

EAST COURSE COMBINE

Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, January 9, 2011 at Jurupa Park

President Fernando Ruelas was out of town and the meeting was presided over by Race secretary, Sonny Cangiarella. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 and Sonny asked for a roll call of the club representatives present: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, and Palm Springs were in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting on July 18, 2010 which were posted on our internet site, were accepted without being read.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis reported that the cash balance in combine bank account was \$3,210, after having issued checks of \$1,300 for young bird prizes and trophies for the just completed season. The report was accepted.

Old business:

None

New business:

Sonny brought the combine diplomas for the 2011 young bird season but was unable to distribute them because they required the President's signature and he is out of town. They will be available at the next combine meeting.

Dan considine is again responsible for preparing the updated combine roster for 2011 and will complete it prior to the upcoming old bird season.

A newly formed club, the Southern California Racing Pigeon Club, applied for membership in our combine this year and was voted in unanimously by the four current club representatives. This new club with approx. 13 members, is located in the area from Redlands to Ontario.

The La Puente club presented a proposed 11 Old bird race schedule, flying east, for the upcoming 2011 season and the clubs were each asked how many of their members intended to participate. It was estimated that approx. 22 lofts were interested in flying east, including five from the new So. California Club. This is about ½ the number that flew 2010 young birds and there was a discussion about how to lower the cost of hauling associated with the reduced numbers. The members asked if the Bonita club would allow the combine to use its trailer which has a capacity of 22 crates and Dan Hudock agreed to ask his club members if they would consider this. There was also discussion about ways to reduce the cost by having some members drive the trailer and some people indicated that they might be willing to do this if a schedule could be put together.

Because the 11 race schedule might prove to be too costly, there was a proposal to have the member clubs consider it and come back to the next meeting with recommendations to shorten it. One possibility would be to fly the exact same 9 race schedule that was used for Young birds in 2010, or to even fly a shortened version of that schedule. The representatives were asked to meet with their clubs again and firm up a proposal as to what they would want to do.

There was a discussion of what to do with the combine trailer which is in need of repairs that might cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500. The trailer is in need of brakes, new PVC valves, welding brackets and perhaps a steam cleaning. It was agreed that the repairs were necessary but that perhaps they didn't need to be done immediately if the Bonita club trailer is used to haul birds for the upcoming old bird season. A decision on when to make the repairs will be made at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Saturday Feb 5, 2011 at 9 am (one hour earlier than usual) at Jurupa Hill Regional Park, 11300 Sierra Ave, Fontana.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary