

395 CONCOURSE MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2011 MEETING

Roll Call – President Ron Whitmer called the meeting to order at 10:15. All clubs but CNA, HDC, WOC and WEF were present and we had a quorum.

Minutes of the Previous meeting in June were read. The following corrections were made: 1) The motion name change from Proulx to Wagner was actually a part of the February 5th minutes not January's. 2) In the Treasurer's Report the checking balance should read \$10,176.42 and general funds balance is \$5,233.17. The minutes were then approved.

There were no Proposals for Membership.

Financial Report: Treasurer Larry Landweer reports no change from June. Questions and comments were taken on the June Financial Report. Total birds shipped for the spring season was 28,735. 1,456 lofts participated. The trophy fund has \$2,873.50 available. For junior trophies we have \$633. City of Hope will get \$1,436.75 shortly and free funds balance is \$5,233.17 for future expenses. Tim Ross would like to see a breakdown of fuel and driver compensation on future reports.

Communications and Committee Reports – Larry read the Trailer committee's report written by Roger Mortvedt. In essence the report stated they felt the Concourse doesn't need a new or smaller trailer but does need to solve the problems caused by our lengthy shipping pickup schedule. Most realize our driver has a difficult time meeting our requirements while also staying within the law and regulations for commercial hauls. The so called "10 hour" rule needs to be managed better. Delegates will allow additional scope and including Phil Delaney on the committee to try and help solve these problems. Solutions may include adding a driver for pickups and even bird shipping limits.

Old Business – Incorporation was again discussed. A motion was made by Phil Delaney and seconded by Tim Ross to again proceed towards incorporation with all paperwork to be ready for filing with the State within two months. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with four clubs voting no. Ron, Tim and Phil are to make sure this happens. Ron is willing to come to any club's meeting and discuss this need for incorporation. A new committee with these three was formed to review the revised officer's duties proposed by Ron earlier this year in expectation of incorporation but never ratified by the delegates.

In June we accepted a bid of \$750 for our old trailer and asked for any additional bids by this meeting. A higher bid of \$800 was given and a motion to accept this bid was made by Ross Massey and seconded by Tim and passed. The buyer paid cash at the meeting and signed a paper confirming he was buying "as is" and the Concourse is free of any liability as to condition or road ability of the old trailer. Larry Lowell of the AVC club is the buyer and expects to refurbish the trailer and use as a training trailer in the future.

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Several by law changes were discussed in June and tabled for final resolution this meeting. See June minutes for specific language as it will not be repeated here. Article XII, Section B revised by motion made by Phil and seconded by Tim, passed.

Article VIII, Section B revised by motion made by Ross and seconded by Tim, passed.

Steve Miner had brought up Section trophies in June and was again discussed. Phil is to find out the cost range and bring back for the August meeting. Cost was the main reason the section trophies were turned down earlier this year. Rollie Jacobs let everyone know that trophy funds are not spent just on the overall race winners but multiple others e.g. the various average speed awards, champion and master lofts, etc.

(In discussion after the meeting Rollie pointed out that between the regular OB series and sprints we have traditionally handed out 46 senior and junior trophies. For YB's we have had 17 senior and junior trophies – for a total of 63 trophies using about \$4,000 in trophy funds at an average cost of about \$63 each.) If we give section trophies we would have 25 races times three or 75 additional trophies for both OB & YB series. This more than doubles total trophies so naturally cost to flyers would increase if the same quality of trophies is purchased.

PMV vaccinations are recommended for all members well prior to the YB races. The La Sota vaccine is not the one to use per Ron & Steve Whitmer. It has not given good protection. Some clubs are requiring proof of vaccination before you will be able to ship.

Long time flyers Gene Hamilton (San Diego) and Art Hees (Florida) have passed away.

As mentioned under Committees, bird limits are being considered, and will be discussed again in August.

The meeting adjourned at 1202 hours. The next meeting will be the third Saturday in August at High Point in Ontario on Milliken.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Landweer, standing in for Martha Delgado, Secretary