

EAST COURSE COMBINE MINUTES JULY 22, 2017 MEETING

ROLL CALL - The meeting was called to order by President Amador Larias at 10:00 am. Club representatives present were: WOC, RIC, YIHK, BON, LAP, WEF. IEIC was not present.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Minutes for the February 2017 meeting were posted on the website; Martha Stork summarized highlights of minutes. Minutes accepted.

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP – Exclusive RPC submitted a request for membership in the East Course Combine. A Charter, By Laws and Roster were provided. There was a unanimous acceptance of the new club by delegates.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The balance \$9,437.00 was reported by Treasurer, Richard Ociegera. Additional costs are monthly fee of \$3.99 for GPS non-flying months. Financial Report Accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS - Trailer

Follow-up to last meeting: Previous costs sought for Trailer storage in the local area ranged at \$300 per month. Hector Morales indicated no additional locations could be found. Sonny will store trailer indefinitely. Per previous meeting, trailer committee is: Hector Morales, Walter Jenkins, Brian Carlstrom and Sonny Cangiarella.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Flying Two Teams - Clarification of the recent voting for two teams per flyer was provided. Two teams per member or members in event of partner teams includes a maximum of 60 birds per location/address.

Combined Flying Seasons of Old Birds and Young Birds

Much discussion of the joint seasons took place. Gary Anderson made a motion to move discussion to the end of the year where it could be further reviewed and voted on. Eric Walsh seconded. Passed

Old Bird Season

Sonny gave us an update on Old Bird Season. Diplomas were completed and passed out to the clubs. In addition, the following areas were brought up by Sonny:

- By laws have been Updated
- Incorporation taken care of
- Trainers were put on trailer, no trainers were allowed in OB
- Paper was not put down on the bottom of all crates
- Paperwork needs to be completed accurately
- Trailer maintenance (trailer needs to be cleaned; Sonny will not clean)
- Every club needs to send a copy atomic clock used in setting clocks prior to shipping races

Sonny reminded everyone to adhere to the rules set forth. Refusal to abide by rules would result in a disqualification of member/club.

NEW BUSINESS

Young Bird Season

La Puente Schedule was the only one submitted. Schedule was accepted. Mike Smith made a motion to move race start date October 21 and skip Thanksgiving weekend, adding an additional week. Seconded by Grant

Gillman. Passed. Lyle Loomis made a motion to change first race station from Hayfield to Desert Center. Seconded by Larry Peart. Passed.

Estimated teams for 2017 Young Birds are as follows:

BON 25

LAP 25

RIC 10

WEF 10

WOC 10

Y2K 6

EVRPC 11

*For a total of 97 Teams. Accurate count of teams should be provided at the next meeting.

Members discussed a Club Level only Race to take place a week prior to the start of the schedule, October 14th from Hayfield. Clay would be hauling this race. Total clubs/birdage will need to be provided at next meeting. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Truck Sheet

Martha Stork and Gary Anderson will work on getting a new truck sheet completed for the clubs. This should expedite tracking of birds being shipped and minimize paperwork.

Awards/Trophies

As a follow-up to last meeting, awards from Save Your Legacy were re-visited. Martha Stork provided a couple of sample awards. The Owner of Save Your Legacy agreed to provide our clubs and combine a 30% reduction in cost if we used for the entire series. (\$40 for 8 x 10) Trophy awards stands at \$100 per award. Awards would be left up to the awarded flyer, either \$100 or having an award made

Weather Conditions

Race weather conditions were discussed as races were moved and/or cancelled last season. Discussion included the heat (flying over 90 degrees over the course and winds in excess of 20 mph). Sonny suggested taking a look at the rules in place. The Race Rules Section addressing this is as follows:

NEW RULE REVISED 10-04-15

SECTION G. Race Changes or Cancellations

The race schedule may not be changed in any way while a race series is in progress

EXCEPT if it is deemed necessary by the **MAJORITY** of the **RACE COMMITTEE** (Consisting of: ECC Race Secretary and each individual club's Race Secretaries **ONLY!**).

Considerations should include the safety and welfare of the birds and are not necessarily to be limited to heat, winds, or rain for either the young or old bird seasons.

The combine race sect. will contact all club sect. on Wednesday by 6 PM, by email, your club sect. need to contact his members on how they vote, and get back to the combine sect. by Thursday 6 PM, by email, and put up on the website and email out the final decision.

Wednesday for Sunday releases. Tuesday for Saturday release.

Money races or other organization races should **NOT** be considered. A member club, **THROUGH IT'S CLUB RACE SECRETARY**, may decide to hold their birds to be brought back from the race. They will forfeit any fees paid to the Combine or transporter. If the club does not release with the, Combine and the race is flown, the members of the club will be treated as if they **DID NOT** ship the race (for award considerations, etc.). If it is determined by the majority of the Race Committee that a race cannot be released, (For Example: If there are 7 participating clubs in the Combine, a majority would be 4 clubs in agreement), the **FIRST** consideration of the Race Committee shall be to bring the race back to the first safe release station and release on the same day. The new station will count for any and all awards as the race it is replacing and **WILL NOT EFFECT** the remaining race schedule.

The SECOND consideration of the Race Committee shall be hold the birds over for one day and release if appropriate weather conditions exist. The

FINAL consideration of the Race Committee shall be to **CANCEL AND DROP** the race, **HAVING NO EFFECT** on the remaining race schedule. If the race is cancelled by **NOON ON THE DAY OF SHIPPPING, THE RACE WILL BE RESCHEDULED** for the following week, moving all remaining races one week later. Unless it is a MAJORITY decision by the Race Committee to cancel a race by **NOON ON THE DAY OF SHIPPING, ALL RACES WILL BE SHIPPED** and the determinations outlined above will be made while the birds are in transit.

If there are still questions, we can address at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 16th at 10:00 am at High Point Feed. Sonny Cangiarella made a motion to close meeting, seconded by Mike Smith.

Respectively submitted by Martha Stork, Recording Secretary.

ECC 2017 YB SCHEDULE

	SHIPPING DATES	RACE DATES	STATION	
1	Saturday, October 14, 2017	Sunday, October 15, 2017	Hayfield, CA	Training Race
1	Saturday, October 21, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Desert Center, CA	
2	Saturday, October 28, 2017	Sunday, October 29, 2017	Chuckwalla, AZ	
3	Saturday, November 04, 2017	Sunday, November 05, 2017	Ehrenberg, AZ	
4	Saturday, November 11, 2017	Sunday, November 12, 2017	Vicksburg, AZ	
5	Saturday, November 18, 2017	Sunday, November 19, 2017	Salome, AZ	
	Saturday, November 25, 2017	Sunday, November 26, 2017	Thanksgiving weekend	By Weekend
6	Thursday, November 30, 2017	Saturday, December 02, 2017	N. Estrella, AZ	
7	Thursday, December 07, 2017	Saturday, December 09, 2017	Florence Junction, AZ	