

EAST COURSE COMBINE

Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, June 22, 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, Y2K, RIC and WEF.

Minutes of the previous meeting are posted on our internet site.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis reported that the cash balance was \$4420.

New Business:

Two new clubs were admitted to the combine and will fly this season. They are the Riverside Invitational club (RIC) and Inland empire invitational club, IEIC, in Perris. The representatives of these clubs are: RIC, Steve Wagner, Relys Moreira and IEIC Mark Rozwadowski, and Jeff Cramer.

The representatives present voted in the following individuals as officers for the coming year:

President: Ramon Velasquez, of the La Puente Club

Vice President: Hector Morales, of the La Puente Club

Treasurer: Lyle Loomis, of the Palm Springs Club

Race Secretary: Daniel Considine, of the Bonita club

Recording Secretary: Daniel Considine, of the Bonita Club.

Relys Moreivia handled the computer duties of the Race secretary for the combine in 2013, and is willing to do so again this year if requested. However, because the AU is working on an internet based version of the wind speed system this year it may not be necessary to have someone consolidate and upload the combine results this year. If this new system is working for young bird system it will only be necessary for each club to upload their race reports directly to the AU, and then the AU will consolidate them into a combine report that can be printed by each club directly from the AU website.

As a result of adding two new clubs and many new members in the existing clubs this year, our combine trailer holding 56 crates will not be nearly large enough to haul our birds this season. It wasn't even big enough last year either so we used the Bonita club trailer with its 22 crates for the first three races. However, that won't be enough this year, since we are expecting 100 or more teams. To accommodate these extra teams we sought out a proposal from Clay Macbeth to utilize his 100 crate trailer, along with a driver that he will provide. His cost proposal (base min \$1,000 per race plus \$1.50 per mile for any miles over 500 RT from the driver's home) was voted on by the representatives and accepted. It is still possible that 100 crates will not be sufficient for our first race and if that is the case we will use the Bonita or Y2K trailer to handle the excess. Before the start of the season we will visit the various clubs and distribute additional crates off of our combine trailer to augment the 56 that are already in club hands. These extra 44 crates from our combine trailer are the same size crates as those on Clay's trailer.

Ideally, we want to keep our pickups to 5 for the combine trailer this year which means the two new clubs will have to find a way to bring their shipping crates to one of these shipping points. Freeway and the new RIC will need to discuss how they might combine to load on the trailer at the same point at one club or the other. The Y2K club may bring their crates to another club or might find a point just off the freeway along the route that the combine trailer will travel. These logistics will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was discussion about who would be driving Clay's trailer and also what provisions we might make to ensure that birds were handled correctly and released at the designated drop sites. Dan Considine was assigned the responsibility to discuss these matters with Clay and present his results at the next meeting. Three points were proposed, options for different drivers, use of internet based GPS unit to be attached to the trailer, and whether someone could accompany the driver to observe the releases.

The La Puente club presented an 8 race schedule for consideration. This is the same schedule as 2013, and only the dates were changed. The clubs must now take this schedule back to their membership for acceptance and the committee will vote on it at our next meeting.

Although not in attendance, Sonny wanted the clubs to know that he can set up reporting of live results from the internet with a program just like the one used by loft races. This could be at no cost to the clubs or the combine. New clubs must provide him there back up data from the prior year if they want to participate. Any club interested should contact Sonny for more details.

Next Meeting:

No date was set for our next meeting

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 am.

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary