

395 CONCOURSE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 21, 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, VIP and RIC. Clubs without representatives were WEF, SD, COR and PCI. A **quorum** was present since a majority of the active clubs and delegates were present. Clubs were informed of how many votes each had based on race participation in 2009. A possible 14.5 votes could be cast on any issue brought before the Concourse.

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

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP – Two new clubs made application to the Concourse. Jesus Oliveros asked that the High Desert Invitational Club (HDIC) be considered for membership. Their membership is made up of many of AVC's members and will ship out of David Franco's home. Mark Karges asked that the Inland Empire Invitational Club (IEIC) be also considered. Many of their members have split off from Y2K's members and will ship from Rozwadowski's home. A motion was made by Ron Whitmer and seconded by George Romanescu to accept both clubs contingent upon a satisfactory review of all required information (once received) as described in our Bylaws. The motion passed with a raise of hands. As most members in these clubs are presently members of the Concourse they will be competing in 2010 OB's.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Larry Landweer stated the checking account balance is \$10,317.12 (as corrected at the meeting). During the meeting we received a check as promised from the 395 Derby race committee of \$1,455 (not included above). A financial report was presented for the 2009 fall series (see attached). Two recommendations were made by Larry. First, we have sufficient funds to pay back 50% of the funds borrowed from the clubs for the second set of crates or \$7,280 and still have a margin remaining for emergencies. Delegates were polled and the vote was unanimous to do so. Checks will be mailed directly to the clubs shortly.

Secondly, we can now reduce shipping cost to 80 cents per bird (has been \$1.10) for the first time since we began building funds to purchase the trailer and crates. A motion was made by George Romanescu and seconded by George Proulx to do so and the motion passed unanimously. San Diego clubs will continue to pay a premium of 15 cents (or 95 cents) until all club loans are repaid – probably sometime during or after OB's.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMUNICATIONS – Rollie Jacobs gave his Race Secretary financial report for 2009 OB's and YB's. We had over 40,000 birds shipped in 2009. He has almost \$5,000 in the trophy fund for seniors and juniors – some of which will be paid out in cash to winners. Total funds in were \$14,073.95 and total funds expected to be spent (including operating costs) are \$9,362.26 for a net to Rollie of \$4,711.69 for Race Secretary compensation.

We received a letter from Grant Gilman describing a modification he would like to see on his contract to haul our birds in 2010. We incurred extra costs this year for fees, licensing and various other requirements of the CHP and states of California and Nevada, most of which we reimbursed Grant for. Due to our having a 44 foot trailer multiple agencies have gotten involved. He estimates these additional expenses will be over \$1,700 on an ongoing basis. In addition he would like to have some say in the timing of pick up and race schedules for safety and legal reasons.

The bottom line is that Grant is asking for an increase per mile of 15 cents over the present 75 cents we have been paying him. He would continue to pay his own fuel bill. We presently pay a per diem for food and lodging charges on longer trips but he would pay these as well. He would also pay all charges to agencies mentioned above. The net affect is fairly reasonable for both the Concourse and Grant when

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everything is taken into account. Grant understands we may want to get additional bids from other prospective drivers. Some delegates felt that we should open it up and ask for sealed bids from interested parties. Others thought this is a simple modification request and recommended we accept. (After the meeting this writer contacted Brian Crossen and Brian is not interested in bidding for the job.) No decision was made at the meeting and this item was tabled until the December meeting.

Victor Grecu, as Chairman of the Infractions Committee, reports that there has been no evidence presented on any infractions at this time.

Victor, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, offered the following list of candidates for 2010 officers:

President – Eddie Hogue
Vice President – Ron Boyer
Recording Secretary – no one nominated
Treasurer – Larry Landweer
Race Secretary – Rollie Jacobs
Sgt at Arms – Howard Wicks

In addition Ron Whitmer nominated Steve Whitmer from the floor as Race Secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor. Elections will be held in December and new officers will take over in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Sonny Cangiarella has been researching having the Concourse incorporate. He will have all paperwork ready to submit in January to allow new officers to sign if we all agree. He says the costs to do so will be about \$450 or less initially and then smaller fees are charged annually.

NEW BUSINESS – Race schedules were discussed. RIC presented a proposal for 2010 OB's and WFI presented one for both OB's and YB's. Delegates want to see all proposals on our web site so please submit any additional schedules to Larry or Tim Ross, our web master. This should be done before the December meeting to allow a final decision in December or January at the latest. For easy comparative purposes please use an OB, OB Sprint (if desired) and YB format on one page.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Sizzler in Riverside again. The tentative date is February 20th and will be in lieu of a February meeting. Details will be available next month.

Mark Karges wants the Concourse to hold an AU Convention and race in the future. A committee was formed of Mark, Ron and Steve Whitmer, George Romanescu, Phil Delaney and Tim Ross. They will give a proposal to us next meeting with an idea of work involved as well cost and benefit to 395.

Victor indicated they will not sponsor the 395 Derby again for 2010. He will have at least 1,000 bands available if some other club wants to take on this special race.

The meeting adjourned at 1155 hours. The next meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of December 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