

EAST COURSE COMBINE

Minutes of meeting

Sunday, 10 am, September 30, 2012 Jurupa Park

The meeting was called to order by President Ramon Velasquez, at approximately 10:00 am. The club representatives in attendance were: Bonita, Freeway, La Puente, and Palm Springs. The So. Cal racing pigeon club representative was not in attendance and has advised that they will not fly this year.

Minutes of the previous meeting on Aug 12, 2012, which were posted on our internet site, were read and accepted.

Financial report: Treasurer Lyle Loomis reported that the cash balance was \$2,694. Report accepted.

Old business:

Hector took the trailer in and had the two rear tires replaced. He will coordinate getting the trailer ready for the race season including cleaning out the tanks, washing the trays, etc.

A combine roster for 2012 was distributed by Dan Considine as requested at the last meeting and Sonny will post it to the combine web site.

Combine dues at \$15 per loft were paid by all clubs.

New Business:

The clubs were surveyed as to how many lofts and racing teams they expected to fly this season. P.S had 5, Bonita 10, freeway 2 and La Puente 13 for a total of 30. It is expected that 5 or 6 lofts will fly two teams. It was agreed that the charge per team this season will be \$275, which will generate extra funds to build up the Combine treasury.

Because the freeway club does not have enough flyers this season to meet the minimum AU requirement, they have joined the PS club as guest members this year and will fly as a combined club on the race sheets.

In an effort to build the combine treasury which has been decreasing for the last several years, a vote was taken to drop the prize money for winning races, Champion bird, loft, etc. from \$100 to \$50 this season. The flyers have the option to take a trophy instead which will cost the combine \$45. The proposal passed, with three yes votes, and an abstention by the freeway club.

Since we have a new person, Relys, doing computer support for the races this year all club race secretaries need to send him their race results. He will then forward the combined results to Sonny. This process must be completed by midnight on the night of each race. Relys must also provide a summary sheet of the winners to Sonny who will post it to the web site as has always been done in the past.

Although the driver is being paid a fixed amount for each race, we have asked him to keep track of his mileage to verify the computation we have made to set his payment amount. Hector will keep a schedule for review at the end of the season.

Club Race secretaries were to be advised to be consistent about the names they use in their computers to identify the race sites. Even a slightly different name or spelling will cause the combine computer to fail when the race coordinator attempts to merge the files for each race. It was agreed that everyone will use the names as indicated on the pickup schedule provided by Sonny in their computers.

Sonny will send the treasurer a list of the amounts that must be paid to the driver each week.

On the first day of shipping each club will provide an envelope to the driver of the trailer with list of the names of flyers in each club and the number of teams they will be flying, along with a single check paying the race fee @ \$275 per team. The clubs will also include the crate assignment sheets in the envelope. This is necessary in the event that there is a problem with a particular crate and it is necessary to know what birds are in it. This assignment sheet will be forwarded on to Dan Considine for filing.

The driver of the truck will only communicate through Dan Considine as race secretary about matters relating to the release and Dan will communicate with the individual club race secretaries if a decision needs to be made about a release. The driver will provide Dan the time of release, the weather conditions and the number of birds released. Dan will forward this information to Sonny for posting on the web site in the early morning of each race.

It was agreed the driver can release the birds just after sunrise instead of 30 minutes later, if the weather is clear and bright at that time.

Next Meeting:

No date set but not expected until the end of the season.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.

Minutes taken by: Dan Considine, Recording Secretary