

EAST COURSE COMBINE

Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, September 29, 2013 Jurupa Park

The meeting was called to order by President Ramon Velasquez. The club representatives in attendance were: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, Palm Springs and West end flyers. Two clubs that had shown interest in joining our combine this year (Winchester flyers international and Wings over California) did not attend this meeting and obviously have decided not to participate this year.

Minutes of the previous meeting have been posted to the combine website.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis was not in attendance so we have no financial report, but financial activity was nominal since the last meeting when a balance of \$5,543 was reported.

New business:

The clubs were surveyed on the number of lofts and teams they expect to fly this coming yb season. The total worked out to 73 teams. The individual loft totals were approximately as follows:

Bonita 15 lofts, 21 teams,
West End flyers, 14 lofts, 17 teams.
La Puente 13 lofts, 16 teams
Palm Springs 7 lofts, 9 teams
Freeway 9 lofts, 10 teams.

Because the potential number of birds flying exceeds the capacity of the combine trailer which has 56 crates, it was agreed that it would be necessary to employ the use the 22 crate Bonita training trailer as well until such time as the number of birds dropped to a level that could fit on the combine trailer. Based on normal losses this should be after the 2nd or 3rd race. It will be necessary to have a second driver to haul this trailer and the clubs agreed that they would find drivers among their members and compensate them for reasonable time, gas and wear and tear. The representatives voted to pay \$1.00 per mile round trip to the additional driver and \$50 to the Bonita club for each race in which its trailer is used.

With the addition of a new club it was necessary to revise the pick-up schedule to add a stop in Norco to pick up the birds from the West End flyers.

I was agreed that the La Puente club will ship all its birds on the Bonita trailer for the first race because it has 22 crates, making it a perfect fit for La Puente's 16 teams. For the first race the trailer is too small to accommodate the Bonita race team but Bonita may be able to use it for the second race.

Effectively, the 16 crates that La Puente holds for the combine trailer will be transferred to the new West end flyers club. It is understood that the combine crates may have to be filled with 29 or 30 birds for the first race if we are going to squeeze in all the birds we have into 56 crates.

Dan Considine proposed that the trophy cost be increased this year from \$50 to \$100 for the four overall combine winners, for Champion bird, champ. Loft, master loft and average speed. This proposal was not approved.

The hauling charge per team this year was set at \$150 and provides no cash cushion to build up the combine cash position as was done last year. The representatives voted to accept this amount based on 70+ teams participating.

The driver brought the combine trailer from storage to the meeting and Sonny will arrange to get it to Big Tex for annual mechanical evaluation. We have excessive wear on one of the tires and that may indicate an alignment problem with one of the axels. A new tire is necessary.

Next Meeting:

No date was set for the next meeting, which will probably not take place until the season ends.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45

Minutes taken by: Dan Considine, Recording Secretary