

## 395 CONCOURSE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 20, 2009 MEETING

ROLL CALL – President Martha Delgado called the meeting to order at 1005 hours. Club delegates were present from AVC, SBV, Y2K, FWY, WFI, CNA, PAL, EAV, RIC, and SDH. Clubs without representatives were WEF, VIP, COR and PCI. A **quorum** was present since a majority of the active clubs and delegates were present.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS – The minutes for the February meeting were read and approved.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP – None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Larry Landweer stated the checking account balance is \$5,572.10 and balances with the May bank statement. The Spring Financial Report was discussed. One possible discrepancy on the report was brought up but resolved at the meeting. All personal loans have been paid back and hopefully we will also be able to pay back the clubs during YB's for the second set of crates. If all goes according to plan we should be able to reduce shipping costs for 2010.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMUNICATIONS – There were no reports from committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Martha let everyone know that our driver (Grant) now has his class A license and all requirements have been satisfied.

We continued our “Concourse vs. Combine” discussion table last meeting. Fred Rocha made a presentation for resolving this issue. Under his scenario we would have four levels instead of just two. We could have clubs, combines, concourses and finally a federation level. The stated incentive is to have AU points awarded at four levels instead of just two to follow other groups across the nation and level the playing field. Martha appointed Fred the chairman of a committee to fine tune and work out details. A motion was made by Ross Massey, seconded by Guillermo Velasquez, for the committee to come back at the next meeting with recommendations. Committee members include Fred (Chairman), George Romanescu, Tim Ross, Eddie Hogue, Victor Grecu., Leonard Lee, Ron Whitmer, Steve Whitmer, Rollie Jacobs, and Bob Schmutz. Please ask Fred for copies of the proposal if needed for each club's discussion

Delegates asked that Rollie Jacobs again e-mail the shipping schedule to all clubs prior to YB season.

Rollie Jacobs has been talking with clubs for the past few weeks making sure crates are allocated to accommodate birds at the first YB race this fall. All clubs should call him with changes if necessary soon as it takes a while to move the crates around as needed.

Tim Ross, our webmaster, talked about the possible need to expand our site. He said the use of PDF software helps conserve space. Tim gets requests for ads but feels the 395 needs to establish guidelines and he would prefer not being the one to accept or reject ads and assign fees for ads if desired. Martha appointed a committee of Tim, Sonny, Rollie and Martha to consider guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS – The required use of numbered lead seals on the small door of crates was brought up. The cost has increased to about 25 cents each and delegates questioned whether this was a necessary expense. A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Victor to use plastic ties in place of the lead seals. Ron Whitmer will research to make sure this is not in violation to AU rules. The motion was tabled until the July meeting.

(Continue New Business)

The problem of the crates was discussed and Rollie will see that better communications with Grant will ensure no further errors will occur such as happened on the last weekend. Several suggestions were discussed with pros and cons but no consensus was reached.

Rollie made a motion seconded by Ron to ask Grant to fix the trailer watering system so draining the troughs doesn't cause problems inside the trailer. The motion passed. No dollar amount was stated. Perhaps rubber tubes could be used as drains.

George Romanescu brought up RIC's shipping one bird each race from a loft and each time the loft was a no report. He questioned whether this was legitimate under the minimum five loft rule in order to allow a club race and diplomas. Several delegates insisted the entry was actually made and was legitimate.

SD and FWY delegates asked when they would have a vote, and the answer is after '09 YB's when they've participated in two seasons of racing.

The meeting adjourned at 1155 hours. The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July at the Brunswick Bowling Alley at 24666 Sunnymead Blvd (runs parallel and just south of Hwy 60) in Moreno Valley at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Landweer, Secretary/Treasurer