

East course Combine

Minutes of meeting August 15, 2020

Attendance: Bonita RPC, RIC, WEF

Not attending, La Puente, WOC, PS

Minutes of last meeting, July 11, were reviewed and accepted.

The treasurer was not in attendance so there was no cash report.

Some members have reported the number of crates they have, but not all. Those not reporting were asked to advise the president of their number by email so they could be redistributed.

**Those clubs holding crates are responsible for cleaning them before passing them on to another club.**

Relys, our race secretary, reported that he has reestablished the combine website for the most part after our previous race sec deleted it from the internet when he left the combine. The representatives agreed that any data that Relys puts back has been made at the direction of the combine and the combine takes responsibility for whatever the new website contains. To ensure that we never have a problem again with only one person controlling our website, Amador Larios is the backup to Relys with full access to the site. **The new website address is: 10eastcourse.org**

There was discussion about maintaining the GPS coordinates for all members of each club. While this information exists on the AU Website some clubs may want to also maintain their own private database.

Amador asked each club to send him the names of their official delegates to the combine by email.

Our trailer driver gave us a quote of \$458 for the extra insurance we require him to have when he hauls our trailer over the course of the 8-week season. (post meeting comment: This amount is consistent with a quote from a prior year in which Armando had this insurance.) Relys will check to see how we handled this payment in the past. We seem to think that the payment was split equally with the combine. Relys will speak to Armando about this and will also confirm the \$1.35 per mile charge is from the point where the trailer is picked up to the point where it is dropped off. This means we do not pay for the drive from the driver's house and back from the storage point. This is thought to be consistent with prior years and consistent with typical employment practices which require employees to drive on their own time and pay for their own gas to reach their place of business.

The trailer committee reported that the cost for 4 new tires will be \$500. But there may be additional charges to have the brakes checked and the bearings lubricated. To protect the trailer, it was suggested that a tarp be purchased to cover it during the offseason.

We discussed the situation with our former race secretary and what to do about his mean-spirited action of having deleted our website when he left the combine. It was reported that the AU would not be helpful in sanctioning him in any way for this abuse of his position as website coordinator, a job for which he was paid. The committee members discussed other actions that might be employed to deal with this individual and it was decided this individual can never again be a participant of the ECC.

Amador Larios presented two different race schedules for consideration with all the same race stations but different starting dates. The first was starting Sunday 10/25 and the second was starting a week earlier on 10/18. Subsequent to our last meeting there seemed to be agreement on the 10/25 schedule by some of the clubs. However, several clubs said they needed to show these to their members which apparently, they didn't after the last meeting. These clubs will check with their members and advise Amador of their choice. The Bonita club already held a meeting of its members and voted for the 10/25 start since they felt the later start would be better this year since some people raised their birds later than usual since they were not sure we would even race due to the Newcastle shutdown that has been lifted. In addition, they would be able to train their birds later and thus in cooler weather. Getting past the molt was another reason they gave for starting later this year.

Bill Lincoln of the Bonita club advised that we can use the google earth free website to verify the GPS coordinates on any member simply by using their address. This can be used for verification purposes and would not replace an in-person visit and measurement. Not only does this give the measurement but it allows a zoom picture of the house as well.

Richard Ocegara suggested that the combine representatives hold a special meeting to review and update our bylaws and race rules. Both of these are posted on the combine website for review. We agreed to hold a special meeting on August 29 at 10 am in Corona. Combine reps are encouraged to read these 2 documents before the meeting in order to be prepared for the discussion.

We tentatively agreed to hold a meeting several weeks before the start of racing at which time the combine trailer will be brought to the site of our combine meetings in Corona where the electrical will be checked, water drinkers cleaned out, power washer used if necessary, and the trailer readiness evaluated. This process is in lieu of designating a member of each club to clean up the trailer, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

None of the members has yet to pay the \$20 per member combine dues yet since many clubs are not yet positive about who is flying this season. We agreed that the dues must be paid at the meeting following our meeting to review the bylaws. At this time no date for that final

meeting before the season has been set. We will set a date for our final meeting when we meeting on August 29.

Minutes by,

Daniel Considine, Reporting sectary

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