

East Course Combine meeting minutes

Date: 8/29/2021

Location: Jenkin's workshop. Corona, CA

Present: Amador Larios (RIC), Relys Moreira (RIC), Francisco Hernandez (RIC), Walter Jenkins (WEF), Roque Hernandez (WEF), Alex Perera (BON), Dr. David Chen (BON), Juan Gomez (LAP), Rodolfo Mora (LAP), Ramiro Muniz (LAP), Antonio Alvarez (SBV), Marcos Hernandez (SBV)

President Amador called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

Amador roll call – RIC, WEF, LAP, BON, SBV clubs present

Walter said the balance on account was \$11,000. Will need to purchase checks. The ECC's GPS used before to take the new flyer's coordinates was too old and took a lot of time to connect to the satellite. We bought a new more modern GPS for \$107.

It was discussed that two people from the club should be checking the GPS coordinates at flyer's loft.

Relys requested that each club sent him a backup copy of race results after each race. Sometimes the AU site has incorrect information. The backup copy will help in printing accurate diplomas. Amador made this motion and Francisco seconded it.

Number of team flying young birds

Bonita	22
West End Flyers	12
RIC	7
La Puente	16
<u>SBV</u>	<u>10</u>

Total teams 67

Cost **\$210.00** per team for the 8 schedule races.

This cost includes 12 trophies (8 race winners, Average speed, Champion bird, Champion loft and Master loft), Diplomas, \$1000 for trailer expenses, \$600 for trailer storage, \$800 to the race secretary and driver cost.

Payment check can mailed to Walter Jenkins or handed over to the driver on shipping day.

Relys – SBV needs to buy an Atomic clock for their club as per the AU rules.

In addition, all clubs need to use the proper forms, including shipping crate forms that can be downloaded from the Combine website.

Relys mentioned some flyers are not using the shipping crate list that was approved for the ECC, but instead using any piece of paper, which sometimes is stained with bird shit. Flyers must use the appropriate form, which is available on the ECC webpage and can be downloaded.

Dr. Chen proposed that we consider using the Combine trailer for training. Relys will work on the numbers for next year. Dr. Chen offered to pay 40% of any shortfall from the total cost of training.

A pre-race one week before the first race was proposed. Relys will work on the numbers.

Amador made the motion and Dr. Chen seconded it.

Roque – This pre-race will help uncover and fix any issues with computers, clocks etc. before the first race shipping day.

Amador – How many club crates on hand at each club? Club race secretaries need to email the crate counts to Relys.

Three crates are with the Palm Springs Club and they are refusing to return them. Walter will send them an email requesting they return the crates by a certain date. Walter is willing to go pick them up. If they still refuse to return the crates, Palm Springs Club will be banned from joining the East Course Combine in the future. It will be a lifetime ban.

Amador – Do a recount on the number of birds flying one week before the first race. This will help plan an additional trailer if the Combine trailer is over capacity. If all 67 teams fly 30 birds in each team, the Combine trailer will be over capacity.

Francisco – Clubs should follow the proper shipping protocols i.e. The handler must read all the band information on the leg first, and then scan the bird. The person writing the shipping crate list must then read the clock and confirm the band information.

Relys distributed 2021 Old Bird trophies and awards.

Amador adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.