

**East Course Combine  
Minutes of 1-21-07  
Sandburg Middle School**

**Bill Lincoln called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.**

**Attendance - Bonita – Mike Smith, Bill Lincoln, & Kathy Bagu  
Palm Springs – Lyle Loomis & Jesus Hernandez  
Freeway – Sonny Cangiarella, Alex Galustain, and John Godinez  
La Puente – Edwin, Hector, Rudolfo, Junior, and one other member  
SGV – Not Present  
Pomona club – Rafael Reyes and Miguel Franco**

**Bill read the minutes from the last meeting.**

**A correction was made by Sonny to the minutes about using the video camera he was providing to video the releases of the races. They would be posted on the ECC web site.**

**Mike Smith made a change to the minutes correcting the statement he didn't make about changing the Mesa Race to Phoenix.**

**Sonny MM to accept the minutes and corrections**

**John Godinez 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Kathy read the treasures report.**

**TREASURERS REPORT 1-21-07**

<b>BALANCE AT LAST MEETING</b>	<b>\$4309.10</b>
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**DEPOSITS**

<b>DEPOSIT FOR YB (41 TEAMS)</b>	<b>+8250.00</b>
<b>INTEREST (4 MONTHS)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>

**EXPENCES**

<b>SERVICE CHARGE</b>	
<b>SEPT. – DEC. CITIBANK</b>	<b>- \$48.00</b>
<b>HECTOR- GAS AND MILEAGE</b>	<b>-\$5251.95</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>-\$140.00</b>
<b>TRAILER PARTS AND REPAIR</b>	<b>-\$768.91</b>
<b>EXPAND WEBSITE</b>	<b>-\$127.49</b>
<b>RACE SEC. FEE YB</b>	<b>-\$600.00</b>
<b>TRAILER SPACE RENT</b>	<b>-\$400.00</b>

<b><u>BALANCE IN CHECKING 1-21-07</u></b>	<b>\$5227.25</b>
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**Edwin MM to accept**

**John Godinez 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Bill Lincoln thanked everyone who worked to make this last Young Bird Season such a success. A special thanks to Hector and Sonny for their hard work!**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bill talked about the letter that was sent out to prospective new members. The invitation was sent to flyers that had never flown in the ECC. This is to help our combine have more competition and eventually help with cost.**

**The 2007 Young Bird Season will be shipped at no cost to the new member. Sixty eight letters were sent to members of the CNA, SB, and WEF clubs.**

**These clubs can ship at any ECC club as a guest flyer**

**They will also qualify for combine awards**

**Lyle talked about how some members of the other combines have a problem with the way we pay for our shipping in advance.**

**Young birds were discussed at this point because of questions for the new prospective flyers.**

**Bill proposed that we use the same schedule as this last season.**

**Sonny then brought to the table two sample schedules proposed by his club. He also has a Live Bird Auction to go along with the schedule.**

**La Puente Club also brought a schedule to the table.**

**The schedules were very much the same except for the Thanksgiving weekend.**

**La Puente brought up that they wanted a long Young bird race. They want a 400 mile race and don't mind paying more for shipping to cover the cost.**

**After discussion about a longer race for young birds Sonny made a motion to change the Mesa race to Apache Junction Lyle 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor**

**A vote was taken by the representatives and the following schedule was approved.**

**We will be flying a race on Thanksgiving weekend**

**This will be our last race for Young Birds**

### **ECC YOUNG BIRD 2007 SCHEDULE**

<b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>RACING</b>	<b>STATION</b>	<b>DIST.</b>	
10/06/07	10/07/07	Hayfield, Ca	145	
10/13/07	10/14/07	Chuckwalla, Az	168	
10/20/07	10/21/07	Ehrenberg I, Az	210	
11/03/07	11/04/07	Hope, Az	250	AUCTION RACE
11/10/07	11/11/07	Aguila, Az	285	
11/11/06	11/12/06	Wickenburg, Az	310	AUCTION RACE
11/17/07	11/18/07	Ehrenberg II, Az	210	
		Apache Junction,		
11/24/07	11/25/07	Az	392	AUCTION RACE
<b>AUCTION RACE 3 RACE SERIES</b>				

### **Old Birds**

A count was taken by the representatives for teams:

Bon – 11      PS – 4  
Fwy – 3      La Puente – 3  
SA - 3  
**24 total**

Pomona club said that they would have 5 teams flying in Old Birds

Sonny said that the cost of old birds runs over \$11,000.00 for everything.

This would break down to about \$400.00 a team.

Members discussed how some flyers wouldn't pay that amount for the season

This makes the cost of flying even higher for everyone else.

Mike said that the Bonita club would have volunteer drivers for the first five races to cut the cost. The drivers would be paid for their gas. Mike said that he would drive the Mesa race.

We discussed not having the last race if we had less than 25 teams for Old Birds.

George Macaluso asked if the Santa Anita club could ship at Bonita club.

Mike and Bill said that was not any problem.

A vote was taken that there be no trophies for Old Birds to cut back on the cost of shipping.

After coming up with some ideas to cut the costs Sonny came up with a new cost for shipping the season.

**\$275.00 per team**

All representatives are to let Kathy know by email or phone in the next week how many Old Bird teams will be flying in each club

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pomona club was voted back into the ECC.**

**All in Favor**

**Hector mentioned that he wouldn't be hauling the birds after this Old Bird season.**

**He wanted to fly his birds and driving made it difficult**

**The combine will be looking for a new driver for young birds**

**Sonny MM to adjourn the meeting**

**Lyle 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Respectively submitted,**

**Kathy Bagu**