

ECC Meeting Minutes – 05/21/06  
**EAST COURSE COMBINE MEETING**  
**Sunday May 21, 2006 (Location: Sandburg Middle School)**

ECC President Lolo Ramirez called the meeting to order at 15:05.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Absent:

1. Pomona
2. Palm Springs

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:** Kristin read the meeting minutes from the 01/08/06 meeting. Kathy Bagu made a motion to accept the minutes, as is, with a second from Mike Smith and the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Kathy Bagu read the financial report. Kathy reported a balance of \$5460.54 in the combine account as of 01/08/06. The report is as follows:

Balance from 01/08/06	\$ 5,460.54
Deposits:	
2006 Dues for BON, FWY, LAP, SGV, SA & OB06 Shipping Fees	\$ 1,520.00
Interest from Checking(4 months)	\$ 3.71
Expenses:	
Kristin Ramirez- State of CA	\$ (20.00)
Charlie Ettensperger – Trailer Storage Rent	\$ (200.00)
Bonita Club Shipping	\$ (600.00)
Trophy Fees(3 Seasons)	\$ (1237.90)
Returned Check & Fee	\$ (210.00)
Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Bank Charge	\$ (64.00)
Balance in Account:	\$ 4,712.35

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

**CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:**

Clubs were asked who their Combine representatives are for the 2006-2007 flying season, they are as follows: BON – Bill Lincoln & Mike Smith, FWY – Sonny Cangiarella & Alex Galustain, LAP – Hector Morales & Jesus Rodriguez, SGV – Lolo Ramirez & Kristin Swift-Ramirez, SA – Charlie Ettensperger.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

A discussion began amongst the representatives about the upcoming election for new officers. There was a unanimous agreement that we would select the new officers at this meeting in an informal manner. The officers are as follows: President – Bill Lincoln, VP – Hector Morales, Race Secretary – Sonny Cangiarella, Treasurer – Kathy Bagu, Recording Secretary – Kristin Swift-Ramirez. Sonny made a motion to accept the new board with a second from Mike Smith and the motion passed unanimously. The new board will take effect at the next combine meeting.

**2006 YOUNG BIRD SCHEDULE:**

A discussion began in regards to the YB schedule for the 2006 season. Bill Lincoln made a motion to keep the schedule as it was for the 2005 YB season. There was no second so the motion was dropped. Sonny Cangiarella stated that he thought the schedule issue should go back to the clubs for discussion and any proposals should be brought back to the next combine meeting. Everyone agreed and this topic was tabled until then.

La Puente discussed that they had no real problems with the schedule, as is, but they wanted to add a 400-mile race. Due to time constraints they wanted to eliminate one of the by weeks. A discussion began in regards to the combine not supporting a 400-mile race in the YB series, but if La Puente wanted to sponsor a race of this sort they would be more than welcome to do so. La Puente stated they would be

interested in sponsoring a 400-mile race open to all members of the combine. They will be looking into a release point and costs for this race and they will report back to the combine with any new information

**ESTIMATED FLYERS FOR YB06:**

Club estimates for the YB06 season are as follows: BON-15, FWY-5, LAP-8, SA-7, SGV-0, PS was not present but was estimated at 3 flyers, for an ESTIMATED total of 38 lofts.

**CRATE ALLOCATIONS:**

Lolo had emailed all clubs to come prepared to this meeting with a crate count for each club and the numbers on each of their crates. The crate counts were estimated as follows: BON – 20, FWY – 15, LAP – 7, SGV – 8, SA – 8, PS – 8. The correct information should be emailed to Kristin by all of the clubs before the next combine meeting.

**TRAILER UPDATE:**

The trailer is still located at Charlie Ettensperger's place. Charlie stated that the trailer would need to be moved in approximately 2 months due to some construction that will be taking place. Hector will be in contact with Charlie to make arrangements to have the trailer moved during this time.

Sonny Cangiarella stated the trailer is in the same condition as before OB06 season since it was not used. The following will need to be addressed before the beginning of the YB06 season:

1. Crates need to be cleaned.
2. Water tanks need to be flushed
3. Trays need to be cleaned

Hector stated that he would arrange to have the trailer cleaned while in his possession during the move from Charlie's. Hector will keep the combine updated on this matter.

Sonny discussed the issue of the combine investing in a camcorder again. Hector said he would be willing to video if he hauled the races. Sonny stated that this was still in the works and he would report back to the combine with any new information.

**HAULING PROPOSAL:**

A discussion began in regards to hauling proposals for the YB06 season. Hector had submitted a proposal stating that he wanted only the percentage of gas increase from last year to this year. Lolo discussed that based on what Hector was paid last year he earned \$1.10/mile. With the gas increase, currently the combine would have to pay Hector \$1.30/mile. Sonny began a discussion with the combine representatives about paying the hauler a set fee per mile and then reimbursing the driver for gas. Bill Lincoln made a motion to pay the hauler \$.85/mile plus gas (receipts must be provided). Sonny made a second and the motion passed unanimously. Bill then made a motion to have Hector Morales haul the YB06 season with a second by Jesus Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously and Hector accepted. So Hector Morales will be hauling the YB06 season at \$.85/mile plus gas. Once the schedule for YB has been set, the combine will better be able to estimate shipping costs for flyers.

**2006 ROSTER:**

Sonny passed out copies of the 2006 updated roster. He asked clubs to verify information and notify him of any changes. Thank you Sonny, great job!!

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next meeting for the ECC was set for Sunday, June 11th, 2006 at 15:00. The location of the meeting will be at The Sandburg Middle School. Please contact Bill Lincoln with any topics or issues that your clubs want discussed at the Combine level.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Lincoln with a second by Mike Smith. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 16:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Swift-Ramirez/ECC Recording Secretary