

April 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
Bryan introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift (absent)

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Secretary Vaughan asked for a motion to accept the February minutes as published in the Buzzards' March newsletter. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Officer Reports

Vice President - Jim inquired whether Sandy has offered to cook for the rest of the events for the year. Bryan verified this information. Jim announced that the next meeting is the builder's contest. This will be held on May 10. So far there are four entries. And that the June meeting will be the charity auction.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. There are 57 members currently.

Safety officer - Vince spoke briefly stating that the trees to the west are getting tall, and we should watch out and possibly take a higher approach for our landings.

Announcements

Bryan called for announcements:

The Zillah Fly-In is at the end of April. Friday will be a potluck. Saturday will be brisket beef, crab, and barbecue pork. It should be a lot of fun.

Bryan announced that the Island Recover Service does not function when the river is flooded.

The Northwest Electric Fly-In at 60 acres is going to be at the end of April as well. Bryan will be attending. He is interested in how other clubs run and handle their events.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors: local and from out of the area. As in the past, we do have visitors stopping by the field. Be courteous and aware of their presence. A visitor had stopped by the name Dave. He is a former flyer

and has some old kits and balsa for sale. Some of the items had been his father's and are quite old. He had a box full of some of the kits and said he had more in his trunk.

East end of the field flying. The house resident talked to Dale about a plane flying over the house last Saturday. Let's use this as a reminder to watch our no-fly zone. Someone suggested permanently coloring the arrow and pole, perhaps, using different colored streamers or maybe adding a wind sock on top of the pole. Additionally a proposal was presented to communicate with the resident of the house such that if a plane were to fly over the house to immediately come down and talk to us. However, Dale seems to want to field all the issues concerning our flying field. If we are to have no direct contact with his residents, then, maybe, we could ask Dale for permission to contact the house occupants to discuss flight issues. Someone reminded us that the residents have only been here for a little less than a year.

Field update. Dale will be planting corn and then will not go into field until harvest. He then suggested that we add a second pole to assist with the lineup for approaches. After some discussion we came to the conclusion that if it were recommended by Dale we should seriously consider the suggestion - if there's no harm in doing it than we should use the suggestion. There was a fairly lively debate about where we would put this pole: perhaps three fourths of the way to the trestle about 6 feet tall, just a bit higher than the corn. There was a suggestion of using an ATV flag, this would be an 8 foot pole with an orange pennant and this work can be scheduled during the work party.

Field weather station. At the last meeting there was a suggestion of putting up a weather station at the field. Jack has purchased the meter and other devices for wind and direction and is waiting for the free electronics. We will then need to have volunteers to take measurements every once in while on a schedule and then up-load them to the web site.

By-laws revision. Rick made a motion to accept the By-Law changes outlined in the previous month's meeting and newsletter.

Current wording " In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The \$100.00 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership."

Revised wording to be "In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership."

This motion was presented to the floor and approved with no discussion.

Show and Tell Bryan presented his newest airplane. He had a lot of trouble trying to get the plane to fly long enough for him to trim the

airplane. After many many attempts he finally asked Brian Taylor to see if he could trim out the airplane. The plane required a fair amount of aileron trim in order to fly straight. However, it does fly well and very fast. The lesson in this case was — asking for help often leads to success.

Evening Program. Scott presented a program on flight patterns and landing approaches. He detailed a lot of the practices and procedures, or even techniques a full size aircraft uses in landing patterns and approaches and discussed how these can relate to our radio control aircraft.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:45 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a — hard copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.