

## EAST COURSE COMBINE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 18, 2016 MEETING

**ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order by John Nemeth, President at approximate 10:00 am. Club representatives present were: WOC, RIC, YIIK, BON, LAP, and IEIC & WEF.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Minutes for the September 2016 meeting were posted on the website; Martha Stork summarized highlights of minutes. Sonny made a motion to accept minutes as printed, Mike Smith seconded. Passed

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – The balance \$14,860.00 was reported by Treasurer, Richard Ocequera. GPS and website domain/maintenance fee of \$91 has not yet been paid. Gary Anderson made a motion to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Sonny Cangiarella. Passed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Young Bird Season** – Sonny shared that Young Birds was a good season. Young Bird flyers were congratulated on a good season. Sonny also handed out all the YB diplomas for 2016.

Sonny also mentioned crates need to get back on the trailer, and will up date everyone at the next meeting. Quick crate count, Bon- 34 RIC – 18 WEF -13 WOC – 7 LAP – 8.

**Banquet** – Richard Ocequera has been researching locations for the East Course Banquet. Looks like it may be VFW in Glen Avon, with food catered. Potential dates for the Banquet are January 22 or 29<sup>th</sup>. Date/Location to be finalized at the next meeting. An accurate count of attendees by club will need to be provided at the next meeting.

**Old Bird Schedule**- Schedule has been approved; however, dates have not. Discussion took place and the group decided on February 18<sup>th</sup> as a start date. An estimate of teams was provided at the meeting: BON 10, IEIC 5, LAP 8, RIC 5, WEF 12, WOC 7, and YIIK 7. (54 Teams, 1,620 birds) Exact number of Teams for each club will need to be provided by the next meeting. These teams should be accurate, not estimated. Clubs will be responsible for collecting monies and providing total for their club to the East Course Treasurer, Richard. Sonny estimated shipping cost to be approximately \$250 per team.

### 2017 OB SCHEDULE

	SHIPPING DAY	RACE DAY	STATION	MILES
1	Saturday, February 18, 2017	Sunday, February 19, 2017	Chuckwalla	150
2	Saturday, February 25, 2017	Sunday, February 26, 2017	Poston	190
3	Saturday, March 04, 2017	Sunday, March 05, 2017	Vicksburg	250
4	Thursday, March 09, 2017	Saturday, March 11, 2017	Wickenburg	300
5	Thursday, March 16, 2017	Saturday, March 18, 2017	Sedona	380
6	Saturday, March 25, 2017	Sunday, March 26, 2017	Parker	220
7	Thursday, March 30, 2017	Saturday, April 01, 2017	Winslow	440
8	Saturday, April 08, 2017	Sunday, April 09, 2017	Poston	190
9	Thursday, April 13, 2017	Saturday, April 15, 2017	St. Johns	500

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DUES** – Dues for 2017 will need to be paid at next meeting: \$20 East Course Combine. Club Officers, (2) Delegates for each club will need to be provided at January meeting as well.

**AU Convention** – Mike Smith shared the seminars he attended at the AU Convention. John Vance's Disease Resistance and Bacteria seminar and the Belgium CoMed Products. Mike explained that many birds carry the circo virus. Birds should be vaccinated at 4 – 6 weeks for both PMB and Salmonella for vaccines to be of use. Mike also shared that many meds will no longer be made available within a year. Sonny will be in touch with Dr. Farshid of Orange County in hopes of gaining assisting for pigeon flyers.

**Future Flying Schedule** - Mike Smith shared the prospect of flying YB and OB together for a 14 week series starting in November of each year. This would eliminate many obstacles encountered by flyers during the year (heat, cost of racing, trailer availability, etc.) Mike Smith will provide additional information at a future meeting.

**City of Hope** – Sonny shared the AU Convention's Youth Race. Birds were auctioned and 100% of proceeds were donated to the City of Hope. California Late Hatch Classic Race owner, Mark Rozwadowski also donated \$2,500 to the City of Hope. And Mark Karges also donated birds for the City Of Hope Auction

**Trailer** – Proposals for Drivers will be accepted for 2017. A driver may be required to stay over a day due to inclement weather. Discussion also took place regarding possibilities of purchasing a second trailer.

The next meeting will be held at High Point Pigeon Supplies on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

John Nemeth made a motion to close meeting, seconded by Sonny Cangiarella.

Respectively submitted by Martha Stork, Recording Secretary Assistant.