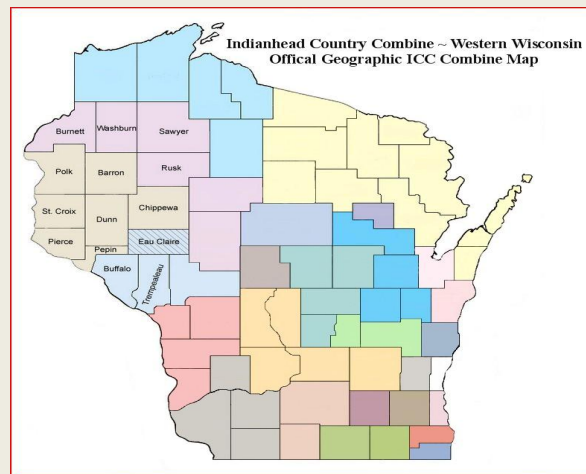


INDIANHEAD COUNTRY COMBINE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name and Location: The name of this organization shall be the Indianhead Country Combine (ICC), with headquarters located in Menomonie Wisconsin. Racing Pigeon Clubs within the following Wisconsin counties Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Polk, Barron, Rusk, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, & Trempealeau, as defined geographically on the official Indianhead Country Combine map are eligible for membership within the Indianhead Country Combine. The ICC is incorporated as a not for profit organization under the laws of the state of Wisconsin.



Section 2. Affiliation: The ICC shall be chartered with the American Racing Pigeon Union (AU) and conduct its activities in compliance with the AU rules and competition standards. All member clubs must have a Constitution and By-Laws and be chartered with the AU. The ICC may also from time to time, conduct its activities with other chartered AU organizations such as a Concourse, Federation or State.

Section 3. Purpose: The primary purpose of the ICC is to afford its member clubs and members of such clubs a higher level of competition. We strive to foster a positive social environment for members and their families whilst promoting the Sport of Racing Pigeons. The ICC may from time to time conduct social and fraternal events, and other activities related to the racing pigeon sport as determined by the membership. Members cannot be excluded because they have been successful in competition and have the right to affiliate with any other Club or National Organization.

Section 4. Sportsmanship & Motto: Members of the ICC agree to conduct themselves in the spirit of friendly sportsmanship, fairness and in accordance with the AU Code of Ethics (AU Policy 310). As members we subscribe to this statement “Competition is for testing Pigeons, not relationships”.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers: The officers shall comprise of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Race Secretary. ICC Officers can be from any Club within the ICC and there shall be no restriction on any Club holding more than one Officer position. Clubs that do not hold an Officer position within the ICC are to appoint an ICC Club representative.

Section 2. Election: The officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for a period of two years. Nominations shall be made from the floor of the meeting and must receive a second motion. The person nominated shall have the privilege to decline nomination. Newly elected officers will take charge of their office after the Annual Meeting and should an office become open during the year due to resignation or any other cause, the Officers should elect a Representative from one of the Clubs to take over the position, preferably from a Club that does not hold an Officer position. If, after a period of two years in office for any Officer of the ICC, there are no members nominated to take over a position, that Officers shall be afforded the opportunity to continue holding that office. They have the privilege to decline and the voting process must follow the same process for a newly elected officer.

Section 3. President: The President shall preside over all regular or special meetings in such a manner as to transact all business. The president shall only vote to break tie votes and shall automatically be on all committees in an advisory capacity. He is the spokesman for the ICC, and will meet the public and be the spokesman for the ICC should the need arise.

Section 4. Vice President: The Vice President will preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and heads up special committees as appointed by the President. The Vice President may also serve as the ICC Constitution & Bylaws Advisor to make sure the ICC operates as intended, and it’s constitution and bylaws are kept up to date.

Section 5. Secretary: The Secretary shall issue notices of all ICC meetings at least one week in advance, shall attend and keep the minutes of the meeting and ensure that all ICC members receive a copy of the minutes. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the ICC Constitution and By-Laws and Charter current and is to issue all revisions to members. It is the responsibility of the Secretary to order diploma’s for the ICC and keep a book of motions.

Section 6. Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the financial assets of the ICC. The treasurer is to submit a financial accounting record to the membership annually, or as directed by the President. The Treasurer shall keep the Officers of the Club informed as to any delinquent members accounts and shall pay all bills. The Treasurer shall keep all books and records pertaining to the ICC and deposit all monies received into the ICC official bank account in a timely manner. The Treasurer will be sure that bank account signature cards that consist of the Treasurer and President are kept current. At the termination of office, the Treasurer shall immediately surrender to the President or new Treasurer, all books, records and related papers together with such funds or monies in possession. An audit shall always be made to the incoming Treasurer and two members of the ICC as appointed by the President.

Section 7. Race Secretary: The Race Secretary is responsible for producing an ICC race result from the results sent to him/her by the Race Secretaries of member clubs and submit such results to the AU National Database and ICC Webmaster. He/She is also responsible for producing Diploma's and a list of awards for the Awards Secretary.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The ICC shall hold an Annual Meeting in late January or early February. The business of that meeting shall include the election of officers and consideration to any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws. All members shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and will be requested to submit any minutes they wish to be included in the Agenda. Items not on the Agenda may be put forward at the end of the meeting under any other business.

Section 2. Special Meeting: Special Meetings may be called by the President or in his/her absence, the Vice President, if deemed necessary. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all members at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the meeting. The President shall also call a Special Meeting within ten days (10) of receipt of a signed request from 25% or more of the active members of the ICC.

Section 3. Order of Business: The normal order of business at Regular Meetings shall include Roll Call, Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Financial Report, Committee Reports, Communications, Unfinished Business, New Business, Any Other Business Date of next Meeting and Adjournment.

Section 4. Quorum and Government: The members present at any ICC meeting shall constitute a quorum. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws can only be acted upon at the Annual Meeting and a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the members in attendance shall be required for adoption. All other matter will be decided by the majority vote of the members at the meeting. It should be noted that the President shall only vote to break tie votes. Junior members will be entitled to vote on all matters with the exception of the election of Officers and the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV – INDIANHEAD COUNTRY COMBINE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Member Clubs: A member club of the ICC is a Chartered Club with the AU and ICC, current in dues with the AU and ICC. All respective individual members of said clubs must reside within the official geographic area as defined in Article I, Section 1 to be eligible for ICC & Concourse reports/awards through the ICC. All members must be of good character and never been expelled by a recognized National Racing Pigeon Organization.

Section 2. Club Membership: Should a club decide to withdraw its membership from the ICC they will not be entitled to any of the physical or financial assets of the ICC, unless specified in a written agreement made, dated and signed, between the Club leaving and the Clubs remaining.

Section 3. Grandfathered ICC Members: ICC members currently outside the geographic area as defined in Article IV Section 1. are grandfathered in as members of the ICC. (Reference Minutes of ICC meeting April 23, 2014) Said members upon not retaining their membership in the ICC forfeit their grandfathered status immediately.

ARTICLE V – DUES, FEES and EXPENSES

Section 1. Dues: The cost for individual ICC Membership will be decided at the Annual Meeting by the Members present. A date for when the dues need to be paid will be set by the Secretary that shall not be less than one (1) month after the meeting. There will be no dues for Junior Members of the ICC. The process by which dues are paid is as follows: Individual will pay their ICC dues to the Club Treasurer who will then send a check to the ICC Treasurer for all their ICC members.

Section 2. Shortage of Operating Funds: Should there be a shortage of operating funds within the ICC, a special meeting shall be called for by the President to try and resolve the issue. Any decisions made must be voted upon by the whole of the membership and the decision must receive a three quarters (3/4) membership vote in favor.

ARTICLE VI – DIPLOMAS, TROPHIES and AWARDS

Section 1. Diplomas will be awarded in accordance with AU recommendations. Plaques (Twelve-plate) will be awarded to any member winning an ICC award. Plaques will be awarded to Junior Members that place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any ICC race result regardless of their position in the race, providing there are three (3) junior members in the race. The awards will be the same as those adopted by the Heartland Federation Concourse for both Old Birds and Young Birds.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

The ICC shall not be dissolved without the consent, in writing, of two-thirds (2/3) of its members, obtained in one and confirmed in another special meeting convened for the consideration of such dissolution. Upon dissolution, the property of the ICC shall be disposed of, to the best advantage, and the proceeds, after all bills and obligations have been paid, shall be equally divided among the Clubs of the ICC in good standing as of the date of the initial dissolution meeting, providing that Club has been a member of the ICC for three (3) years or more.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Regular and Temporary Committees: Regular and temporary committees shall be appointed by the President who shall designate a chairman for each.

Section 2. Race Committee: The ICC Race Secretary will chair the Race Committee, consisting of Race Secretaries of all member clubs. This committee shall have charge of all race details and shall conduct every race in accordance with the AU Competition Standards. It will also resolve all questions and disputes regarding racing or competition, and manage all race figuring activities.

