

CENTRAL FANTAIL CLUB CONSTITUTION

Article I (Name)

The name of the organization shall be "The Central Fantail Club."

Article II (Object)

The object of the club shall be to promote and advance the breeding and development of fantail pigeons, and to arrange meets for their competitive showing.

Article III (Officers)

(A) The officers of this club shall consist of:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer / Bulletin Editor
Publicity Director
District Directors (one from each of the eleven districts) X

(B) The above officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, the President being the chairman thereof.

(C) The District Directors shall be chosen, one from each district, to provide geographical representation of membership.

Article IV (Elections)

(A) Officers, except District Directors, shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the annual meet. District Directors shall be appointed by the President.

(B) For this purpose, nominations will be made at the annual meeting. One or more members shall be nominated for each office, except district directors, who will be appointed by the president.

(C) Election shall be based on votes for nominee or nominees. Voting to be by secret ballot only. Votes of members present shall be tallied and reported at the annual meeting by the secretary/treasurer.

(D) Elected officers to hold office two years.

Article V (Vacancies)

(A) Vacancies of elected offices caused for any reason shall be filled by vote of the remaining officers, including the votes of the district directors, the president, or in case of vacancy in the presidency, the first vice-president, shall act as chairman of this special electoral group.

(B) Said nominee shall remain in office until the next annual election.

Article VI (Membership)

- (A) Membership will be accepted by the secretary/treasurer upon receipt of annual dues.
- (B) Members wanting to nominate any person for consideration for a Classic or Lifetime Membership should direct such nomination through the Executive Board for review. Executive Board will review all such nominations and present the possible nominations to the membership at the annual meeting.

Article VII (Dues)

Annual dues shall be \$20.00, family membership \$25 and \$5.00 for junior membership (under 18 years of age). Add \$5.00 for memberships outside North America.

NOTE: Dues amount for any year may be changed by majority vote of members present at annual meeting. Only paid-up members shall participate in club activities. It shall be the duty of the secretary/treasurer to remove names of all non-paying parties from the membership list each year, on March 1 thereof.

Article VIII (Meetings)

The club shall hold an annual business meeting and arrange a competitive meet each year.

- (A) All bids for the next years' show must be presented to the Executive Board before the upcoming Board Meeting. The board will review all bids and submit them to the membership present for a secret ballot vote.
- (B) In an emergency situation the president and officers will select the best option available. If, in the judgment of the president and secretary/treasurer, a location other than that voted on at the annual meeting is preferable, they may submit such proposal or proposals to letter ballot of the executive board within the same time frame as outlined in Section (A) above. All members shall be notified of show location by the secretary/treasurer in the next bulletin following the June 1 deadline and an ad placed in the Pigeon Debut's "Pigeon Show Calendar".
- (C) By special vote of members, joint meets with other fantail clubs may be arranged.
- (D) It is the intent of the club to ensure that at least once each three years the annual meet will be held in conjunction with an all-breed pigeon show.
- (E) The annual meet will be held in North America.

Article IX (Judges and Judging)

It is the intent of this club that duties of judging be confined to parties of recognized competence and that selections meet the approval of representatives of a majority of the membership. The committee for election of judges shall consist of all officers, under chairmanship of the president.

- (1) Qualifications of judges.
 - (A) Any judge must have been a recognized breeder and exhibitor of fantails, and be currently a member of a recognized fantail club or association.
- (2) Number of judges, etc.
 - (A) It is the intent of this club, where practical, meets be judged by one competent judge who will

neither enter, nor exhibit birds. Note: If the entry of a show exceeds 750, the officers can opt to use a second judge, the alternate judge.

- (B) The club will reimburse the judge his expenses to a maximum of \$250.
- (C) It is the intent of this club that the same judge not be utilized two years or more in succession.

(3) Selection of judges-

- (A) The executive board and directors will recommend to the general membership present at annual Meeting, four (4) people to be voted on by secret ballot. The winner needs a majority vote; if there is none, the candidate with the least votes will be dropped until one (1) person receives a majority and the 2nd place will be the alternate.
- (B) It is the duty of the district directors to ascertain the preferences or feelings of members within their areas and to be guided by these in their selection of nominees.
- (C) The Central Fantail Club (CFC) will pay judges a judging fee of \$250, \$25/day for meals, and single room hotel occupancy for duration of the show.

(4) Judging procedures—

- (A) All entries in any one color shall be grouped in sub-classes by sex and age. Preliminary judging shall be for Best Young Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Old Hen, Best Old Cock, and where prescribed, Best Yearling Hen and Best Yearling Cock. Young birds must be seamless banded and shown with the same year band for which show is being held, and yearling birds shown in yearling classes (when such class is offered). Yearling birds must be seamless banded with the previous year band for which show is being held, and that only old birds will be shown in old bird classes.
- (B) The winners of the respective sex and age classes shall compete for best of that color. When Best of Color is chosen, then the 2nd place bird to the Best of Color winner is brought up to compete with the remaining class winners for Reserve Champion of Color.
- (C) Pied will be the last color class judged.
- (D) The same procedure will be followed when judging for Champion of show; whereas, the Champion of each color is brought up to compete for Champion Fantail of Show, when the Champion is chosen, then the Reserve Champion of that color is brought forward to compete with the remaining Best of Color winners for Reserve Champion of the show.
- (E) It is the responsibility of the show secretary to see that only eligible birds as prescribed above are permitted to compete for Champion Fantail of Show. If it develops that an exhibitor has made an improper entry in respect to sex, color or age, the entry may be eliminated from competition without recourse. It is the responsibility of the appointed show secretary and his appointed steward to identify and record the judge's selections by proper number, and to insure that all marked and colored fantails are entered in the correct class prior to judging.
- (F) Specials may be offered, as the club may desire; however, Central Fantail Club specials will only be awarded where ten (10) birds in a color class, shown by two or more exhibitors, not in the same household. These specials are aside from the judging of Champion Fantail. Only birds to compete in judging for Champion Fantail shall be those which have won best or champion in their respective color classes.

(G) Champion Fantail is eligible for competition with other varieties where a Grand Champion of Show, all varieties are to be selected.

Article X (District Meets)

District meets are under the direction of each area director.

The district director will annually set the site for the district meet in his area.

Only qualified judges, as set forth in Article X (1) will be utilized at district meets and must be approved by the district director and must be approved by the district director before awarding the site.

The Central Fantail Club will provide the Champion Fantail trophy at a maximum expense of \$15.00 for each CFC district meet.

The Central Fantail Club will neither bear nor incur either the expenses or incomes from the district meets, but rather, are under the purview and discharge of the district director.

Article XI (Amendments)

At the annual meet it shall be the privilege of any active member to propose any alteration to the constitution and by-laws. Acceptance of such proposal or proposals shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Article XII (Records)

The secretary/treasurer shall keep a careful record of all the club's transactions.

Article XIII (Dissolution)

Dissolution requires two-thirds vote of all active members. Any balance of funds may be given to a charitable institution.

Article XIV (Quorum)

A quorum for transaction of business shall consist of not less than twenty percent of the active members. Fantails shall be judged by color classes as follows: