

**EAST COURSE COMBINE  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

Location: Bowling Alley, Moreno Valley

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

Not present: Pomona Club

Meeting called to order by Ron at 1:30 pm

Kathy read the minutes of the meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2005  
Charlie Cathel MM to accept, Lolo seconded

Kathy read the treasurer's report:  
Balance at last meeting \$2509.47  
Service charge                      -16.00  
Balance in account                \$2493.47

Lolo MM to accept and Steve seconded

Trailer report

Steve reported that new tanks have been installed in the trailer  
This should keep us from any water shortage for the birds  
The trailer will be going into the shop for a brake inspection on Monday  
Steve has two bids for a driver:  
Urban Paulus's for \$6500.00 plus extras  
Gabriel Jimenez's for \$5600.00 total  
Gabriel has a (Class A) license and is a driver for the military during the  
week. His wife Veronica is also a (Class A) driver and will be able to drive  
also.  
His business is West End Trans and he has hauled live animals before to  
Fresno. He also has insurance for one million dollars liability and will add  
the trailer to his policy.  
He also stated that he would haul trainers for an additional \$50.00 per week.  
He would wait a half hour before releasing birds after race birds.  
The combine delegates voted to use Gabriel Jimenez to haul for the 2005  
young bird season

**OLD BUSINESS**

Charlie Cathel brought up that he wanted the agenda item about a 50-bird limit per team taken off the agenda. He stated that he didn't want this issue placed on the agenda

#### Recording secretary

Ron asked if anyone would take the recording secretary job.  
No one was interested

#### Trailer storage

Storage of the trailer was talked about with the possibility of the driver storing the trailer during the race season.  
Steve will talk to the driver

#### Winchester club

Winchester club was introduced and voted into the ECC.

#### Crates

Individual crates and mixing birds was discussed and club votes counted  
All clubs will mix birds and individual crates will not be assigned

#### Measuring airlines

Lolo will be in charge of measuring airlines.  
He will make sure that race secretaries and another club member present from another club do the job.  
Kathy is to look into a new GPS for the combine.

#### Mandatory tossing

Club votes were tallied and the mandatory tossing of the winning race bird was thrown out.

#### Wiley's Well

After a discussion of the release location the Delegates decided to have the driver go to that location with the option of moving to a better spot.

#### Sick Birds

There was discussion on sick birds and shipping them to a race. No sick birds will be shipped to any race or allowed to go on the race trailer. This is the responsibility of every club.

### Mesa Race

The Mesa race was discussed and we must give the driver enough time to get to the race station at a reasonable time. He said that he would need to leave Palm Springs by 6:00 pm.

### New business

#### Freeway Club

Ron said that his club had some questions

Number of jr. flyers? none

Number of teams for young birds? About 56

Ron also mentioned changing the bank account to Washington Mutual so there would be no service charge.

Kathy said that after the corporation issues were straightened out she would look into it.

#### San Gabriel and La Puente Club Proposal

Lolo brought to the meeting a proposal that would have two sections for the ECC. There would be an east and west section within the combine. This would be divided at the 15 freeway. Lolo would put out three race reports for the combine. These would be a west section report, east section report, and the overall combine report. All the reports would be sent to the AU. Any of these reports would qualify for awards from the AU.

The combine would only receive awards for the overall combine report.

Our trophies and diplomas

Taken back to the clubs for a vote

Lolo MM, Kathy seconded

#### Communication with conveyer

Discussion of punishment for talking to the driver while hauling race  
The race Secretary is the only member of the combine that is allowed to speak to the driver while he is transporting and releasing the birds

#### Crate location

The driver will have a diagram of the location that the crates are placed on the trailer on shipping night.

#### Translation

For a fee of \$39.00 the ECC website and any other business for the combine can be translated into Spanish. The combine decided to take advantage of this service so that many of our members will be more informed of what is going on. This fee is for a year of service.

### Diplomas

We discussed 2% OR 3% of the birds getting diplomas.  
It was decided that 2% of the birds would get diplomas and not less than 4 places in any race.

### Voting

Bonita club asked about when the voting rules were changed for the combine? Lolo and Ron said that during the meeting at Fred Frobose's home for rule changes Charlie Cathel brought up that clubs were not having a quorum for the votes to be taken. This is why the rule of signatures was put into effect at the March meeting of this year.

### Next Meeting

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2005

6:00pm

Sandburg Middle School

819 W. Bennett Ave.

Glendora

Need directions

Call Kathy

(626) 335-9704

Everyone please attend

This is an important meeting

It should be a brief meeting

MM to adjourn meeting

Respectively submitted,

Kathy Bagu