

# Eastern Ontario Combine

Annual General Meeting  
Sunday October 14, 2007

## 1. Previous Minutes

**Motioned by Paul Gurney seconded by Jim Brown to accept minutes.  
No Opposition.**

## 2. Financial Report The 2007 report was presented.

**Discussion:** It was noted that not all clubs had paid for the members submitted to the Upper Canada National. It was recommended that the combine cover the cost of the Upper Canada National for this year and in the future. The combine would reimburse any clubs that had paid for this year.

**Motioned by Pot Fox, seconded by John Wilson to accept the recommendation. Passed**

**Treasurer's recommendations:** It was pointed out that old bird revenues were still not enough to cover old bird expenses and the young bird fees were subsidizing the costs. While this was not an urgent matter the recommendation is that old bird fees increase slightly each year until revenues cover the expenses. The trailer fund is at a deficit because of the purchase of additional baskets. It is recommended that deficit be covered and the trailer/basket fundraising starts even for next year.

**Motioned by John Wilson, seconded by Dave Crozier to accept the report. Passed**

## 3. Old Business

**Constitution Update:** The following items submitted by Frank Waterfall were discussed and voted on.

1) A member must fly old birds or young birds in the last old bird or young bird season in order to qualify as a voting member, to be determined by the combine secretary prior to the meeting

**Voting was unanimous in favour.**

2) At any executive/board of directors meeting only the club directors have a vote. (*Note: The Annual General Meeting is a separate entity, and ALL members have a vote there*)

**Voting was 29 members in favour, 3 opposed**

3) If any emergency items need to be voted on during the year they can be sent out via email and ask clubs to vote on and return to secretary.

**Voting was unanimous in favour.**

4) Withdrawn

5) **Clarified: There is no first year probation from voting in the constitution**

6) **Previously covered**

7) The only time the directors can vote on items (without asking the total flying membership) is when all directors are in agreement; if one director disagrees then it must go to membership for a vote.

**Voting was 27 members in favour, 4 opposed**

8) Withdrawn

## 4. Presentation of Awards. Trophies, Young Bird Auction race, and EOC Band money was presented.

**Motion by Brad Harsell, seconded by John Wilson.**

**While age does not matter and any EOC banded bird can compete for old bird prize money, in order to be eligible a flyer must purchase a minimum of 5 bands for the current year.**

**Voting was 20 members in favour, 9 opposed**

There was further discussion on EOC Bands and the fact that while it was originally conceived as a fundraiser for the trailer, the last 2 years has seen all money less expenses paid out in prizes, and no money had gone to the combine.

**Motion by Joe Kay, seconded by Tim Mason. – That 10% of EOC band sales be kept by the combine for trailer/basket purchases.**

**Voting was 32 members in favour, 2 opposed**

Sean Whetstone offered to run the 2007 EOC Band program.

#### **Election of Officers -**

**President - Nominations – Ted Brown by Lionel McKeown 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Brown  
Dave Ramcharan by John Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Harsell  
Dan Horner by Paul Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Berwick**

Ted agreed to stand – Dave declined – Dan Agreed to stand

**Ted Brown (Bowmanville) was elected President**

**Vice President -Nominations– Sam Ferrara by Ted Brown**

Sam accepted

**Sam Ferrara (Newcastle) acclaimed**

**Sec/Treasurer–Nominations– Shawn Skinner by Brad Harsell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Brown**

**Brad Harsell by Frank Waterfall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Stewart**

Brad declined – Shawn Declined

**Bob Stewart by Frank Waterfall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Foster**

**Jim Towes by Ted Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Brown**

**Joe Martire by Chris Steacy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Naklicki**

**Paul Brown by Sean Whetstone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Harsell**

All declined

**Frank Waterfall by Sam Ferrara 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ramcharan**

**Joe Kay by Joe Martire 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Towes**

**Sean Whetstone by Frank Waterfall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Foster**

**John Wilson by Joe Dupuis 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Carruthers**

All declined

**Haas Yassein by Frank Waterfall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Stewart**

**Tom Powers by Dave Ramcharan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Ferrara**

**Bob Waterfall by Sam Ferrara 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Brown**

Bob declined – Tom Accepted – Haas Declined

**Tom Powers (Lindsay) acclaimed**

**Race Sec. – Nominations – Frank Waterfall by J. Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Carruthers**

**Frank Waterfall Accepted and acclaimed**

**Truck Co-ordinator** J.Toews by Dave Ramcharan 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Nakliki Declined  
P. Brown by John Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Dupuis accepted  
Dan Horner by Jim Carruthers 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Waterfall Declined  
Joe Dupuis by Ted Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Stacey Declined  
Shawn Skinner by Jim Toews 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Ferrara declined

**Paul Brown acclaimed.**

**Liberator** Dan Horner by Frank Waterfall 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Mason Declined  
John Wilson by Ted Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Harsell Accepted  
H. Yassien by Joe Matire 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Gurney declined  
Ted Brown by Jim Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Ferrara declined

**John Wilson acclaimed**

**Publicity and Promotions** Paul Gurney declined  
Shawn Skinner accepted  
Shawn Whetstone declined  
Joe Matire declined

**Shawn Skinner acclaimed**

**5.New Business –**

**2008 Race Schedule –**

**Old Bird Schedule**

**a) 1)** Motion by Ted Brown to fly the same OB schedule as 2006. This was discussed at length with a number of pertinent points being raised. It was pointed out by Roger the truck driver that Hearst and Longlac could not be liberated on the same day because of the distance between the 2 race points. This was accepted by the membership.

May the 3<sup>rd</sup> was accepted as the start of the OB series with a training race from Huntsville on that day.

The motion was seconded by L. Mckeown.

Accepted unanimously.

**a)2)** Motion by the Quinte club to take the National out of the average was defeated.

## **Young Bird Schedule**

**b) 1)** Motion by Ted Brown to fly the YB schedule as 2006. This was again discussed at length and voted on by the membership but with a change to the first 2 weeks of races as per the proposal by Brad Harsell.

The 2006 program was accepted unanimously but with the 1<sup>st</sup> week being Mattawa and Bissett Creek, the 2<sup>nd</sup> week being Mattawa and North Bay.

## **Race/Release Changes**

**c) 1)** Motion by the Muskoka club that the race course must be set at the AGM. Withdrawn.

**c) 2)** Motion by the Muskoka club to put an end to separate releases. This was discussed with Ted Brown being the champion of this staying in place. In his view it had been a success. Dan Horner also voiced his support of these.

The motion was defeated.

**c) 3)** Motion by Sam Ferrara to change the birdage limit to 20 per race. There was an amendment from the floor, R. McNiss 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Fox that the birdage limit be confirmed at 13 per race.

The amendment was voted against the original proposal and won 19 for, 17 against.

**c) 4)** Motion by Ted Brown that the EOC purchase or build a 2<sup>nd</sup> trailer. This was discussed and during discussions Ted mentioned that he had been talking to the UNC about hiring a spare trailer that they had.

The motion was defeated 5 for, 29 votes against.

**c) 5)** Motion by Joe Matire to release some of the short races first. This was withdrawn.

## **Race Dark Time Changes**

**d) 1)** Motion by Joe Matire to change the EOC dark time to conform to the CU ruling.

Joe mentioned that the rule as it is at present caused a lot of issues, especially when the combine was involved in races such as the Upper Canada National.

The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Harsell.

Vote 16 for, 13 against.

Although the majority voted for this motion it was not passed as it is a part of the constitution and as such requires a 2/3 majority to be accepted.

## **Western Limit for Combine**

**e) 1)** Motion from the Newcastle club to set a Western limit for the combine. Withdrawn.

## **Shipping Procedure Changes**

**f) 1)** Motion from Tri-County that clubs must basket one race at a time. Proposed Ashleigh Berwick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Matire. Accepted unanimous.

**f) 2)** Motion From Tri-County that all crates must be tagged to indicate what race point they are for. Proposed Ashleigh Berwick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Matire. Accepted unanimous.

Roger Babcock proposed to the Combine that he could 1) clean the baskets and the trailer and 2) winter store the trailer at a cost of \$350 for each. This was accepted.

Sam Ferrara headed a short discussion on the Auto Bands race in 2009 with the Upper Canada National. Sam has proposed that all members be offered the opportunity to purchase these rings and that after the initial offering of 3 rings per person any that have not been taken be offered to the members on a first come first served basis.

The date for the next AGM was set at Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Kingston. This is as per the constitution of the East Ontario Combine.