

**These are the “unofficial” minutes of the
Eastern Ontario Combine Jan 28, 2007 Exec Meeting**

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Eastern Ontario Combine

Executive Meeting
Sunday Jan, 28, 2007

Present

Ted Brown – President – Bowmanville
Dan Horner – Liberator– Newcastle
Brad Harsell – Sec./Treas. – Newcastle
Lionel Mcewon – Delegate – Lindsay
Sam Ferrara – Vice President – Newcastle
Roger Babcock – Conveyor
George Webb – Delegate - Quinte
Walter Van Tol – Delegate – Liftlock

John Wilson – Delegate - Limestone
Shawn Whetstone – Publicity – Port Hope
Jim Towes – Delegate –Port Hope
Frank Waterfall – Race Sec. - Cobourg
John Fox – Delegate - Cobourg
Ashleigh Berwick – Delegate – Tri-County
Ray Nackliki – Delegate - Bowmanville

Absent – Kingston – Muskoka

Additional Members Present

Tom Powers – Joe Splinter – Paul Brown – Moe Moses – Jim Carruthers – Ron Martin

1. **Previous Minutes**

Approved as written

2. **Correspondence**

Letters received from Bob Stiver and Damien Joachim requesting trailer loan repayments. Ted noted that he had repaid Hans Verkruijsen with proceeds from his auction.

This means that all members have been repaid for money loaned to purchase the trailer.

Letters received from Muskoka, Liftlock, and Port Hope detailing club opinions in regards to the East/West release and Tri-County membership.

Letters received from Northumberland Hills RPC requesting transportation and the UNC in regards to joint transportation to longer races.

Letters received from Tom Power and Greg Giffen requesting membership.

Port Hope, Quinte, and Newcastle also brought forward new members for approval.

Motion By Sam Ferrara – 2nd by Frank Waterfall - That the following be accepted as members in the EOC. No Opposition: Sam Grant, Haas Yassein, Joe Martire, Tom Power, Greg Giffen, Ron Martin, Joe Curry, Joe Kay, Joe Vanderveer

3. **2007 Dues and Fees**

A poll was taken on anticipated flyers by club for old birds. Results were:

Bowmanville-6, Muskoka-5, Limestone-12, Tri-County-6, Cobourg-7, Newcastle-8, Port Hope-6

Lindsay-3, Quinte-4, Liftlock-6, Kingston-3 Based on these numbers and anticipated costs it was the treasurers opinion that fees and dues for 2007 remain the same as 2006.

Motion by Sean Whetstone – 2007 fees and dues to remain the same as 2006. EOC Dues \$30 Old Bird flying Fees \$210 Young Bird flying Fees \$150 – Seconded by George Webb. No Opposition

East/West Release The possibility was raised that the schedule could be changed for old birds to have an East/West release for the first 3 to 4 races then combined for the rest of the schedule. There was much discussion and support for the idea. George Webb made the point that the membership had approved separate releases for less than 300 miles. The feeling of the rest of the members was that George was right and that the schedule should stay as approved by the membership with any changes made be at the Annual General Meeting for next year

Old Bird Schedule

Week 1 – Mattawa / Bisset Creek separate
Week 2 – Temagami / North Bay separate
Week 3 – Ville Marie / Temiscaming separate
Week 4 – Matheson combined / Temagami Separate
Week 5 – Amos combined / Cadillac separate
Week 6 – Long Lac / Hearst combined
Week 7 – Ville Marie / Temiscaming separate
Week 8 – Smooth Rock Falls combined
Week 9 – Cochrane combined Englehart separate
Week 10 – Long Lac / Hearst combined

Young Bird Schedule

Weeks 1-6 Both separate
Week 7 Both combined.

Baskets. It was suggested that more false fronts be purchased to allow for better basket distribution.

Motion by Pot Fox – To purchase 7 new false fronts – 2nd by Sam Ferrara – Unanimous Clubs are also encouraged to buy baskets for their own use.

Due dates for flying dues were set as April 2nd for Old Birds and Jul 2nd for Young birds

4. New Business – Northumberland Hills request for transportation

There was much discussion on how we could accommodate the request. In the end it was the consensus that we need to concentrate on our own membership for this year, and that it would be better that we not take on another rental club at this time. It was noted that the members of the Northumberland Hills Club would be welcome to apply as EOC members.

Motion by Dan Horner – That at this time we cannot accommodate another rental club, but that the Northumberland Hills Club members would be welcome to apply to the EOC. No opposition. Secretary to send a letter.

Combined Shipping with UNC for Long Races. It was recognized that this is a very progressive idea, and does have a lot of merit. Sam and Ted had met with Ron Hastie to discuss the

original proposal. Additional ideas were brought forth including making the proposition revenue neutral to the conveyor by alternating drivers and by bringing the Hamilton group on board. After much discussion it was again the consensus of the group that this year the focus of the EOC must be on it's own membership and sorting out our own basket and transportation issues.

Motion by Dan Horner – That we inform the UNC that we appreciate the offer but the EOC Board of Directors feel that we need to concentrate on our own combine for the immediate future. 2nd by George Webb. No opposition

Secretary to draft a letter.

Young Bird Auction; April 22nd at Liberty Hall in Bowmanville. Viewing at 10:00am auction at noon. It will be an auction race for EOC members from Rouyn Noranda. Prizes will be paid out 70% handler and 30% breeder. Payouts for the first 5 places.

All money from the canteen, all of the proceeds for the 50/50 draw, and 10% of the total bird sales will go to the EOC Basket fund.

Flyer to be distributed later.

For information – It was brought up that the UNC will once again be sponsoring the Pickle Lake open. Shipping June 28th, release Jul 1st.

Constitutional changes – It was decided that the constitutional changes brought forward by Frank Waterfall at the last AGM be forwarded to the clubs for discussion and be voted on at the 2007 AGM.

New member basket fee and GPS. – It was noted that the basket fee for new members was for new members only, that it was not applicable to former members returning to the EOC. It was decided that this fee (\$40) would be payable to the EOC along with a \$30 fee for having Roger take GPS readings at the same time as the first years dues.

For Information – The old bird trainer will be April 28th and this year there will be only one young bird trainer on Jul 28th.

Clarification on who is eligible for eastern release. There was discussion about creating a boundary for members eligible for Eastern release. The clubs eligible for an Eastern release are Limestone, Kingston, Tri County and Quinte. It was decided that it was a club's business as to what their boundaries were and who they accepted for membership

Motion by Frank Waterfall – Any individual may join an east club, but any club wishing to switch sections must apply to the combine. 2nd by George Webb No opposition

Meeting adjourned with no date set for the next meeting