

East Course Combine Minutes of August 14, 2005

Location: Charlie Etternsperger's mobile home park

In attendance were: Bonita Club, San Gabriel Valley Club, La Puente Club, Santa Anita Club, Palm Springs Club, and Freeway Club

Not present were Pomona Club

Meeting called to order by Ron Whitmer at 3:30 pm.

Ron opened meeting with a statement of what has been going on in his life at this time.

Ron also made statements in regards to emails that were misunderstood by combine members. He also asked to relocate the ECC trailer to a new location at the beginning of the young bird season.

At this point a quite lengthy debate was going on among the combine delegates.
Many issues were brought up, and hopefully some resolved.

A discussion was focused on the bylaws and rules of the au and combine.

Kathy read the minutes of the last combine meeting with a couple of corrections made.

After the minutes were read a discussion on voting took place. The rules for voting at the combine meeting were read and made clear.

Kathy then read the treasurers report:

Combine has a balance of \$2509.47

Money going out:

Service charge -	\$16.00
Ad for state magazine -	\$175.00
Web site -	\$69.00
Wire bottoms -	\$1221.60

Charlie Cathel made a motion to accept the treasurers' report with a second by Lolo.

OLD BUSINESS

HOPE RACE

Lyle Loomis brought up the issue of the Old Bird Hope race for discussion. Lyle's club wanted the race thrown out. We had a long discussion about the way this was handled and came to the conclusion that it should have been protested in the 15 day time frame for disputes.

This lead to the discussion about crate assignment sheets and trainers on the trailer. We then talked about the trainer's time of release after the race birds.

Lyle stated that he would write to the AU on this issue of the Hope Race.

Lyle then made a motion to have the race thrown out. The delegates then said that this had already been voted on at the last meeting and it was too late to protest the race.

Lolo made a motion to only throw out the race birds in the crate in question the next time this should happen. Members wanted this taken back to the clubs for discussion.

Lolo will check with the AU rules on crate assignment guidelines for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEMS

#1 RACE SECRETARY FEES

A discussion about set race secretary fees for making race reports lead to the conclusion that it would be better if this were decided on a per season basis.

#2 TRAILER COMMITTEE

A discussion took place about the way funds would be collected for the expenses for the trailer repairs and equipment. It was decided to go back to the way this had been done in the past. Money would be collected with the shipping fees.

#3 HEALTH CERTIFICATE

There was a discussion about health of race birds for shipping to a race. After the death of a bird on the trailer had been reported, it was brought up about having a health certificate from a vet certifying that flyers birds were in good health before they were allowed to participate in further races.

A vote was taken and the issue did not pass.

BIRD LIMITS

Ron then stated that a member brought to his attention that he would like to have a 50 bird limit on each team of birds. A member would have to nominate 50 birds that would be able to fly on his team. They would still be only able to ship 30 bird's maximum each week to a race.

This was tabled at this time.

PERSONAL CRATES

A discussion took place about each member having his own crate for shipping.

This lead to a discussion about mixing birds in the crates.

The delegates are to ask club members what is their opinion on this issue.
We will table this until the next meeting.

CRATE BOTTOMS

Kathy then gave a report on the crate bottoms. They will be handed out to club members after the meeting.

TRAILER

The next issue was about the insurance on the trailer and the driver. Kathy and Steve are working on prospective drivers and insurance for the trailer.

Steve has had the trailer cleaned and is ordering new water tanks. He has a cost of \$180.00 each for the tanks. He is also going to have the brakes done by a shop that specializes in brakes.

Kathy will talk to Urban about possibly hauling for the Young Birds Races. After taking a poll of clubs there should be at least 50 teams of birds flying this young bird race season.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, September 11th 2005 at 1:00 pm.

The address of the meeting is:

**Brunswick Bowling Alley
24666 Sunnymead Blvd.
Moreno Valley**

Directions:

Take the 60 freeway past the 91/215 interchange. Take the Perris Blvd. exit and turn right. About ¼ mile on your right is the bowling alley.

Respectively submitted,
Kathy Bagu