

EAST COURSE COMBINE

Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, September 12, 2010 at Jurupa Park

President Fernando Ruelas called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 and asked for a roll call of the club representatives present: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, and Palm Springs were in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting on July 18, 2010 we reviewed and accepted.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis was not present but Fernando reported that the cash balance in combine bank account was \$4,479. The report was accepted.

Old business:

Another count was made of the number of teams flying and confirmed that the number projected at our last meeting of approximately 40 was still accurate and that the fee for each team would be \$175. Neither of the two outside clubs who had attended an earlier meeting decided to fly with us the year. Sonny reached an agreement with Brian Grossen, an experienced driver for the 395 combine, to haul our birds this year at the rate of \$1.10 per mile. The representatives approved this rate and accepted the budget that Sonny provided showing an expected cost for the entire season of \$7,107, including trophies. Brian will be keeping the trailer at his house once the season starts.

Dan Considine is responsible for preparing the new 2010 combine roster but several clubs did not bring their updated rosters to the meeting. They have agreed to email the rosters to Dan immediately so he can complete the report.

Sonny received the final reports from the clubs with GPS coordinates of new members that he requested at the last meeting.

New business:

Hector, as the club VP is supposed to be responsible to getting our combine trailer ready for the beginning of the season which entails cleaning it and having it serviced. Fernando will be speaking with him to get this process started. Fernando reported that there is a book in the trailer that includes information on the race stations, registration, etc. It seems that we have only the original book and Fernando is going to make sure that we take a copy of it for safekeeping.

It was agreed that the driver of the trailer would be instructed to release the race birds only when there is "full sun."

Sonny asked the club reps to advise members that the time of each race release will be posted on the ECC website and will not be available by telephone.

Each club submitted a check for the annual combine dues which were reduced to \$15 this year.

Sonny has requested that each club email him to report the number of crates that they have in their possession before the season starts.

The shipping fee of \$175 per team is due when the driver picks up the birds for the first race in October. It is requested that each club present just one check with total due for the entire club instead of individual checks or cash from members.

Sonny will prepare a schedule of the pickup times, by club, for each race and email it to the club representatives for distribution to their members.

It was agreed that trainers would be permitted on the combine trailer because it appears we will have extra space on our trailer which holds 56 crates. The charge for this will be .50 cents per bird to be paid in cash to the driver. The payment will go to the combine and not to the driver, and each release will be ½ hour after the race birds are released. All trainers will be released at the race point only. The driver will be responsible for putting a colored tape on the training crates to differentiate them from the racers.

Sonny distributed a sheet to be given to all race secretaries detailing all the information that needs to be put into an envelope for the driver on shipping night. He stressed the importance for the AU that all clubs use exactly the same names and dates for the stations that he has provided without any deviation. Spelling a name in two slightly different ways is seen as two difference races by the AU computers.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting would be Sunday January 9th at 10 am at Jurupa Hill Regional Park, 11300 Sierra Ave, Fontana.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30-12 am.

Minutes taken by:

Dan Considine, Recording Secretary