

Eastern Ontario Combine

Annual General Meeting
Sunday October 16, 2005

1. Previous Minutes

2. Financial Report

With the Secretary-Treasurer not present the financial statement was not available. Discussion on whether to continue the meeting without the financial statement and deal with the rest of the items on the agenda.

Motion by Frank Waterfall - To continue the meeting and to provide all club reps with a copy of the financial statement for distribution to all members when available.

Seconded by Brad Harsell - Passed .

3. Presentation of Awards. It was proposed to have the presentation of awards at a banquet as a fundraiser

Motion by Ted Brown – To investigate handing out the awards at a banquet at a later date

Seconded by Janine Harsell – Passed

Election of Officers

Dealt with in the proper position, between old business and new business

4. Old Business

Review of conveyor's fees - Roger Babcock was heard from. He made it clear he was not asking for and did not expect anything not called for under his contract. He gave the membership information on his fuels cost calculation being based on average fuel costs of 76.9/litre in May, and 1.12/litre for the rest of the year. The difference in his cost, due strictly to rising fuel prices, was \$924.

Discussion on the increased costs. It was the general consensus of the measurement that we did not expect the conveyor to bear these costs alone.

Motion by Bob Stewart - That the EOC reimburse the conveyor for the additional fuel costs when the financial status of the combine was known, and money was available.

Seconded by Ted Brown - Passed

Further discussion on fluctuating fuel costs. It was decided to further review the fee structure for the conveyor to investigate making the gas costs a separate expense. The EOC would be responsible if fuel costs rose, but would also benefit if fuel costs fell.

EOC flying fees review - With the financial statement not available it is difficult to determine what the 2006 fees should be. After discussion it was suggested that the board of directors review the fees at a later date. It was also reiterated that the 2005 financial statement be available to the general membership to study before they are asked to approve 2006 fees.

Motion by Frank Waterfall - That the board of directors present a 2006 flying fee proposal to the membership after reviewing the financial statement

Seconded by Brad Foster - Passed

2006 Race schedule - It was brought up that this was the end of the probationary period for the eastern races added. Jim Towes raised the issue of Bisset Creek and the original location being unsafe. Roger Babcock said there was a suitable location 5km west, and he had already taken a GPS reading for it. It was brought up by other members that with a proposal to change the race schedule further down the agenda, that the proper place to deal with this issue was to move it to new business.

Motion by Jim McInnes – That any issues regarding the 2006 race schedule be dealt with under new business.

Seconded by Brad Harsell - Passed

Year Book Ad

Motion by Sam Ferrara - That the placing of a year book ad be left to the new executive

Seconded by Fran Waterfall – Passed

New Member Application – C. Steacy - The executive had put over the issue of the individuals probation and membership in the EOC, in part due to e-mail exchanges earlier in the year. Ms. Steacy identified herself to those in attendance who didn't know her. Frank Waterfall spoke to the e-mail exchange that had happened. Frank noted that with the Internet and e-mail it is easy for situations to escalate and misunderstandings to occur. It was respectfully requested that all members think of the consequences of they're actions before posting on the internet and sending e-mails.

Motion by Frank Waterfall - That Connie Steacy be accepted as a full member of the EOC.

Seconded by Jim McInnes - Passed

2006 Young Bird Auction - Dealt with under new business

Election of Officers - Dave Ramcharan (2005 President) brought up the issue of proxy votes. There was much discussion with members identifying several concerns. The right of members who were unable to come to the meeting to vote and the difficulty of allowing proxy votes when the slate of candidates were not known until the meeting among them. The CRPU position on Proxies for CU meetings (section 32 of the CRPU rules) was read to the membership.

Motion by Frank Waterfall - To allow proxy votes only on specific items on the agenda, not for election of officers.

Seconded by Janine Harsell

Ammendment to the motion by Bob Stewart - To not accept proxy votes for this meeting

Seconded by Damien Joachim - Passed (*Secretary's note: upon review after the meeting it was noted that under section 8-17 of Bylaw Number 1 for the Eastern Ontario Racing Pigeon Combine "no member shall be entitled to vote by proxy" - also under the Ontario Corporations act part 3 corporations without share capital, bylaws respecting delegates item 103.3 " a delegate has only one vote and shall not vote by proxy)*

**President - Nominations – Dan Horner nominated by Frank Waterfall second by John Allen
Dave Ramcharan nominated by Gerry Gray second by Dell Shaw
Ted Brown nominated by Dave Woolner seconded by Bob Waterfall
Ted agreed to stand - Dave agreed to stand – Dan declined**

Damien Joachim asked each candidate to speak on repaying members for trailer funds.
A secret Ballot was called for. A membership list of eligible members was compiled.

Ballots were counted by Bob Stiver, scrutinized by Janine Harsell and Sam Ferrara..
Ted Brown (Bowmanville) was elected President

**Vice President -Nominations– John Wilson nominated by Frank Waterfall second by Brad Harsell
Dave Ramcharan nominated by Damien Joachim second by Walter
Van Tol
Sam Ferrara nominated by Tim Mason second by Martin Harvey**
Sam declined – Dave declined - John agreed to stand
John Wilson (Limestone) acclaimed

**Sec/Treasurer–Nominations–Brad Harsell nominated by Dan Horner second by John Allen
Linda Maltman-Ramcharan nominated by Damien Joachim
Bob Stiver
Jim McInnes nominated by Dave Ramcharan second by Brad Foster**
Jim declined – Linda declined – Brad agreed to stand
Brad Harsell (Newcastle/Cobourg –Port Hope) acclaimed

**Race Sec. – Nominations – Frank Waterfall nominated by Brad Harsell second by Martin Harvey
Linda Maltman Ramcharan Nominated by Gerry Grey second by Bob Stiver**
Linda declined – Frank agreed to stand
Frank Waterfall (Cobourg-Port Hope) acclaimed

**Liberator – Nominations – Jim McInnes nominated by Dan Horner second by Frank Waterfall
Gerry Grey nominated by Moe Moses second by Damien Joachim
Dave Crozier nominated by Ray Naklicki second by Phil Gilligan**
Dave declined – Gerry agreed to stand – Jim agreed to stand
It was noted by the President that the EOC was fortunate to have two
knowledgeable and diligent individuals willing to stand. Voting by show of hands
Gerry Grey (Liftlock) was elected Liberator

**Truck Coordinator–Nominations–Dan Horner nominated by Brad Harsell second by Sam Ferrara
Sam Ferrara nominated by Dan Horner second by Kris Marshman
Bob Stiver nominated by Gerry Grey second by Damien Joachim**
Bob declined – Sam declined – Dan agreed to stand
Dan Horner (Newcastle) acclaimed

**Publicity – Nominations - Shawn Whetstone nominated by John Wilson second by Gerry Grey
Jim McInnes nominated by Brad Foster second by Frank Waterfall
Kristen Marshman nominated by Sam Ferrara second by Dan Horner**
Kristen agreed to stand – Jim declined – Shawn agreed to stand
Voting by show of hands resulted in a one vote difference. Discussion followed. It
was agreed that promotions was vital to keeping our sport alive and reaching out
to new members. It was a unanimous decision of the membership to split publicity
and promotions and offer positions to both candidates. Both agreed

**Shawn Whetstone (Cobourg-Port Hope) elected to Publicity/Awards
Kristen Marshman (Cobourg-Port Hope) to take the Promotions position**

5.New Business – 2006 Flying Fees – This issue was raised again. It was noted that this had been dealt with under old business.

Motion by Bob Sewart. – That any decisions on 2006 flying fees be put off until more information was available. The board of directors to formulate a proposal to present to the membership.

Seconded by Janine Harsell – Passed

-Cobourg – Port Hope proposal/2006 Race Schedule – Discussion ensued with each club present contributing ideas. Concerns were raised about flying south west and about additional costs. Jim McInnes spoke to the proposal for the Cobourg – Port Hope club. The race stations in the proposal were only suggestions. It was the consensus of the membership that the idea of flying North-West, North, and North-East on a rotating schedule had merit.

Motion by Janine Harsell – That the idea of flying North-West, North, and North-East is agreed to in principle. A committee of delegates from the clubs will review a new schedule (to be presented to the membership for approval) to commence with young bird season in 2006.

Seconded by Walter Van Tol – Passed

Members voted to keep the probationary North East stations in the 2006 Old Bird schedule

Motion by Jim Towes to go back to releasing Long Lac and Hearst on separate days (Friday and Saturday) if possible – Passed

Motion by Gerry Grey – To return Bisset Creek to the schedule at the location suggested by the trucker

Seconded by John Wilson – Passed

Discussion on GPS measurements. Roger Babcock has been working on it and has committed to finishing it by the end of the month. Any old baskets will also be picked up by Roger.

PLEASE NOTE: In order for the GPS measurements to be used for 2006, the Race Secretary requires that all members submit their CU Identification number to him ASAP.

2006 Young Bird Auction – Committee will be headed by Ted Brown and include San Ferrara, Connie Steacy, Bob Waterfall, Dan Horner, Dave Crozier and Kristen Marshman. *(Secretary's note: Ted Brown has booked the hall for April 23,2006)*

Disposition of the old trailer – It was brought up that the old trailer might be worth selling for scrap. Dan Horner works for a steel mill, and noted that scrap prices have been falling. Roger presented a proposal from Don Babcock to buy the trailer from the EOC and as part of the deal keep the trailer and baskets roadworthy for the next two years.

Motion by Sam Ferrara – That the EOC sell the old trailer to Don Babcock for the sum of \$2000. Don will keep the trailer and baskets roadworthy, including all necessary permits, for two years.

Seconded by Martin Harvey – Passed

Muskoka Club Motion – Tim Mason spoke to the proposal. The Muskoka club felt that new to the sport members should have an opportunity to try flying a few birds for a reduced or no fee.

Motion by Brad Harsell – That a new to the sport member be allowed to fly five birds per race per series for the same charge as a junior member for the first year.

Seconded by Dave Ramcharan – Passed

It was clarified that the \$40 basket fee would be collected from new members at the end of the probationary period.

It was also clarified that money owed to members from the purchase of the trailer would be repaid as it comes available.

Next Annual General meeting set for Oct. 15,2006 at the Port Hope Fairgrounds

Motion by Brad Harsell to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Martin Harvey

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.