

## ECC Minute 6/23/2018

ROLL CALL- The meeting was called to order by Amador Larios at 10:12 AM.  
Club representatives present were: WOC, RIC, BON, LAP, WEF, EIRPC, and IEIC.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING-Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved by Amador 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonny.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Juan Cerda reported a balance of 12,219.90.

Old BUSINESS- No old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS- Mike Thienes, Trailer committee member reported that crates at the end of old bird season were not being cleaned properly. Also wire bottoms of crates are in need of repair and getting put in the wrong crates. An inventory of crates was taken as follows.

WOC-6 LAP-13 BON-14 CNA-10 RIC-10. We need to retrieve 3 crates from Palm Springs club.  
All clubs are to return crates cleaned and in good condition at end of season.

Sonny brought up the possible need for drug testing during the upcoming young bird season when the need arises. Cost would be 125.00 per bird. Discussed in length with no final decision.

Sonny mentioned no plans have been discussed for ECC Banquet. No discussion followed.

Sonny mentioned the need to complete 2018 Roster .Amador is working on it and should be completed soon.

Trophy's for the 2018 old bird have not been distributed as of yet. A motion was made by Mike Smith to give money to race secretary's at end of season (Young bird and old bird seasons) for trophy's .Sonny second. Motion passed (100.00 dollars per trophy).

After much discussion La Puentes 2018 Young bird schedule was chosen with a couple date changes. See accepted schedule below.

### 2018 ECC Young Bird Schedule

#### Pick up Date Race Date Station

- 1 Ship Saturday, October 13, 2018 Race Sunday, October 14, 2018 Hayfield, CA
- 2 Ship Saturday, October 20, 2018 Race Sunday, October 21, 2018 Chuckwalla, CA
- 3 Ship Saturday, October 27, 2018 Race Sunday, October 28, 2018 Ehrenberg, AZ
- 4 Ship Saturday, November 03, 2018 Race Sunday, November 04, 2018 Vicksburg, AZ
- 5 Ship Saturday, November 10, 2018 Race Sunday, November 11, 2018 Salome, AZ
- 6 Ship Thursday, November 15, 2018 Race Saturday, November 17, 2018 N. Estrella, AZ
- 7 Ship Saturday, November 24, 2018 Race Sunday, November 25, 2018 Quartzsite, AZ
- 8 Ship Thursday, November 29, 2018 Race Saturday, December 01, 2018 Florence Junction, AZ

The cost to fly young birds this season estimated to be 200.00 per team.

COMMUNICATIONS- John Nemeth is in the hospital with heart problems. Our thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery ... Get well soon John.

Sonny informed all that that the EIRPC will not be joining AU and CSRPC next year. EIRPC will be flying with the International Federation next year.

John Vance contacted Amador & Sonny looking for our support in starting a new organization and would like ECC to sponsor a convention race. See details below.

Proposal to the East Course Combine and other interested breeders and handlers associated with the 2016 AU Convention.

I would like to recommend to you, that you agree to hold a futurity race in 2019. I would like you to think of it as a redo of the 2016 AU Convention Race, but with a positive outcomes for the sport.

You might even consider it to be like a “Reunion Convention” where all the 2016 Convention breeders, handler, and seminar speakers are encouraged to get together, and replace a bad experience with a good one.

We cannot undo the disaster of the 2016 convention, but we can overwrite that experience with a fun and successfully run convention race where everyone gets paid, birds are not forced to fly bad trainers, and the race committee does everything in the open and above board.

Goals:

1. Hosted by an honorable organization
2. Total transparency as to who is hosting; how many birds are entered; an updated list of breeders, their birds and total funds collected

I will offer my futurity software used by the IF convention every year since 2008

- Software has handler map
- Database may be searched by Breeder or Handlers
- Tracks how many birds each breeder enters and their payments.
- Tracks, whether a bird is assigned, rotation or promotional
- Gives a total amount of all entry fees collected from all breeders
- Creates a capital prize sheet within minutes of finalizing the race
- Creates a sheet for every breeder and handler, giving every prize they won and totaling those amounts to assist in distribution of prizes, in an expedited manner

I am the admin of several racing pigeon Facebook groups. I can do a lot of positive advertising directly to racing pigeon fanciers on Facebook that have interests in Futurity racing. Also, many of the breeders involved with the 2016 AU Convention, are members of these groups. So, we will be able to invite them to the ECC “Reunion Race”, should you guys decide to host the race.

It is my hope that no attempt is made to heap blame on the AU. It was not the AU membership that caused all the troubles, if anything it was the AU board that brought this upon everyone. For that reason, I see no benefit to directly mentioning the AU organization. Let’s just move on and replace a bad experience with a good one, and show the sport, how we can rise above a bad situation and do good.

Thank you,  
John Vance

Next meeting August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at High Point  
Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary  
Larry Rhea