

Meeting called to order at 10:00 on 8-20-11 By President Whitmer

Roll call: clubs present- AVC, PAL, SBV, IEIC, WFI, YIIC, RIC, WEF, FRWY

Clubs absent- CNA, EAV, San Diego, WOC, HDC

Quorum present

Previous minutes- were taken and subsequently read by Larry Landweer, due to the recording secretary being absent; the following changes were made to the July minutes. Reference the Lasota Vaccine, it is not recommended by any qualified Vet. President Whitmer asked for anyone to find a Vet. Anywhere who was willing to say it was safe for use in pigeons against PMV. It was therefore recommended and agreed to by the clubs present that the Maine Biological Vaccine be used. Motion to accept minutes by George Way seconded by Ross Massey, Minutes accepted

Financial Report- only activity since the last report was 800.00 increase for sale of old trailer, payment to State Farm for insurance and refund on insurance for old trailer. Payment was made to City of hope in the amount of 1436.75.

So we have a current balance of 9445.14, Larry has not worked out the break down for the different funds, but there is approx. 5000.00 in the General Fund.

Motion made by Eddie Hogue to accept the financial report and was seconded by George Way. Motion Passed.

Committees-

Trailer committee, Larry Landweer presented trailer committee recommendations originally written up by Roger Mortvedt - Larry described problem of assigning crates and problem some of the smaller clubs having to use large crates for only a few birds. Also on long races (during sprint) even larger clubs had to use the large crates for only a few birds. This resulted in the south section not being able to ship until Ravendale race. This also resulted in a loss of funding to the Concourse due to two trailers having to be used during trailers.

To help solve the issue the contractor who made our crates was contacted and can provide new doors for the crates. The new doors will have two loading doors and will also come with a divider for the crate.

The committee recommended purchasing twelve kits to convert 24 crates over to double crates with two entry doors. Julius Rourk brought up the point that we need twelve crates on the trailer as well as twelve crates with the clubs. Howard Wicks made the motion to purchase 24 kits, seconded by Ross Massey. Motion passed with only one no vote, by Eddie Hogue on behalf of AVC.

Larry asked for volunteers to covert the crates upon arrival of new crate doors. Work team led by Larry to include Julius, Lawrence McElrae, and Jim Cleary. They will try to have the crates modified before the young bird races, but this will depend upon when the new kits are delivered.

Larry advised that the committee is also looking at another driver to help Grant by driving the trailer during the pickups from the clubs, then Grant would take over at last loading point on the 395 (outpost). This will relieve the 10 hour rule we have been running into by having Grant do all the pickups and then turn and drive the race. This will also give us an alternate driver in case of Grant getting sick and or just wanting to take a break during the races.

By-Laws Committee- presented by Ron Whitmer, The committee is still working on adding new things such as harassment policies. The committee will hopefully be able present the rest of the recommendations at the next meeting.

Unfinished business- None

New Business-

Trophies- Larry brought up the issue of trophy funds and amount put out each year for the purchase of trophies. 28 adult trophies were issued for old birds this includes regular and sprint races, then there were an additional 18 junior trophies issued. During young bird 10 adult trophies were issued and 7 junior trophies were issued. For the record there has been a total of 63 trophies that have been issued out over the last several years. This was without sections being added. If we add section trophies then we are going to be adding a minimum of 75 additional trophies.

Discussion opened up with several members stating they knew of trophy makers who could possibly make trophies for the Concourse for far less than the current vendor.

YB races- clubs need to bring in their estimates for young birds. The Race secretary will need the numbers so he can divvy out the crates for young birds.

Good of the Order-

Rollie Jacobs has recently passed away. A memorial will be held this next weekend at Roger Mortvedt's. Per Carol instead of bring gifts please donate on Rollie's behalf, to the American Cancer Society, Arthritis Society, American Heart, or to the Lupus Society.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03:

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 9-17-11 at 10:00 at High Point Pigeon Supplies courtesy of Kenny Tang.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Whitmer, on behalf of the recording secretary who was absent.