

395 CONCOURSE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 15, 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 and RIC. Clubs without representatives were WEF, SD, COR, VIP and PCI. A **quorum** was present since a majority of the active clubs and delegates were present. Bill Barger, our AU Zone Director, was also present as a guest.

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

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP – None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Larry Landweer stated the checking account balance is \$5,569.10 the same as last month. We still have the loans from the clubs to pay back, hopefully during YB season.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMUNICATIONS – Fred Rocha, Chairman of the Concourse/Combine/Sections committee, discussed the progress made on this issue. See New Business section below for action taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Rollie still needs to hear from club Race Secretaries about their expected birds to be shipped the first YB race so he can get the crates each club needs.

Seals for shipping crates discussed again. Steve Whitmer made a motion, seconded by Mark Karges, to seal all doors (big and small) on the crates with plastic (or lead) ties of adequate gauge. The motion passed.

Martha appointed the following flyers as Race Committee members: Rollie Jacobs, Leo Theunissen, Leonard Lee, Alex Galustian and Bill Migliaccio.

The following Bylaw issues were discussed for possible revisions or amendments after giving the clubs a chance to review them since the July meeting.

- 1) A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Karges, to have Article III read - All flyers must have their airline measured by a two member committee, neither of whom will be flying from the location in question. The airline must be measured using a WAAS enabled unit. The motion passed. The above replaces the old language – All flyers must have an airline measured by Bowen's Surveys.
- 2) A motion was made by Mark Karges, seconded by George Romanescue, to change Article VIII, Section 3 to read – A Nominating Committee shall be formed at each August meeting to prepare a list of officer candidates and present same to the November meeting, with the election of officers to take place at the December meeting. The motion passed. The Nominating Committee appointed by Martha is made up of George Romanescue, Steve Whitmer and Victor Grecu acting as Chairman. They are charged with putting together a slate of at least two willing candidates for each office for November consideration. Nominations can also be made from the floor in November.
- 3) Article IX (voting) Section 1 and Section 2 will remain unchanged.
- 4) A motion was made by Mark Karges, second by George Romanescue, to change Article XI (c) to read – The Secretary shall have a copy of the previous meeting's minutes posted on the Concourse website within 10 days of the date of the meeting. The motion passed. This supersedes the old language stating that the minutes would be mailed out.

NEW BUSINESS – Our driver Grant Gilman has incurred additional fees for our trailer by the state. These were fees we did not foresee and were caused by the length of our new rig. He paid \$725 for the BIT program and \$114 for the Motor Carrier Permit. Next year there will be some renewal fees due. Bill Migliaccio made a motion, seconded by Ross Massey, to reimburse Grant for all these charges. The motion passed.

The liability issue was brought up. Sonny Cangiarella will research whether we should again consider incorporating. He is familiar with other organizations that have taken this route to limit liability.

Victor reported that some 800 bands have been sold for the Derby race and expects to report through club officers final details later. He emphasized that the Concourse will get 10% of band sales.

There was some talk of postponing the YB races for two weeks because of heat and the opening of Dove season September 1st however a vote by delegates showed they preferred to leave as is.

The Concourse will remain a concourse; however sections finally came up for a vote. First a delegate vote was taken for change or no change and “change” won out. Then a vote was taken for three sections or four. Four sections won overwhelmingly. This was “Option 1” on our website. Sections are High Desert (AVC & EAV), Inland (CNA, FWY, RIC & SBV), East (VIP, WFI & Y2K) and South (PAL, PCI, COR & SDH). No determination was given for whether trophies would be awarded to section winners.

Steve Whitmer again brought up a litany of past infractions, both for clubs and the Concourse, many of which have been brought before the Concourse in the past. Steve doesn't feel they have been resolved. Bill Barger, our AU Zone Director, was asked to comment. He stated that most of these are not resolvable but corrective actions such as required seals on crates, tightening of race rules and disclosure at the Concourse meetings have taken place. His advice was to go forward and not worry so much about past infractions. In other words wipe the slate clean.

A motion was made by Fred Rocha, seconded by Tim Ross to limit the Race Infractions Committee to three or four members and to have Victor chair and appoint committee members. The motion passed. Vice President Victor appointed the following – Tim Ross, Eddie Hogue and Ross Massey. Future infractions are to be directed to this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1245 hours. The next meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of November 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