

## April 2012 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards was called to order by Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the officers present:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Ron Rueter, Vaughan Houger and Jay Bell were unable to attend the meeting.

There were no new members or visitors this month

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

There appears to still be some question as to the status of our AMA insurance.

Jim announced that plans were moving along towards having a Fun Fly with the Arlington Eagles, perhaps in June. There has also been some discussion about a secondary event such as a joint swap meet.

So far there are only three committed entries in the builder's contest.

Rick announced that the club is financially in good shape in spite of the monies and work spent on the new field.

Vince announced that Dick had a prop strike while trying to adjust his engine's needle valve from the front with his right hand. Although it was mighty painful at least there was no surgery needed for him.

Eric struck his head while driving some fence poles into the ground at the new field. This was somewhat bloody, but no major damage done. He cautioned us all about safety whether we are flying or just working at the field.

Bryan spoke to the progress made at the field. Hog fuel has been spread and has stabi-lized the field rather well. Gates have been in-stalled. Our old gate from our old field had been picked up and installed at the new field. We are hoping no more hog fuel will be needed. The wa-ter table is lowering and the field/roadway should stabilize shortly.

Suggestions were made to stay to the left as you enter from SR2. Parking is not yet ham-mered out but we may clear the blackberries be-tween the pole barn and SR 2 for parking. Pos-sibly even move our entry gate to that location.

Port-o-Potties are in service.

Tim will look into the cost of having the moles eradicated professionally.

There was some discussion about the makeup of the field. Tim brought up the Rolled Runway again. Others brought up the idea of spreading a layer of top soil for the grass to grow on. Others suggested working to remove as many rocks as possible then planting grass seed on existing soil.

An underlayment field requires patching when damaged and occasionally pulling the un-derlayment up for maintenance to care for ruts and critter tunnels/mounds.

There were estimates of the amount of top soil that would be needed and its possible cost.

All told, the cost of preparing the new field, so far, has been \$2552.04.

Ron Swift again solicited for any kind of contribution for the newsletter: Pictures, articles etc. Also he announced that he has plenty of printed copies for those who may need one.

Ron Rueter continually updates the website from out of town

### Announcements

The club meeting next month will be at the new field.

Ron Swift displayed the new t-shirt design. You, too, can have one for \$12.00.

### Old Business

A proposal has been presented to revise the by-laws to require the elected officers pay the same dues as the regular members. This will be published in more detail and voted upon in next month's meeting.

The field development plan has progressed well. Hog fuel has been spread and has shored up the driveway rather well.

The weather station is getting renewed support. The weather on the field can differ greatly from areas where we all live and it would be nice to have some idea of the conditions at the field when we leave home. In fact it was suggested that this become a priority.

Bryan has promised to approach our landlord about extending the trial period for the field. In fact he has committed to get this done this week.

There was no more news to be presented about the indoor flying site. There has been little reaction from our club in spite of the possible revenue engine it might be.

### New Business

The Index Arts Festival will be held on August 4th. Ron Swift has proposed that we again have a presence there. This suggestion received support from the club.

It seems that our old website may be available and, if not secured by our club, could become a link to some other, possibly distasteful, site. A proposal was presented and accepted to spend the necessary \$17.00 to reserve it and set it up to link to our current site.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at our flying field in Sultan at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted, Tim Baird for Barnyard Buzzards MAC,..  
Secretary Vaughan Houger