to racing pigeons. Associate members shall pay annual dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and if associate member wishes to join AU, Concourse, and/or Washington State Racing Pigeon Organization, he will need to pay membership fee for each organization.
- 4.06** **Dual Club Membership:** If a member participates in GSRPC activities which includes racing, a member is allowed to join another clubs.

## **ARTICLE V** **OFFICERS**

- 5.01** The officers of the club will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Race Secretary, and two Concourse Delegates.
- 5.02** The officers shall be elected annually at the regular December meeting and serve a term of two years.
- 5.03** An officer in the club may be re-elected to consecutive terms.

## **ARTICLE VI** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- 6.01** **The President** shall preside at all meetings and exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer in such a matter as to transact all business. The President shall appoint all committees and officer assignments necessary for the proper functioning and administration of the club. The President shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall break all tie votes. If delegate to the concourse/combine can't make to the meeting, the President or President appointed member will be the GSRPC representative and spokesman.

**6.02 The Vice-President** shall in the absence of the President, or in his inability to act in the order named, take full charge of the Presidents duties. The Vice-President assists with the overseeing of the GSRPC Bylaws and Race Rules to make sure the club operates in accordance with AU Rules and Competition Standards. The Vice-President chairs the Banquet Committee.

**6.03 The Treasurer** shall be custodian of all the funds and supplies of the club. Shall conduct the financial correspondence of the club. Shall keep all financial books and records pertaining to the club transactions. Shall prepare financial recommendations for annual dues, shipping fees, trophy funds and supplies for the running of the club. Shall record and receive membership dues and all other club fees and payments. Shall make payments on all approved club obligations. The treasurer will provide a verbal account of the financial records at all regular meetings. The Treasurer will provide final year-end financial report at December meeting. Shall deliver all books and records immediately upon request of the club to person or firm to perform an audit for the club. Upon retirement from the office, transfer all funds, books, paper, equipment, supplies, and records, etc, to his/her successor.

**6.04 The Secretary** shall take and keep minutes of the meetings and become the custodian for all Club documents, records and conduct the general correspondence of the Club. Shall keep By-laws and Constitution current and in compliance with the AU.

**6.05 The Race Secretary** shall be the chairperson of the Race Committee. Shall be responsible for inspections and handle all discrepancies concerning races within 48 hours. He will be in charge of measuring loft's GPS location for calculation of flying distances from race release stations. Shall prepare and provide race results, and diplomas. Shall see that the AU rules are abided by during races. The Race Secretary has absolute control of all GSRPC race releases unless superseded by a Concourse or Combine Liberator. Their decision concerning the release, holding or returning of the birds is final. The AU race program WinSpeed (latest update) will be used to compute race results.

## **ARTICLE VII** **COMMITTEES**

**7.01 The Race Committee:** The Race Committee shall be made up of all club officers and chaired by the Race Secretary. The Race Committee shall make certain race entries are healthy and properly banded and resolve all questions and disputes regarding race releases or competition. It will be the duty of Race Secretary and the committee to ensure that all races are flown in accordance with concourse/combine and AU race rules. The Race Secretary shall only vote when there is a deadlock. It is the duty of the Race Committee to ensure adequate help is available to load and unload the clubs shipping crates.

**7.02 Award/Banquet Committee:** Vice-President shall be the chairman for the Committee.

The Committee shall make the arrangements and manage all activities, programs, and issuance of awards for the annual award. It will announce the date and location of the annual banquet each year at the regular January meeting.

**7.03 Show Committee:** Show Committee shall be chair by President appointed member. The Committee may conduct, manage, and supervise the show.

**7.04 Finance Committee:** Finance Committee shall be chair by President and one additional club member to audit club finance.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

**8.01** The regular club meeting shall be held on the second Saturday, starting October through April. A special meeting can be called by President or can be requested by member. Notice of special meetings shall be given at least ten days previous to the meeting.

**8.02** The Club meeting will be conducted in according to the “Order of Business listed below and Roberts Amended Rules of Order.

Order of Business:  
Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Reading of minutes of Previous Meeting  
Financial Report  
Committee Reports  
Communication  
Unfinished Business  
Vote on New Members  
Election of New Officers at December meeting  
New Business  
Adjournment

**8.03 Quorum:** A quorum shall be least one quarter (1/4) of current paid membership. A quorum has authority to pass motions binding on the absent member.

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**

**9.01** Amendments to these By-laws may be considered by providing a written copy of the proposed changes to the Secretary. The Secretary in turn notifies all club members prior to the next meeting. The changes must be brought before the membership, seconded and then presented for a vote. All proposed amendments should require a 2/3 approval by the membership in attendance for adoption.

**ARTICLE X**  
**RACE SCHEDULE**

**10.01** The Race Committee will propose a schedule for old and young bird season and the schedule will be brought before memberships for voting.

**10.02** The approved race schedule will be turned into the concourse or combine for consideration.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**DUES**

**11.01** The amount for the GSRPC dues shall be established by majority of membership in attendance at December meeting.

**11.02** Club dues will be paid by the members at first meeting of the year and before receiving new bands. Dues not paid by February 28<sup>th</sup> will result in membership being dropped and a member must reapply for membership.

**11.03** All indebtedness owed to the club must be paid by end of the year and before a member can participate in any new club activity.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**DISSOLUTION**

**12.01** The GSRPC shall not be dissolved without the approval of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of membership in attendance at dissolution meeting. The property of the GSRPC shall be disposed to the best advantage to the membership and the proceeds will be equally divided to the members after all the bills and obligations have been paid upon dissolution of the club.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**LIST OF AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Change</u></b>	<b><u>Revision Letter</u></b>
20081008	Released	--
20120107	Updated per Amendments(Dec 18,2011) passed at club meeting on Jan 7, 2012.	A

20130309	Add Associate Membership (4.05) and add date for club dues (11.02)	B
20150103	Change officer's service term to 2 years for 1 year	C
20151024	Change 4.04 voting requirement Add 4.06 Dual Club Membership	D