

ECC Meeting Minutes – 02/05/05
EAST COURSE COMBINE MEETING
Saturday February 5, 2005 (Location: Pepper Tree Restaurant)

ECC President John Godinez called the meeting to order at 12:45. John apologized for missing the 01/09/05 meeting; he had an unforeseen work issue that made it impossible for him to attend.

ROLL CALL

Present:

1. Bonita
2. Freeway
3. La Puente
4. San Gabriel Valley
5. Santa Anita
6. Palm Springs

Absent:

1. Pomona

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING: Kristin Swift-Ramirez read the meeting minutes from the 01/09/05 meeting. The combine board of directors agreed that the minutes from the 10/01/04 meeting did not need to be read at this time. A motion to accept the minutes with no changes was made by Sonny Cangiarella with a second from Lolo Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kathy Bagu read the financial report. Kathy reported a balance of \$3,577.28 in the combine account as of 02/05/05. The report is as follows:

Balance from 01/09/05	\$3693.28
Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
C. Ettensperger (Trailer Storage)	\$ 100.00
Bank Charge (4 months)	\$ 16.00
Balance in Account:	\$3577.28

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Steve Whitmer with a second from Lolo Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 OLD BIRD RACE SCHEDULE:

The ECC was presented with three bids for the 2005 Old Bird season. 1) Urban's original bid 2) Sonny introduced a revised bid for Urban 3) Bonita club presented a bid. Charlie Cathel made a motion to decline Urban's original bid due to cost with a second from Sonny Cangiarella, the motion passed unanimously. Lyle Loomis made a motion that the combine should accept Sonny's revised bid for Urban. Sonny was to present this bid to be accepted or declined by Urban. If Urban were to decline this bid the ECC would then move forward with the Bonita Bid. Vito Frankini seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Charlie Cathel made an amendment to this motion that the Bonita club would be allowed to haul any additional longer races that the combine might want to add at a minimal cost. Sonny Cangiarella offered to do the extra reports for these additional races only, at no cost, to be delivered by email ONLY. Kathy Bagu seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

TRAILER ISSUES FOR OLD BIRD SEASON:

Sony Cangiarella stated that the maintenance still needed to be done on the trailer prior to the beginning of the Old Bird 2005 season. Sonny agreed to make the necessary arrangements to get the needed maintenance completed. Sonny also stated that the trailer needs to be cleaned and disinfected before the 2005 Old Bird season, Charlie Ettensberger agreed to make the necessary arrangements to have the trailer cleaned before the start of the Old Bird 2005 season.

WIRE BOTTOMS:

Charlie Cathel made a motion to table any discussions or plans to move forward with the wire bottoms until the Old Bird 2005 season was completed. Lyle Loomis seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMITTED FLYERS:

The following clubs gave their count of flyers for the 2005 Old Bird season as follows:

Bonita – 11, Freeway – 3, La Puente – Not Participating, San Gabriel Valley – Not Participating, Santa Anita – 5, Palm Springs – 6. Pomona was not present at this meeting so Kristin would try emailing again to find out if they will be participating. At this time, the count is 25 flyers for the 2005 Old Bird season.

SHIPPING COSTS:

The shipping fees for the 2005 Old Bird season were discussed and if the ECC were to use the revised schedule Sonny proposed, the shipping fees would be roughly \$257/team. Sonny still needed to discuss this issue with Urban, so the actual cost of shipping could vary. If Urban was to decline our proposal than the estimated cost Bonita provided was \$200/team. The shipping costs should be set within the week and emails would be sent to verify this information to each club.

RACE REPORTS:

Race reports for the 2005 Old Bird season are going to be prepared by Sonny Cangiarella at a cost of \$1200 to cover time, expense, mailing, etc.

RACE RULES AND BYLAWS:

Kristin Swift-Ramirez handed out the proposed changes to the race rules and bylaws of the ECC. The meeting on the 29th was very successful and only minor changes or “clarifications” were SUGGESTED by the committee. These items are to be taken back and presented to each club by their representatives. A vote should be taken by each club to accept the changes as is, or propose their suggestions to the board of directors of the ECC. Representatives are to report back to the ECC at the next meeting with their club decision.

RAISING ECC DUES:

The clubs came back as noted in regards to how much they wanted to increase the ECC dues to. BON – no preference, LAP - \$15, SGV - \$15, SA - \$30, PS – 2 season flyers \$10, 1 season flyer \$20, non-flyers \$30. Kathy Bagu made a motion to change the dues to \$20 based on an average of all the clubs inputs. Sonny Cangiarella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lyle Loomis made a motion that the new dues of \$20 and the shipping dues (to be announced) for the 2005 Old Bird season would be due no later than 2/19/05 at the next ECC meeting. Lolo Ramirez made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

Kristin Swift-Ramirez asked again for each club to verify who their ELECTED representatives were. These are the representatives designated so far for each club Bonita – Charlie Cathel & Kathy Bagu, La Puente – Ruben Mora & Ruben Olmos, Freeway – Ron Whitmer & Alex Gaulstain, Steve Whitmer is their alternate, SGV – Lolo Ramirez & Kristin Swift-Ramirez, Santa Anita – Charlie Ettensberger & Vito Frankini, Palm Springs – Lyle Loomis & Jesus Hernandez, Victor Castaneda is their alternate. Please remember that ONLY elected club representatives can attend and participate in the meetings. Alternates may attend but may not contribute unless they are filling in for the absent representative. All members may attend the OPEN ECC meeting, which is to be scheduled for sometime in June.

NEW BUSINESS

ECC MEETINGS:

Lolo Ramirez made a motion to begin having monthly ECC meetings even during race season. The motion was seconded by Kathy Bagu and passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

There were no issues discussed at this time.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next meeting for the ECC was set for February 19th, 2005 at 10:00. The location of the meeting will remain at the Pepper Tree Restaurant. Representatives please consult with your clubs to get the necessary information requested in the topics above. Make sure to get in contact with any board officer to have any issues you want to discuss added to the agenda for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charlie Cathel with a second by Kathy Bagu. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 15:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Swift-Ramirez/ECC Recording Secretary