

ECC Meeting Minutes – 02/11/07
EAST COURSE COMBINE MEETING
Sunday, February 11, 2006 (Location: Sandburg Middle School)

ECC President Bill Lincoln called the meeting to order at 15:06.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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| 1. Bonita | 6. Palm Springs |
| 2. La Puente | 7. Pomona |
| 3. San Gabriel Valley | |
| 4. Santa Anita | |
| 5. Freeway | |

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:

Kathy Bagu read the meeting minutes from the 01/21/07 meeting. Sonny Cangiarella made a correction in regards to Mike Smith driving the birds to Mesa, Mike had stated that he would haul this race as long as it was a two day race, which was not mentioned in the meeting minutes. Bill asked for a motion to accept the minutes with this one correction. Sonny motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, with a second from Lolo Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kathy Bagu read the financial report. The Combine account incurred the following credits and debits:

Balance from 01/21/07	\$ 5,227.25
Deposits:	
Interest from Checking(Jan.)	\$.89
Money on hand for SA dues	\$ 200.00
Money on hand for PS dues	\$ 100.00
Expenses:	
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$ (16.60)</u>
Balance in Account:	\$ 5,511.54

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

OLD BUSINESS:

OLD BIRDS:

Bill stated that at the last meeting representatives from each club were to report to Kathy with the number of potential OB07 teams. The counts are as follows: POM – 4, LAP – 3, FWY – 3, SA – 3, PS – 4, BON – 9 for a total of 26 teams. Sonny's estimated cost for OB07 for 25 teams is \$276.94. Bill stated that the ECC does have a bit of a buffer in our account and with the number of teams estimated at 25 we will make the cost \$275/team. All agreed.

There are currently 4 drivers from the Bonita club that have agreed to haul the races; Dave Bagu, John Nemeth, Mike Smith, and Bill Lincoln. There will be a need for others to step up and agree to haul any remaining races not covered. A discussion began on the Mesa race to possibly change the shipping day to Thursday for Saturday, but it was then agreed to leave it as Friday for Sunday as it originally was on the schedule. The pick up schedule will be set by BON. Bill said that when he drives he doesn't like to go too far off the freeway to pick up the birds so clubs will have to work around that. BON said it might be easier if all the local clubs shipped directly from the BON shipping location. Clubs were asked if they would be willing to do this, LAP & SA stated they preferred to ship from their own location. A schedule will be made up and sent to clubs as soon as it is ready. It was discussed that the rack is located at Katy Bagu's.

It was brought up that Hector would have to get the GPS for the Globe release station. Bill stated that all club Race Secretaries needed to contact Sonny ASAP with all club databases. Sonny asked for clubs to please not wait until the last minute.

LETTER FOR POTENTIAL NEW FLYERS:

Bill said that there had been no response yet to letters sent out to various clubs in regards to free shipping for a season. Clubs are encouraged to spread the word and work towards increasing our active flying members.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed at this time.

OPEN FORUM:

Mike Smith stated that he thought ECC clubs needed to start to think of new creative ways of shipping the birds to make the combine more successful. One idea he brought up was the possibility of flying OB & YB seasons together. Lolo just wanted the combine to understand that the time frame the season is flown may affect YB awards at the AU level. This is something the combine would have to research further.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next meeting for the ECC will be set after the OB07 series. Good luck to all participating members and have a very successful OB07 season!!

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lyle with a second from Lolo. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 16:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Swift-Ramirez/ECC Recording Secretary