

ECC Special Meeting Minutes 8/18/2018

ROLL CALL- The meeting was called to order by Amador Larios at 10:02 AM.

Club representatives present were: WOC, RIC, BON, LAP, WEF, EIRPC, CNA and IEIC.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING-Not Read

FINANCIAL REPORT- Not Read

Old BUSINESS- No old business discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS- President Amador started meeting letting members know that this special meeting was called to discuss the Virulent New Castle Disease.

Three member from the United States Dept. of Agriculture Morgan, Diana and Crislyn were present and gave the following presentation.

A map of the quarantine areas was displayed and we were told that the quarantine areas seem to still be growing. In the near future CDFA will be posting an updated map weekly.

Slides were shown displaying signs and symptoms to look for in our birds. Everyone was also given a handout describing these signs and symptoms with phone contacts if disease is suspected.

A Question and Answer session went as follows

1) What do Bio Security measure entail?

- a) Avoid visiting other member's lofts
- b) Use disinfectant in loft and shoes on a daily basis (Virkon-S recommended)
- c) Keep chickens as far away as possible from your pigeons.
- d) If in a quarantine area abide by all restrictions.
- e) Try to keep wild birds and fighting chickens away from your pigeons.
- f) Quarantine for 30 days any new birds entering loft.

2) How long can pigeons shed or carry the disease after being infected? Answer Approximately 30 days.

3) How do they determines the size of the Quarantine areas? Answer- They try to make a minimum 3 mile radius around each infected property using roads and landmarks as borders.

4) Have they found any infected pigeons yet? Answer-Yes Not many but number of cases unknown.

5) Will pigeons die after contracting VNC? Answer – Usually a milder disease in pigeons. Not as bad as the PMV strain.

6) Why not make a vaccine for the Exhibition chickens. Answer- Trade agreements with other countries do not permit it.

7) Why use dead virus vaccines when live vaccines are more effective. Answer – Live vaccines can produce shedding or carriers after vaccinating. Dead vaccines will not produce carriers of the disease.

8) Will this virus eventually go away? Answer-No way of knowing for sure, but the number one way

the Virulent strain is being transmitted is by fighting cocks.

9) Will fliers be reimbursed if their pigeons must be euthanized? Answer- Yes, fair market value.

NEW BUSINESS-Since this incident does not seem to be going away it was decided by a 5to 3 delegate vote not to fly a young bird season this year.

WOC No, BON No. WEF No, IEIC No, CNA No, RIC Yes, LAP Yes. EIRPC Yes.

Sonny also ask the UFDA, about flying Arizona, and we were told that we need a health certificate for all birds that are going to fly into Arizona.

Next meeting in December, is for OB race schedule and election of Officer's

Next meeting 10:00 AM December 12th, 2018 at High Point

A special thanks to Sonny and the representatives from the UFDA for a very informative meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary

Larry Rhea