

ECC Meeting Minutes – 08/27/06  
**EAST COURSE COMBINE MEETING**  
**Sunday, August 27, 2006 (Location: Finkbiner Park)**

ECC President Bill Lincoln called the meeting to order at 15:13.

**ROLL CALL**

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1. Bonita	1. Freeway
2. La Puente	2. Palm Springs
3. San Gabriel Valley	
4. Santa Anita	

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:** Kristin read the meeting minutes from the 07/30/06 meeting. Mike Smith made a motion to accept the minutes, as is, with a second from Lolo Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Kathy Bagu read the financial report. Kathy reported a balance of \$4401.49 in the combine account as of 07/30/06. The Combine account incurred the following credits and debits:

Balance from 07/30/06	\$ 4,401.49
Deposits:	
Interest from Checking(July)	\$ .76
Expenses:	
Diploma Shipping	\$ ( 9.00)
Sonny C. – Website	\$ ( 70.00)
Bank Service Charge	\$ ( 16.00)
Balance in Account:	\$ 4,307.25

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Combine Training:**

Hector will be providing 3 training tosses for the combine on a first come first serve basis. Club representatives estimated the number of crates they thought each of their respective clubs would use: BON-20, LAP-10, and SA-6. FWY was not present. With an estimated count of 35 crates, the cost will remain \$35/crate for the 3 toss training series. The schedule is 09/24/06 Cabazon, 10/01/06 Palm Springs, and 10/08/06 Chiriaco Summit. Pick-up will be at the McDonald's parking lot on Huntington Dr. in Monrovia from 7-8pm Saturday evenings for Sunday release. Please contact Hector Morales at (626)242-0956 as soon as possible to reserve your crates.

**Multiple Teams:**

Mike Smith spoke briefly about his idea of reducing team size to promote members to fly multiple teams. Mike stated a few pros of this idea were 1) It would enable more birds to participate in the early races 2) It would increase the level of competition at the AU level. Some concerns made aware to him was that some members fly small teams and this would not encourage them to fly 2 teams it would decrease the size of there small team to 20, so they would prefer to fly with only one team of 30. Bill asked if representatives spoke with their clubs. Bonita stated that their club is in favor of this idea and estimated about 4 people who would fly multiple teams. LAP stated that they would have around 2-3 people interested. Bill asked if there was a motion to change the ECC bird limit from a 30-bird team to 20-bird team. There was no motion made so this issue was dropped.

**YB06 Estimated Cost:**

Sonny Cangiarella was not present but sent a correction to the YB06 cost schedule. It is as follows:

Total Estimated Roundtrip Miles for the 8 Race Season:	4338
Number of gallons gas needed at estimated 8mpg:	542.25
Cost for gas estimated at \$3.75/gallon:	\$ 2033.44
Cost of Hauler at \$.85/mile:	<u>\$ 3687.30</u>
Total Cost for Gas & Mileage (approx. \$1.32/mile):	<u>\$ 5720.74</u>
Race Secretary Fee:	\$ 600.00
Trailer Fee (based on 42 teams)	\$ 420.00
Trophy Fee (based on 42 teams)	<u>\$ 630.00</u>
<b>TOTAL YB06 COST:</b>	<b><u>\$ 7370.74</u></b>
<b>COST @ 42 TEAMS:</b>	<b>\$175.49</b>
<b>COST @ 35 TEAMS:</b>	<b>\$205.59</b>
<b>COST @ 30 TEAMS:</b>	<b>\$235.69</b>

The clubs reported the following estimated flyer counts: SA-6, BON-17, LAP-10, and FWY-4 for an estimated count of 37 teams. It was stated that PS has decided not to participate in the ECC YB06 race season. Bill stated with the estimated number at this time, he felt a cost of \$200/team would work. Jesus Rodriguez made a motion to accept a cost of \$200/team for the YB06 season and Charlie Ettensperger made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill stated that Sonny Cangiarella is asking for club information of participating members in the YB06 season in order to begin the database for WinSpeed. It was asked that each club's race secretary get in contact with Sonny ASAP to find out exactly what each club is responsible for getting to him. Please take care of this right away.

Bill discussed that in the by-laws it states that race schedules are supposed to be set right after the season ends. This has not been done recently in the ECC and so Bill is asking representatives to go back to their clubs and discuss ideas for the OB07 season. Bill asked that clubs come back to the combine with more generalized ideas or guidelines that their clubs would be in favor of and not to come with strict set schedules. There is usually too much discussion and arguments over individual race schedules. If we are more general at the club level, such as how many long races a club wants or how many short races, we can better work together to set a schedule that all were a part of creating. Representatives please come prepared to discuss the OB07 race schedule at the next meeting.

Mike Smith discussed the possibility of using a 2-race weekend schedule. Most of the time it is not cost effective to have a longer races alone, but if we were to ship on Friday, release a race on Saturday and then release the longer race on Sunday the cost would be much less and more feasible.

Bill wanted clubs to start thinking of the membership of our combine. Our membership has not been growing over the years, it has actually been declining. Bill discussed the possibility of promoting one season of free shipping to NEW flyers to the ECC on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. This would bring some interest to the ECC and allow new flyers to test out our race season and hopefully become actual members. Again this would be a 1-time offer as space allows, to flyers that have NEVER flown with the ECC before. Conditions of airline requirements need to be discussed at the club level and any ideas need to be brought back to the next meeting. This is just an idea, it is not a proposal or motion at this time, but we seriously need to look at ways of increasing our membership.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next meeting for the ECC was set for Sunday, September 24th, 2006 at 15:00. The location will be, The Sandburg Middle School. Please contact Bill Lincoln with any topics or issues for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Swift-Ramirez/ECC Recording Secretary