

## **EAST COURSE COMBINE**

### Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, august 17, 2014 Jurupa Park

The meeting was called to order by President Ramon Velasquez, at approximately 10:20 am. The club representatives in attendance were: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, and Palm Springs, IEIC, RIC and WEF.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read but are also posted on our internet site.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis reported that the cash balance was \$4420, unchanged from last meeting.

#### **Old business:**

Dan Considine reported on his conversation with Clay Macbeth, whose 100 crate trailer will be used to haul our races this year. He agreed to allow us to put our internet based GPS unit on the trailer so we can track it on race days. Sonny will remove it from the old trailer. The cost of the gps system is \$39 per month for the two month race season plus a \$25 activation fee. Sonny will arrange this.

Clay also advised that he will not allow anyone to accompany his driver in the cab of the truck used to haul because he has not had good experiences with that in the past. However, he welcomes anyone to drive his own car to follow the trailer and observe the releases.

Clay is not certain who will be driving the trailer for him this season but expects that Brian C will be the main driver. He said this could change depending on circumstances and he himself may drive some of the later races once the 99 season ends.

The 8 race schedule proposed at our last meeting was voted on and accepted. The race points are exactly the same as last year.

#### **New Business:**

There was discussion about putting trainers on the race trailer which has not been allowed in recent years. This will be taken up again at our next meeting.

The clubs agreed that we need to stencil the ECC name on all of our race crates so we can readily distinguish them from the crates owned by Clay Macbeth. Each club will be responsible for stenciling ECC on all its crates. Hector, Ramon and Dan will handle that for the 56 crates on the combine trailer which is in a yard across from Hector's house.

The committee voted in a revision to the race rule that covers what to do in the event any flyer wins a race by more than 100 yds. Per minute. The new rule is as follows:

***In the event that any flyer's speed exceeds any other flyer by over 100 ypm, the flyer may be disqualified from that race along with all his birds, based on a vote by the combine race committee, which is made up of the race secretary and the race secretaries from each club. The only exception to the excessive speed will be if the race is a smash. The timer and all papers may be taken for investigation of any infraction of race rules.***

The cost per team based on an estimate of 100 teams was set at \$200 for the season by majority vote of the committee. This is an increase from the \$150 charged last season. This amount should provide a cushion to make up for the loss last year and will provide an addition to the reserve required to purchase a new trailer in the future.

It is expected that the trailer will pick up birds this season at La Puente, Bonita, WEF, RIC and Palm springs. The Freeway club will ship from the RIC location and the IEIC will meet the trailer and load its birds in Moreno valley just off the 60 freeway at Day St.

It appears that the new internet based win speed system will not be functional this year so Relys will process and consolidate the results from all clubs as he did last year.

Sonny mentioned that he has a free program to track results live over the internet, which is used by the one loft races that he could implement for our combine. Unfortunately, it was felt that not enough of the members had computers to handle this and it would not be utilized on a scale needed to make it viable.

Clubs were reminded that payment of combine dues at \$15 per member will be due at our next meeting. The payment for the race fees at \$200 per team will be made on the day of the first race. Each club must collect the money from its members and make a single payment to the East Course Combine to cover all its flyers. The check must be given to the driver when the birds are picked up for the first race.

#### **Next Meeting:**

No date was set for our next meeting which will be sometime in late September.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary