

American Giant Homer Association BY-LAWS 2011

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

SECTION 1. The organization shall be known as the American Giant Homer (Pigeon) Association, Incorporated.

SECTION 2. This organization shall not have the power to dissolve itself or change its name while there are seven (7) or more dissenting members, nor shall any such proposition for dissolution or change of name be entertained until it shall have been submitted at two (2) annual meetings of the Association preceding final action.

SECTION 3. The AGHA Inc. shall be affiliated with the National Pigeon Association (NPA). (Revised 6/1/96)

SECTION 4. The AGHA shall be incorporated (Wisconsin, 1970).

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the Association is to promote the breeding, exhibition and improvement of the Utility Pigeon known as the AMERICAN GIANT HOMER, to assist the novice breeder in the breeding and conditioning of their birds and to encourage attendance and support of the Association's shows.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person interested in the welfare of the AGHA shall be eligible to be a member.

SECTION 2. The membership dues shall be \$20.00 per year for adult members including Canadian members and \$10.00 for junior members. (Revised 2008) A junior is under 18 years of age or younger. Junior members have all the privileges except voting rights. Family dues (spouses & children) shall be \$25.00 per year (revised 1/1/2010). Annual dues are payable to the Secretary/Treasurer and are due on the 1st day of January in each year, and become delinquent on the 31st day of January in each year. Foreign members dues shall be \$30.00 per year (Note: Foreign members rates are subject to change based on postal rates which can vary greatly based on area. Additional charges may apply.)(Revised 2008)

SECTION 3. Application for membership shall be accompanied by the yearly dues and the applicant shall not at any time be considered a member until the yearly dues are paid.

SECTION 4. The private property of the members of the corporation shall not be liable in any way for its corporation debts.

SECTION 5. A membership card, By-laws and a large 3-view Standard of Perfection of the Ideal American Giant Homer shall be sent to each member.

SECTION 6. Life memberships shall be awarded to members after 20 years of consecutive membership and upon reaching age 65, they shall have all privileges and rights without paying yearly dues.

SECTION 7. Honorary memberships may be awarded by the Executive Committee to any person interested in pigeons who has done outstanding good for the pigeon hobby. The total Executive Committee shall vote on honorary memberships. The honorary members shall be proposed by any sponsor at the annual meeting. Two (2) dissenting votes shall block the honorary membership for two years. All such business shall be conducted in strictest confidence.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The elected officers shall consist of President, Eastern Vice-President, Western Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Publicity Director, Director of each District and Ballot and Election Officer.

SECTION 2. Additional officers shall be appointed to carry out the duties required by ARTICLE X.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and elected directors and the immediate Past President.

ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. All elected officers and directors shall be nominated before November 1st of election year, and elected by ballot of the membership in December of the same year.

SECTION 2. All elected officers and directors will take office on January 1st, following their election in December.

SECTION 3. Terms of office of all officers shall be two (2) years.

SECTION 4. Election years are the odd numbers years 2005 and following. (Revised January 2005)

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings. He/she shall make appointments for any vacancies that occur and appoint all committees, serving as a member themselves. He/she shall see that the BY-Laws are upheld at all times by each member and settle all Association questions arising during his term in office. He/she shall name all appointed officers during April of election year.

SECTION 2. There shall be two (2) Vice-Presidents as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, above. In the absence of the President the Vice-President in the area in which the meeting being held will preside and will assume full charge of the President's duties and powers during the meeting. The Vice-Presidents shall work with the District Directors in promoting the breed. They shall serve as the official Public Relations person in their area. They shall seek to devise methods, plans, programs, etc., through which favorable publicity will be secured. The Eastern Vice-President shall preside over the First and Second Districts. The Western Vice-President shall preside over the Third and Fourth Districts. (Revised Jan 2005)

SECTION 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct all correspondence of the Association. He/she shall have custody of all funds, receive all money for dues, fees, Annual Meet Special and keep an accurate record of same, paying all bills that are necessary and proper for operation of the Association. He/she shall work with the Publicity Director in determining the cost of the Bulletin. He/she shall distribute the profits from band sales to the District Directors for their respective shows and for the annual show. Ratio shall be 50% to the districts and 30% to the AGHA National show and 20% to club treasury. He/she shall furnish a copy of official reports to the Publicity Director for publication. He/she shall advertise the Breed and the Association in Pigeon Journals, Books, Papers, etc. He/she shall publish a complete Treasurer's report at the end of each year and have his/her books audited by three (3) members; preferably at the Annual Meeting and if not there, at such place as the President may direct. (Revised January 2005)

SECTION 4. The Publicity Director shall edit and mail out a Bulletin to the membership as regularly as conditions permits. He/she shall have the authority to solicit articles, news and re-write or re-arrange same for publication. He/she shall be required to publish all official reports, but shall have the power to accept or reject unofficial material submitted for publications at his own discretion. He/she shall publish a complete list of paid up members in June of each year.

SECTION 5. (a) District Directors shall serve as the official spokesman for the members in their districts. They shall direct and co-ordinate Association activities within their districts. Each District Director shall endeavor to have a district show in his district each year.

(b) The states comprising the various districts are as follows:

First District: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Second District: Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Third District: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Fourth District: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California and Hawaii. (Revised 2005)

SECTION 6. The Ballot and Election Officer shall be in charge of all elections and ballots. He/she shall receive all nomination for officers and directors. He/she shall contact nominees for their acceptance or rejection of the nomination, draw up an election ballot and see that all members receive a copy of same. He/she shall report election results and other ballot results to the Publicity Director and to the Recording Secretary. He/she shall have the authority to include explanation notes on the ballot and the authority to void all ballots that are not voted or signed properly. Voting of members for District Directorship can only be made by members of their own district. Voting of members for Vice-Presidents can only be made by members of their own areas. Voting may be conducted at the AGHA Annual meeting by those members in attendance and throughout the year via Internet, fax or by written ballot printed in AGHA bulletin. (Revised January 2005)

ARTICLE VII – EXPULSION

SECTION 1. Any member may be expelled for dishonest representation or any conduct that shall be detrimental to the interest and usefulness of the Association.

SECTION 2. Any member wishing to allege a grievance against any other member shall report such grievance to the President in writing.

SECTION 3. The President shall cause a full investigation to be made and upon its conclusion he shall give a full report to the Executive Committee. After due consideration, the Executive Committee shall vote to keep or expel member. If a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Committee vote for expulsion, notice of such action shall be given to the Association and the membership of the individual terminated.

ARTICLE VIII – DECISION MAKING

Section 1. The Executive Committee (composed of all elected officers, directors and the Past President) shall serve as a central body charged with coordinating and supervising all business, programs and activities of the Association. The Executive Committee shall handle directly those matters not elsewhere delegated to other officers, directors, individuals or committees. All proposals for official action shall be channeled through Executive Committee. All such proposals, including amendments or changes in the By-Laws, shall be handled through the same procedures, as follows:

INITIATION OF PROPOSALS

- (a) As majority vote of the Executive Committee may initiate a proposal to be submitted to a vote of the total membership.
- (b) A petition from at least ten (10) members may initiate a proposal through the Executive Committee, which in turn shall submit it as received for a vote of the total membership.
- (c) Any individual member may initiate a proposal through the Executive Committee for its consideration. If a majority of the Committee approves, the proposal shall be submitted for a vote of the total membership. If a majority of the Committee does not approve the individual's proposal, that individual by a petition of at least ten (10) members may obligate the Committee to submit the proposal for a vote of the total membership.

HANDLING OF PROPOSALS

- (a) The Executive Committee shall ordinarily forward to the membership for a vote all properly validated proposals within sixty (60) days after their reception. Extenuating circumstances for further delay shall be explained. A petition of ten (10) members shall activate the submitting of the proposal to the membership in cases of unreasonable delay.
- (b) The membership shall be allowed a period of sixty (60) days to discuss the proposal with other members and through articles in the Bulletin before it is called on to vote. Ballots will ordinarily be circulated through the bulletin. Ballots will be handled by the Ballot and Election Officer.
- (c) All items submitted for a vote by the membership that have followed the proper procedures outline in Article VIII including "Handling of Proposals" (a) and (b) and are ready to be voted on at the time of the annual meeting (Article IX), may be voted on by those members in attendance at the annual meeting. Such items that are handled and voted on at the annual meeting by those present, will NOT go to the "general membership" to be voted on. (January 2005).

- (d) It is assumed that this decision making process will be in process throughout the year and that some proposals will be under discussion in the Bulletin and moving toward a vote most of the time. This procedure is intended to keep officers and members actively involved in a meaningful and productive program throughout the nation and throughout the year.
- (e) In cases where there is a clearly recognized need for the Executive Committee to make an urgent decision for the Association, it may do so by unanimous vote of the Committee. Certain minor matters of business may be properly conducted through a unanimous agreement of the Executive Committee. However, in all such cases of executive action, any member feeling the action was improper may submit a ten-member petition asking for a membership vote to rescind the action taken or to censure the judgment of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL MEETING

All AGHA Business Meetings will be held in conjunction with the AGHA Young Bird Futurity. (Revised May 15, 1991) On the day preceding the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee members present shall meet and act as a steering committee for the Annual Meeting. The order of business for the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- (a) Reading of minutes of last Annual Meeting
- (b) Reports of Officers and Committees
- (c) Old Business
- (d) New Business
- (e) Good and welfare discussion
- (f) Adjournment

ARTICLE X – AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Standard of Perfection

The Association shall adopt a 3-view standard of perfection; which will be recognized as the Official Standard. All AGHA shows shall be judged according to the standard and judges have been a giant Homer breeder for at least 5 years. (Revised January 2007) All changes to the standard shall be made in accordance with the procedure set forth in ARTICLE VIII above. The Association may adopt a model conforming to the Standard.

SECTION 2. Shows

- (a) AGHA National Show – The District Director for the District in which the show is held will be the member in charge of the show. Classes at the Annual Show shall be provided as set forth in the Standard. The District Director of the district in which the AGHA National Show is held shall be responsible for securing the services of a competent judge. The name of the judge selected shall be announced to the membership in the Bulletin as soon as a firm commitment is made.
- (b) District Shows – The District Director of each district shall endeavor to hold a district show. He may, at his discretion, designate one show as the old bird show and another as the young bird show district show. He shall be responsible for selecting the site of the show, arranging the classes to be offered, soliciting awards and specials and securing the services of a competent judge. He shall announce all particulars of the district show in a Bulletin as soon as they have been established.
- (c) Other Shows – The membership of the Association shall encourage the exhibition of American Giant Homers at all pigeon shows held throughout the United States. Members will assist whenever possible in the conduct of shows.
- (d) Best Display Award – A special award may be given at an AGHA show for the Best Display by an exhibitor. This award will be calculated as follows:
 - 1) To figure the number of bird's points to be totaled for each exhibitor do the following:
Total the number of Giant Homers entered in the show divided by the total number of exhibitors – Example: 350 birds divided by 27 exhibitors equals 12.97 or 13 bird's points may be used.
 - 2) Points are to be awarded at a rate of one point per every bird entered in each class – Example: Blue bar cocks 44 birds in class, First place bird receives 44 points, second 43, third 42, etc.
 - 3) Maximum number of places given in any class, regardless of the size of the class will be 16 – Example: Blue bar cocks 44 birds in class only first 16 get points. Rare cock class 8 birds in class, all 8 receive points.
 - 4) Minimum number of points given in any class may be 1 – Example: Recessive red cocks 1 bird in class only 1 point for first place.

5) Total amount of points awarded to one exhibitor will be figured as follows:

Exhibitor shows 30 birds, 24 birds place and receive points, all 24 bird's points are recorded and the highest 13 are used to attain the total amount of points for that exhibitor – Example: One bird with 24, one with 22, seven with 9, five with 6, four with 5 and four with 3. Use the highest thirteen amounts: 24, 22, seven with 9, four at 6 equals 133 points. (New 6/1/96)

- (e) A committee of three (3) members appointed by the President will have the power to distribute “Matching Funds” not to exceed \$250.00 per show to any approved Giant Homer show that meets the following requirements:
1. A minimum of five (5) exhibitors, all members in good standing of the AGHA, showing a minimum of seventy-five (75) Giant Homers.
 2. A written proposal must be made at least ninety (90) days in advance of the show, listing date, judge, place and time of show. A complete list of classes to be held and any premiums those are to be paid.
 3. The sponsoring person or organization must match, dollar for dollar, all “Matching Funds” received.
 4. The sponsoring person or organization must file a complete show report with our AGHA Bulletin Director within thirty (30) days of the show.

It is understood that anytime the AGHA bank account drops below \$8,000, this program will be discontinued until such time as more funds are available. (Revised 4/2006)

The following shows would not be eligible for these “Matching Funds”:

- 1) The National Young Bird Show
- 2) The AGHA Young Bird Futurity
- 3) The Tulsa State Fair Show
- 4) The NPA National
- 5) The Maturity (revised 3/2002)

Giant Homer Shows that are held in conjunction with All Breed Shows that meet the requirements are eligible for the “Matching Funds.” (Revised 6/98)

SECTION 3. Giant Homer Band Pool

The Association shall purchase and distribute bands for use by the membership. This activity shall be known as the Giant Homer Band Pool. The President shall appoint a Band Pool Director. The Giant Homer Band Pool Rules shall be incorporated in this section by reference and be considered a part thereof. The Giant Homer Band Pool Director shall conduct the Giant Homer Band Pool in accordance with the rules set up by the Association. He shall furnish the Publicity Director and Recording Secretary a complete list of all Giant Homer bands bought and sold in each district before September of each year. Profits of band sales shall be sent to the Association Secretary/Treasurer before the end of August each year.

AGHA Band Pool Rules and Regulations

1. The American Giant Homer Association shall sponsor an activity known as the AGHA Band Pool. This activity shall constitute an affiliated activity as set forth in ARTICLE X, SECTION 4, of the AGHA Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The Band Pool Director shall be appointed by the President. The Director shall start his or her term on September 1st, running a two-year term.
3. The Director shall purchase the AGHA Bands. The bands shall have imprinted the AGHA, the year and be numbered from zero (0) through whatever high numbers the Director sees fit to supply the membership that particular year.
4. The Director shall only sell AGHA bands to members in good standing, this to be determined by a current list of paid-up members as of January 1st of the year the bands are intended to be used. The list is to be provided by the Secretary/Treasurer on or just prior to January 1st of the year the bands are intended to be used. If a member has ordered/bid on bands, they will not be sent out until notification of paid-up dues is received by the Band Director. After January 1st, those bands that have been ordered/paid for by a member who has not paid his dues will be held for 30 days. If verification of dues being paid has not been received after 30 days, the Band Director will proceed to distribute those remaining bands on a first come first serve basis and the funds paid by the original purchaser will be returned minus a 10% fee for handling. No members shall sell or give AGHA bands to a non-member. (Revised 12/1/1994)

5. Bands shall be sold on a competitive bidding, this bidding to start September 1st of each year and end December 15th. All bands thereafter will be \$0.40 each. The highest and earliest bid shall receive precedence, with highest over earliest for specific numbers. Bands are to be ordered in multiples of 25 bands and not sent out before January 1st. The Director shall close the books in August of each year and at the end of the two-year term, shall turn over the books to the new Director. (Revised 1/05)
6. The profit from the Band sales is: 50% to the District Shows and 30% for the Annual Show and 20% to the club treasury. The Director shall turnover said funds to the Secretary/Treasurer. He shall figure the profit made per band sold, times the number each District bought. Band Pool Money to be used at the discretion of the District Director as to be applied to old bird and young bird payouts. (Proposed revision 2008)
7. The District Director shall distribute the cash specials at their District meets and the Secretary/Treasurer at the Annual Show. (Revised 2008)
8. All Bands will be shipped by first class mail.

SECTION 4.

A. OUTSTANDING BREEDER OF THE YEAR

1. This annual award will go to the member selected by the Awards Committee (consisting of 4 members, the President, the Eastern and Western Vice Presidents and the Secretary/Treasurer) on the basis of his or her previous annual year in the showrooms and in the breeding pens. (revised 1/05)
 - a. The shows to consider in the point system must have 100 or more Giant Homers entered.
 - b. Any District Show and the Louisville Young Bird Show, AGHA Young Bird Futurity and American Giant Homer National would qualify if they meet the above standard for number of pigeons.
 - c. At a District Show that qualifies, all first place class winners will be awarded five (5) points, Best young cock and young hen will be awarded five (5) additional points and Champion Cock or Champion Hen will be awarded ten (10) additional points. At the Louisville Young Bird Show and the AGHA Young Bird Futurity, the first place birds will be awarded ten (10) points and the Champion cock and hen will be awarded an additional fifteen (15) points. (Revised 6/98).
Double points to be awarded for National Show, if held with a District Show and that show qualifies for points. (Revised 6/01)
2. Nominations for the receipt of this award can be made by anyone or group of members. Nominations must be made to the District Director in which the nominee resides. The District Director is then to submit the nomination along with the show records of the nominee to the Awards Committee no later than October 1st annually. The Committee will make its selection and announce to the membership of its choice on the first weekend in December of that same year. Selection will be printed in the Bulletin of January of the following year.
3. The Recipient will receive an official certificate signed by all members of the Awards Committee.
4. The president is the only member not eligible for the award during his/her term of office. (revised 6/01)
5. Only one member may be selected each year, though some years may have no nominations and the recipient one year is ineligible the following year.

B. OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1. This annual award will go to the member selected by the Awards Committee on the basis of his or her: (a) bringing in new members, (b) promotional word at showrooms, through articles, etc. (c) helping and assisting new members with breeding stock and advice on breeding and showing.
2. Nominations for the receipt of this award can be made by anyone or group of members. Nominations must be made to the District Director in which the nominee resides and the District Director is then to submit the nomination along with a list of such accomplishments mentioned above to the Awards Committee no later than October 1st annually. The Committee will make its selection and announce to the membership of its choice on the first weekend in December of that same year. Selection will be printed in the Bulletin of January of the following year.
3. The recipient will receive an official certificate signed by all five (5) members of the Awards Committee.
4. Members of the Committee and District Directors are exempt from being nominated.
5. Only one member may be selected each year, though some years there may be no nominations. The recipient one year is ineligible the following year.

C. OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1. This annual award will go to the junior member selected by the Awards Committee on the basis of his or her participation in the Association and success in the showroom, both to be weighed equally.
2. Nominees are to be 18 years or under and to have paid junior member dues the same year of which they are being considered for this award.
3. Nominations for the receipt of this award can be made by anyone or group of members. Nominations must be made to the District Director in which the nominee resides and the District Director is then to submit the nomination along with a list of such accomplishments mentioned above to the Awards Committee no later than October 1st annually. The Committee will make its selection and announce to the membership of its choice on the first weekend in December of that same year. Selection will be printed in the Bulletin of January of the following year.
4. The recipient will receive an official certificate signed by all five (5) members of the Awards Committee.
5. Only one junior member may be selected each year, though some years there may be no nominations. The recipient one year is ineligible the following year.

D. THE AMERICAN GIANT HOMER ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

1. This is not to be an annual award, though nominations will be welcome each year and will be selected by the Executive Committee. Nor is this to be an award that is easily won. Nominees must meet the following in order to be eligible to be inducted into the Hall of Fame:
 - a. Have been a member for 10 consecutive years.
 - b. Have been the recipient of two of the following three awards: Master Breeder Award, Outstanding Member of the Year and/or Outstanding Breeder of the Year Award.
 - c. Have contributed to the refinement of any one or more of the recognized colors or the development of any rare or new colors. (Revised 2008)
 - d. And to have been a member in good standing, showing a positive concern for the Association for the total duration as an AGHA member. (revised 2008)
2. Within the first four years of the origination of this award deceased members may be nominated and are exempt from meeting the above criteria within the judgment of the members of the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee will consider no more than two nominations per year (living) and only a reasonable number of deceased members per year for the first four years.
4. Nominations can be made only by one of the members of the Executive Committee. Nominations must be presented to the Committee no later than October 1st of each year if any are to be considered for that year. The Committee will announce to the membership of any inductees on the first weekend in December of each year and will print these results in the January Bulletin of the following year.
5. The recipient will receive an official certificate with their name and the names of all those preceding them into the Hall of Fame. Signatures of the President and Secretary/Treasurer will accompany each certificate.
6. The president is the only member not eligible for the award during his/her term of office. (revised 6/01)

E. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The recipient has to have been a member for a total of at least 20 consecutive years. The reason being that unlike the Hall of Fame which requires specific contributions, this award is for the member that has been there for the Association in all areas over a long period of time. A single outstanding contribution will weigh in selection. One nomination per year and voted on by the Executive Board. (Revised 2008)

The President shall appoint one member to serve as recording secretary. He/she shall serve as recording secretary. He/she shall serve as the official historian of the Association. He/she shall keep a complete, up-to-date record of the By-Laws, Officers, Directors, Treasurer's reports, minutes of meetings, copies of Bulletins, show rules, show results, Giant Homer band rules, certificate winners, official standard, yearbooks and anything else pertaining to the Breed and Association. He/she will serve as an advisor to the President on all questions pertaining to Association Administration. Since continuity of effort is of material significance in this area, each President is encouraged to re-appoint the acting Recording Secretary providing he wishes to continue in that capacity and his performance has been satisfactory.

SECTION 6. Futurities

The Association encourages the holding of futurities at the official shows. Any member wishing to conduct a futurity shall draft the rules pertaining to that futurity. He shall obtain permission to hold the futurity. The President shall approve or disapprove futurities to be held with the National Show. Each District Director shall approve or disapprove futurities held in his district except the National Show. Any member holding a futurity shall insure that the rules and regulations applicable to the futurity are announced to the membership, are clear and concise and are strictly complied with and enforced.

ARTICLE XI – MASTER BREEDER

Purpose: The American Giant Homer Association intends to recognize those breeders that have established a winning family of American Giant Homers.

Guidelines for Master Breeder Eligibility:

1. The President of the AGHA shall appoint a committee of three (3) members know as the Master Breeder Committee, preferably members who are already Master Breeders. The Master Breeder Committee will work together along with all District Directors so all points are recognized and recorded.
2. The Master Breeder Committee Chairman will keep record of accumulated points in the allotted period of time given and announce when a breeder has reached the necessary points and requirements for their Master Breeder Certificate. Upon obtaining necessary points and requirements the AGHA shall supply the recipient with their certificate and shoulder patch.
3. District Directors shall be responsible for reporting any AGHA sanctioned show held within their district to the Master breeder Committee Chairman. Eligible AGHA shows must be announced and published in the AGHA Bulletin to be confirmed as a sanctioned show. In the event of a show being a double sanctioned show (i.e. AGHA National held in conjunction with District 1) points will be awarded for one show unless all birds are judged by two (2) different judges. A show report worksheet shall be completed and turned into the Master Breeder Committee Chairman. (A worksheet is available for this purpose.) The show records shall include but not limited to:
 - a. Date of show
 - b. Location of show
 - c. Type of show, i.e. District, National, etc.
 - d. Judge
 - e. Number of birds in show
 - f. Number of exhibitors
 - g. Special Awards – Champion, Reserve Champion or Best Opposite, Best Old Cock, Best Old Hen, Best Young Cock, Best Young Hen, Best Display, Best of Color in each color class and 1st place of each class.
4. In shows where two judges are used for the separate sexes-points will be distributed separately (i.e. treated like two separate shows) but Major and Minor wins will be awarded according to the number of birds entered in show.

ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Eligible persons must be a paid up member and have been a paid member for the past consecutive ten (10) years without lapse in their membership dues.
- b. Eligible persons must accumulate 1000 points within twelve (12) consecutive years.
- c. Eligible persons must have two (2) Major wins with at least one (1) being outside their home district and four (4) minor wins in a period of twelve (12) consecutive years.
- d. ONLY birds bred by the exhibitor are eligible to accumulate points.

RETROACTIVE POINTS:

Points accumulated by an exhibitor for the past twelve (12) years from the date this proposal passes will be grand fathered into the Master Breeder point system. Points will be figured as closely as possible according to the points system described below. All exhibitor points will be accumulated per retroactive submitted show reports.

POINT SYSTEM: Points to be awarded as follows:

- a. Champion -20 points
- b. Reserve Champion/Best Opposite-15 points
- c. Best Old Cock-10 points
- d. Best Old Hen-10 points
- e. Best Young Cock -10 points
- f. Best Young Hen-10 points
- g. Best of each color-5 points (no color points to be awarded to shows with less than 4 breeders and 50 birds and there must be at least 2 exhibitors participating in Best of Color classes.)
- h. 1st place of each class-2 points (no 1st place points to be awarded to shows with less than 4 breeders and 50 birds and there must be at least 2 exhibitors participating in each class.)
- i. Best Display-10 points- figured under Article X, Section 2,d. Best Display Award of the AGHA by-laws (A worksheet is available for this)

Major and Minor Championship Points: Additional Championship points to be awarded as follows:

- a. **MAJOR WIN POINTS** are awarded to birds shown at a show with 150 birds or more shown. Major points are awarded additional to Champion bird only.
 1. Old and Young bird show Major win will score 30 additional points.
 2. Young bird show Major win will score an additional 25 points.
- b. **MINOR WIN POINTS** are awarded to birds shown at a show with 149 birds or less shown. Minor points are awarded additional to Champion bird only.
 1. Old and Young bird show Minor win will score 20 additional points.
 2. Young bird show Minor win will score 15 additional points. (Revised 2011)

ARTICLE XII – RULES OF ORDER

This business of Association shall be conducted according to these By-Laws and as outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order.

At all AGHA sanctioned shows, Giant Homers shall be judged according to the following color classifications, subject to possible modification noted at the end of this listing.

CLASS I. BLUE BAR - a clear even shade of blue (intense) on the wing shield, with two clean, distinct, black bars. As is the case of blue pigeons in general, the head and neck to be somewhat darker than the wing shield. No white or off-color feathers anywhere including rump and shanks. No partial third bar or sootiness in wing shield. (Whitish "albescence" strips on edge of outer tail feathers are normal for blue pigeons and should not be interpreted as white feathers.)

CLASS II. OTHER BARS – ash red, brown, indigo. Clear even shading on wing shields; two clean, distinct and even bars. Bars may be wide or narrow as long as they are uniform. No white or off-color feathers anywhere. Brown will show a dark band across the tail; ash red will show a lighter tail band or no such band at all. Indigo may show either light or dark tail bar. (Note: ash red cocks may show black flecking in the tail and wing flights. Any flecking in hens must be brown and not black. When flecking becomes extensive, covering other areas as well, bird must be entered in AOC class.)

CLASS III. BLUE CHECK - includes open check, T-pattern checks and saturated T-patterns or "velvets". Whatever the type of checkering, it is to be even throughout the wing shield. No white or off-color feathers anywhere. Checkering may or may not be visible on the breast and hocks.

CLASS IV. OTHER CHECKS - all other checks, open T-pattern or saturated, except blue, silver, opal or faded. Even checkering throughout wing shield. No white or off-color feather anywhere. Tail bars and flecking as in Other Bars above.

CLASS V. WHITE - white throughout, with white toenails and clear white (flesh-colored) beak.

CLASS VI. RECESSIVE RED OR YELLOW - clear even shade of red or yellow throughout. Ideal red coloration to approach that of the Carneau or Saxon Whitetail. Yellow likewise. No white or off-color feathers anywhere; no white lacing to be apparent. No smuttiness or plum color in tail or elsewhere.

CLASS VII. OTHER SOLIDS - black, brown, spread ash (intense), andalusian (intense). No white or off-color feathers anywhere. Patterns should not be visible, except in andalusian and spread ash, both of which may show a uniform lacing throughout. Reddish tint in bar area of andalusian is undesirable. Flights and tail of spread ash will be slightly lighter than rest of bird.

CLASS VIII. DOMINANT OPAL - all dominant opals regardless of pattern or primary color. Most opals are based on blue, but brown opals and ash red opals do occur. No stray white feathers although some opals may have white bars. NOTE: Opal grizzles to be shown in the grizzle classes. Faded opals to be shown in the faded classes. (Revised 7/03)

CLASS IX. GRIZZLE - all grizzles regardless of color, pattern and or other modifiers shall be shown in this class. This includes opal grizzles, faded grizzles, reduced grizzles, etc. (Revised 7/03)

CLASS X. RARE - all reduced regardless of color or pattern. All barless regardless of color. All foregoing to be free of stray white feathers. Other rare colors and patterns admissible to this class as they occur. These may include, but are not limited to, recessive opal, ice blue, milky, whiteside, turbit marked (saddle), pale, toy stencil and bronze. District Director or his representative to determine admissibility to this class.

CLASS XI. ALMOND - preferred classical coloration, basically whitish-sandy with some bronzing and black or other dark mottling (break) especially prominent in cocks and increasing with age. NOTE: All deroys and sandies to be shown in this class. (Revised 7/03)

CLASS XII. FADED - preferred classical coloration, somewhat lightened blue typical of hens in auto-sexing blue varieties, bar or check pattern. Bronzing permissible in wing and crop regions, but tail band should be dark, white flights unacceptable. NOTE: All faded colors are to be shown in this class except faded grizzle, which will be shown in grizzle class. (Revised 7/03)

CLASS XIII. PIED/SPLASH - the ideal of this class is a flashy parti-colored plumage, but unlike almond. The colored and white areas should be contrasty, without regularity and the birds should not be expected to breed true. Birds that are basically white must have a one-third colored feathers and birds that are basically colored must have one-third white feathers. Eye color-see "Eyes" in the Judging Standard. Class not to include symmetrical markings such as saddle, baldhead, gazzie, etc. which belong to the rare class.

CLASS XIV. AOC - literal translation is "any other color". This class is intended to include anything that does not fit into any of the thirteen classes previously listed. Includes, but is not limited to, colored birds showing one or more white feathers, smutty recessive reds and yellows, bars and checks not showing proper pattern, whites with dark beaks or toenails, etc.

CLASS XV. DILUTE - all patterns would be in this class, i.e. bars and checks in all colors including dilutes of solids. EXCEPTION: Recessive red and dilutes of Fade, Grizzle, Opal or another factor not listed.

MODIFICATION IN CLASSIFICATION: In shows with small entries, classes may be combined to create competition by the member in charge. However, AOC (mismarks) should not be combined with any of the fourteen standard classes.