

## **EAST COURSE COMBINE**

### Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 9 am, December 4, 2011 at Jurupa Park

The meeting was called to order by President Ramon Velasquez, at approximately 9:00 am. The club representatives in attendance were: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, and Palm Springs. The So. Cal racing pigeon club representative was not in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting on September 11, 2011, which were posted on our internet site, were accepted without being read.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis reported that the cash balance was \$3,485.42 after checks were made to the combine race winners.

#### **New Business:**

The combine trailer has been sent to the home of R. Morevia in Riverside for storage until next season. The reps voted to pay him \$250 as a storage fee. The trailer needs to be cleaned out and it was agreed that Dan Considine would organize a small team to do this on Saturday Dec 17. The clubs will advise Dan which members are willing to help out.

The representatives also agreed that the combine crates will need to be disinfected two weeks prior to next season. Also, they want to advise each club holding crates at their clubhouses to also clean and disinfect them prior to the start of the next young bird season

Dan Considine has agreed to assist the combine treasurer in preparing a combine financial statement for the past year which will be sent to all club reps when completed.

Combine diplomas were printed out by the combine race secretary and were given to the combine reps for distribution to their club members. In addition, the combine treasurer gave out checks in lieu of trophies, totaling \$1,200 to the reps for distribution to the race winners in their clubs. Sonny posted the names of winners in his final email with the results. There were 9 race winners and one each for champion bird, champion loft and average speed. Each winner was awarded \$100.

The reps discussed the possibility of having a combine old bird season for 2012, flying the east course. It was concluded that there was not enough interest to make flying financially feasible and it appears that many members will be flying with the 99 concourse.

Sonny reminded the reps to inform their clubs that at the conclusion of each race, it is necessary for someone to send the winners strike off sheet to the combine race secretary for verification. Apparently, this has not always been done by all clubs this year.

The Bonita club informed the reps that they had discovered errors in the race sheet for their club that was posted to the AU website. What happened was that a bird that clocked 75<sup>th</sup> in the club report somehow was reported as the winner in the combine report with an incorrect time. In addition, the club shipped 182 birds by 12 lofts and the combine report listed 211 birds and 13 lofts. There was also a question about the number of birds shipped by the Freeway club. These errors have caused the Combine reports for the last race and for the season to be incorrect and they must be fixed. Sonny, the combine secretary, who processed who reports felt that he had received a corrupted file from the Bonita club which caused the problem. He said that there are no manual adjustments to the race reports and they are simply merged together and sent to the AU. The Bonita club checked the file is sent to the secretary and did not find any evidence of data corruption as all the reports printed out by the club were correct. Sonny is continuing to evaluate the situation to find out how this might have happened so this problem doesn't reoccur in the future.

Each club that wants to is requested to prepare a suggested race schedule for the 2012 young bird season and send it to Sonny for posting on the Combine web site. This must be done before our next meeting in May so our members have a chance to look at the options before our next meeting.

Sonny suggested that we bring proposals for new drivers to the next combine meeting if there are any other than Brian, who hauled for us this year at \$1.35 per mile. Brian is available for next year if we have no other viable prospects.

The combine trailer held up well this season and no repairs were needed to keep it running nor are any needed to get it ready for next year other than the usual annual maintenance.

Sonny reported that he will not be the combine race sect. next year and will be flying east as a flyer only. And will the password to the Combine web site manager up in June meeting. It is expected that we will engage an individual next year to handle these technical functions as a support person for the new race secretary. Since the website belongs to the combine it is only necessary for Sonny will give the new manager of the site the password to gain access for maintance.

It was agreed that our new race secretary in 2012 will make decisions on releases affected by weather problems by consulting with the various other race secretaries instead of making the decisions on his own, as has been done in the past when we had a more experienced person in the job.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday May 6, 2012 at

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 am.

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary

