

## **EAST COURSE COMBINE**

### Minutes of meeting

Sunday, September 28, 2014, at Highpoint pigeon supply, Ontario

The meeting was called to order by President Ramon Velasquez, at approximately 10:20 am. The club representatives in attendance were: Bonita, La Puente, 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:**

It was agreed that trainers would be allowed this year starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> race thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$15 per crate (regardless of # birds) to be collected by the clubs and paid to the combine at the end of the season. Regardless of where the race release point is, all trainers will be brought back to Hayfield (the first race site) and released there after a wait of 30 minutes. There needs to be a time delay so the trainers do not come with the early race birds.

Trainers can only be added within the original allotment of crates to the clubs. So, for example if a club was assigned 25 crates initially for the season, the club can use some of those crates for trainers if it wishes. Trainer crates should be put in the bottom row of the clubs allotment (if possible), and be closed using colored ties. Black and white ties only should be used for regular race birds. As an extra safeguard it was mentioned that it wouldn't hurt to put a tape on the trainer crates, identifying them as, "trainer."

#### **New Business:**

The IEIC club in Perris asked for a pickup at its club location and the members voted to authorize it. Originally we had expected that this club would bring its crates to some location off a freeway and join up with the combine trailer on its route to Palm Springs. ***[SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE TRAILER HAULER DID NOT WANT TO MAKE THE 15 MILE TRIP OFF THE FREEWAY TO THE CLUB LOCATION. THE CLUB THEN AGREED TO CHANGE ITS SHIPPING LOCATION TO A MEMBERS HOUSE IN MORENO VALLEY WHICH SOLVED THE PROBLEM.]***

The clubs were surveyed again on how many teams they expected to fly and it totaled 94 broken down as follows: Ric, 13, Bon 25, WEF, 21, IEIC 9, Palm Springs 5, La Puente 21.

In order to provide sufficient space for the race birds and keep the crate limit to no more than 25, it was agreed that we would use an extra 22 crate trailer provided by the Bonita club to haul the first few races until space becomes available due to bird losses. We designated one club, the RIC which has 13 teams, to use the trailer for its birds only. The combine will provide a driver for that trailer who will be paid \$1.35 per mile, which was the rate we paid our driver in 2013. The two trailers will meet at the race site and do a joint release. The master budget for the cost of shipping this season included a provision for the cost of this driver for the first two races.

The members agreed that race crates should be moved around somewhat between races so that no one club has what it considers to be an undesirable position on the trailer. We will attempt to do this to the extent possible considering that some of the larger clubs must load from a certain side of the trailer due to the loading location at their club sites. So, for instance, the La Puente club must load from the driver's side, and the Bonita, RIC and Wef clubs must load from the passenger side. The IEIC and Palm Springs clubs can load from either side as needed to fill in.

This year the Freeway club does not have enough members for it to fly alone so it's remaining members have joined up with the RIC to ship this year. The Ric club will be the shipping location.

The week before the start of races, Dan considine and a driver will haul the ECC 56 crate trailer around to the various clubs and distribute the extra crates that they need to ship this season. This is necessary since the 100 crate trailer that clay Macbeth is using does not have an extra set of crates. Fortunately, our 56 crate trailer has an extra set and they are interchangeable with those on Clay's trailer.

All Clubs are reminded to clean their crates each week. Some clubs use paper and some don't but there was no agreement which would be required so either is acceptable. On the last race we will be shipping in Clay Macbeth's crates only and he requests that paper not be used for that race.

Richard Ocegüera, the new owner of Highpoint not only opened his business for us on a day he is normally closed but also provided us with a conference table and chairs, along with coffee and pastries for which we thank him!

#### **Next Meeting:**

No date was set for our next meeting which will be sometime shortly after the season ends at which time combine diplomas and trophies will be distributed.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately noon.

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary