

## GREATER VALLEY COMBINE

### CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME: The name of the organization shall be "Greater Valley Combine."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES: The objectives of Greater Valley Combine Inc. are to promote breeding, training, racing, and exhibitions of homing pigeons; to instruct beginners; to organize clubs and districts; and to impart such information as to promote the sport. The organization aims to perfect, through organization, a closer association of pigeon fanciers, ensuring their protection and fostering good fellowship among them.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: SECTION I - ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: A racing pigeon club with members of good characters can become a member of the Greater Valley Combine, by receiving a 90% vote from the Board of Directors of the Greater Valley Combine. All membership must be approved by the board of directions. All members must be in good standing with their respective clubs.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT: All meetings at Combine level must be called by President and only president can call for Combine meetings.

ARTICLE V - VOTING: SECTION I: Voting is restricted to paid members as per the AU roster. For example, if a club has 30 paid members, that club will be entitled to 3 votes at the Combine meeting. If a tie - the President holds the Tie breaking Vote.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB REPRESENTATION: Any club with at least two (2) members who are members of the Greater Valley Combine. may elect representatives to serve on the Board of Directors by vote at the club level. Voting for representatives to serve the Board of Directors will be held every three (3) years or until a written request to withdrawal is given to the President.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS: The President of the Board of Directors shall call meetings deemed necessary to conduct the organization's business. The President shall call one or more meetings to address business necessary for flying the Old Bird Series of races and the Young Bird Series of races. In the event of unforeseen circumstances affecting the organization's affairs, the President will contact members of the Board of Directors (as far in advance as possible) to enable the membership of each club to arrive at a club decision and call a "Special Meeting" of the Board of Directors to resolve the issue. The President of the Greater Valley Combine Inc. may call a meeting anytime they feel it is in the best interest of the organization. A quorum consists of 50% of club members present.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS: Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Greater Valley Combine. may be made ONLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN December, by a

majority vote of the Board of Directors present. Once an amendment is made it must be sent to AU without exception.

## BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP DUES: Greater Valley Combine dues will be assessed annually and are payable no later than March 1st each year. This applies to all members who fly either series.

SECTION I - PENALTIES: Delinquent members shall be suspended from all Greater Valley Combine activities for non-compliance. Any affiliated club delinquent for more than one year will be terminated.

ARTICLE II - EXPULSION: Membership in the Greater Valley Combine can be terminated due to a member's violation of duty to the organization or a breach of its rules. An accused member shall be cited to appear before the Board of Directors, which shall investigate the charges, report the findings to their clubs, and provide recommendations for actions to be taken. Should the Board of Directors recommend expulsion of the accused member, a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President of the Greater Valley Combine. If 90% of the votes cast at this meeting favor expulsion, the accused member shall be expelled and shall forfeit all rights and claims against Greater Valley Combine.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SECTION I: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for implementing the Greater Valley Combine rules to ensure all affiliated clubs adhere to one set of Race Rules. These Race Rules may be changed only at the annual meeting, held in January.

SECTION II - PRESIDENT: The President of the Board of Directors will preside at all meetings, sign all acts or orders necessary to carry out the organization's will, and act as the organization's representative to outside persons or organized bodies, whenever necessary. The President may only cast a vote during meetings on issues where a tie-vote exists and will appoint members to any vacancies or committees as required.

SECTION III - VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in the event of their absence, indisposition, or inability to act.

SECTION IV - SECRETARY: The Secretary shall conduct general correspondence, take and keep all minutes of meetings, preserve all records and reports of the organization, maintain an accurate list of members, notify all concerned of meetings, and send updated copies of By-laws to members after any vote that changes them. This can be done by email.

SECTION V - TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain the organization's checking

account, serve as the custodian of its funds, pay all authorized bills, keep accurate accounts of monies received and paid out, and submit financial reports at each meeting or when called upon by the President. The Treasurer shall maintain a current inventory of Combine property and ensure its proper use and condition when loaned to members.

SECTION VI - RACE SECRETARY: The Race Secretary shall conduct races from the release times specified in the race schedule. They will coordinate with the Liberator, oversee race points specified in the race schedule. They will coordinate with the Liberator, oversee race release times, and handle logistical challenges such as weather or breakdowns. The Race Secretary is responsible for printing diplomas, coordinating race results, and ensuring accurate record-keeping.

ARTICLE VII - RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER CLUBS: (a) Each club must maintain two paid members and meet the following criteria to qualify for race entry pick-up locations. (b) Each club must provide the Combine Secretary with a current list of members, addresses, and phone numbers. (c) Clubs must compute their race results and submit them along with winning birds to the Combine Race Secretary. Late submissions may result in disqualification. (d) Clubs are responsible for countermark/knockoff their birds and transporting them to the Combine pick-up point on time. (e) The Committee is responsible for hosting the Annual Combine Pigeon Banquet.

(End of Constitution and By-laws)