

395 CONCOURSE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2011 MEETING

Prior to the meeting, President Ron Whitmer acknowledged all the incoming officers for 2011. The 2011 Race Committee: Jim Lauritzen, Sonny Cangiarella, Steve Whitmer, Ed Schmierer. Lastly, President Whitmer acknowledged the passing of two long time members of the 395 Concourse this last year. Joe Campobasso from the WFI Club and Tony Caruso from the Freeway Club. "They will be missed!"

Meeting called to order 10:02 am., Saturday, January 15, 2011.

ROLL CALL: AVC, CNA, EAV, FWY, HDC, IEIC, PAL, RIC, SBV, VIP, WFI, WEF, Y2K. WOC and SD were not present.

Minutes to Previous Meeting: Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting was made by Leonard Lee, Julius Rourk seconded. No opposition, passed.

Financial Report - \$100 Deposit for 395 Banquet was paid. No Club dues have been deposited as yet. Balance \$6,921.80. Motion to accept financial report was made by George Proulx, HDC seconded. Passed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Winnemucka Central Race Committee will collect all data for this race per Leonard Lee. 395 will need to submit results also to the AU. Race is broken down by miles, please refer to Inaugural Western Open Race 2011 on website for particulars. The race is nonaverage. Clubs will need to provide total birdage for this race to 395 Concourse Race Secretary.

Race Committee – Meeting held on January 8th. Attending the Race Committee meeting were: Sonny Cangiarella, Steve Whitmer, Fred Rocha, Ron Whitmer (Jim Lauritzen and Ed Schmierer were not present). Issues brought from this meeting are addressed below. The next Race Committee Meeting to be held January 29th at Ron Whitmer's home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tim Ross was voted in previously as Backup for Race Secretary. He will be backup in the event need arises.

Incorporation – In the light of becoming incorporated, changes will need to be made. Discussion took place with regard to monies being given to the Treasurer as opposed to the Race Secretary for Trophy and Driver/Conveyor. No opposition was made by delegates. Requires removing section in Rules, Article I, Section B (third sentence removed). "He/She shall keep a record of all money received and expended and present a detailed report at the first meeting of the concourse following a series of Concourse Races."

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Voting

Driver – Bids need to be submitted for Truck Driving position by February 5th. Per Julius Rourk, Grant submitted a bid. Race Committee verified Grant Gilman was the only Bid received. Officers would not disclose bid amount until other bids are received. Conversations have been made with Clay Macbeth; possible bid to follow. Discussion ensued regarding the need for Clubs to vote for driver.

Race Diplomas – Currently, the 395 Concourse provides top 2% places for diplomas. Requests to change to 2% or first two pages, whichever is less. This would reduce the number of diplomas printed. To be taken to clubs for vote.

Crate Distribution – Fred indicated that he averaged the amount of crates each club should be utilizing for 2011 OB. In order to get an accurate count of birds and crate needs, an update of bird count will take place on February 5th. Crates will be distributed throughout the following week to meet the needs of clubs. Another birdage count will be conducted on February 26 in order to get a closer tracking of crate needs and delivery/pickup of crates. No more than 35 birds to be crated for races prior to Sprint Series; 25 birds per crate for longer distances during Sprint Series. In the event a club stops flying at a certain distance, and another club takes the flyer. Suggestions were made that they bring their club crates with them to ship additional birds.

Race Results – Fred Rocha provided a copy of Race Stations to delegates to be used for the 2011 Races. It is imperative that Race titles read exactly the same. He also requested that results be submitted to him by the following Tuesday of the Race in an effort to post in a timely manner. Fred also indicated that race results would be posted on the website; however, Average Speed (Short and Long), Champion Loft and Bird would not be included in printed handouts but would be provided at the end of the series. In addition, copies of results will be reduced to one per family.

Average Speed – Although this was voted on last July, the issue of not tracking average speed was addressed. Fred Rocha indicated it would not be a problem for him to track. To be taken to clubs for vote.

Active Clubs – VOTING - Article IX Section 1:

(Changes in Red) (b) Only active racing members are eligible to vote on 395 Concourse matters. An ‘Active Racing **Club**’ is a 395 Concourse member who has shipped, clocked and reporting in at least 2 races of a regular series in the previous young bird or old bird series.

This does not negate a **non voting probationary member** from having to be a formal member for 12 months prior to being allowed to vote; see Article V, Section 1 (b). To be taken to clubs for vote.

Section Winner – Fred indicated that Overall Report would include Section Winners. Discussion regarding trophies for the Section winner was addressed. Although diplomas

are provided to awardees, trophies are not. There would be an increase by clubs similar to the Junior Trophy in the event this is passed. To be taken to clubs for vote.

Teams Per Location – Currently, rules indicate that if 3 lofts are flown from a location, results are to be excluded from Concourse results. Julius Rourk made a motion, seconded by Tim Ross to change rule omitting the last sentence (omit red verbage). Passed.

SECTION B.*

A minimum of three competing flyers from three separate physical loft locations must be present to ship a race. Club winners will be excluded on the Concourse race report if less than five members ship the race.

Conversation was made with regard to retaining old records on website even after they have been changed.

Article VIII Section 2B, Ron Whitmer made a motion to have By Law changed to add “non-voting probation period” to first sentence and add “non-voting Probationary member” to third sentence. Seconded by Howard Wicks. To be taken to clubs for vote at next meeting.

Old Trailer – Discussion was made regarding the Old 395 Concourse Trailer. The trailer is needing extreme revamping if done, other options are scrapping or selling. Mention made was that there was not a dire need to get this done immediately; therefore, any suggestions with regard to its future is appreciated. To be voted on in future.

Computer & Printer Purchase – Tim Ross brought up that Fred Rocha bought a new computer and printer and is awaiting the new AU data. Cost was 978.61. If paid for by the 395 Concourse, these items will become property of the 395 Concourse. In the event that Fred becomes unable to follow-through with his task, members can pick up the computer and follow through with responsibilities of Race Secretary. Motion was made by Tim Ross to pay the cost, seconded by Ross Massey. Passed.

395 Banquet – Scheduled for February 12th at the Sizzler on Clay Street in Riverside. Please contact Beverly Ross if you haven’t already to give her a count on chicken/steak and adult/child reservations. Costs will remain as prior year.

PAYMENT OF DUES

Larry Landweer reminded everyone to get your dues paid. Monies must all be to the AU by first week of March.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by IEIC club, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm. Next meeting will be held in three weeks, February 5th at 10:00 am at High Point Pigeon Supplies, 601 S. Milliken, Ontario, Ca.