

Race Committee Meeting 1-8-11 2pm

Committee Members present:

Ron Whitmer                      President

Sonny Cangiarella              Central

Steve Whitmer                  East

Guest: Race Secretary Fred Rocha

Committee Members Absent:

Jim Lauritzen                  High Desert

Ed Schmierer                  San Diego

- 1) Discussed e-mail received by R. Whitmer from Grant stating that due to family and work commitments he would no longer be able to drive the trailer for the 395 Concourse.

Discussed other possible drivers, to include Clay Mcbeth, Brian Crossen and the possibility of placing an ad for a new driver on craigs list.

Rocha had already spoken with McBeth and he wants \$1.10 per mile plus fuel paid for by concourse. Mcbeth also stated he wanted to store trailer at his facility and the mileage charges would start at time they left until return from race.

Rocha has also spoken with Crossen and he does not have a commercial CDL so could not pull large trailer. Also crossen is currently committed to pulling the San Diego trailer for 2011. However he does have a friend who could do the job.

Decision was made to have Sonny place an ad on craigs list for new driver. Rocha will also contact Grant to see what changes if any he may want to see take place in order to continue as concourse driver. Crossen, Mcbeth and Grant along with any others possible driver are to give new bids for driver position at the next concourse meeting.

- 2) Question was raised by Rocha on how to best assign crates. Issue was discussed and it is the recommendation of the race committee to assign crates based on average number of birds shipped by a member club over the last two years. Then to make any needed adjustments to crate assignments just prior to first race. It is also recommended that any bird shipping limits will have to be made at the club level based on the number of crates assigned to the club.
- 3) We had an open discussion of some of the issues the last race secretary had where no one knew the exact name to use for each race and the problems it caused at the AU level in winspeed. Recommendation was made by the committee with Rocha's agreement. To pre-post on concourse website, the exact name to use for each race in winspeed.  
  
Recommendation is also made by the committee for Rocha to send back any race files received by member clubs, one time for correction by that clubs race secretary. If the file is then received a second time and is still not in the correct format. Then it is recommended that the club forfeits its right to be placed on the overall sheet for that race.
- 4) Rocha asked for a review of the race rules regarding issuing of diplomas. Currently the rules state that diplomas have to be issued through the top 2% of each race. After discussion it is recommended by the committee to change this rule to the top 2% or the first two pages of the race report whichever is the least amount.
- 5) We openly discussed the current trophy awards and the way they are issued. After discussion is the recommendation of the race committee to drop the overall winner award and issue the awards based on the Standard Awards and AU points. The overall Trophies for each race season would be Champion Bird, Champion Loft and Master Loft only.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm