

April 2013 Meeting Minutes

The April meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:30.

Bryan introduced the officers:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Brian Richardson
- Secretary - Tim Baird - Not present
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell - not present
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Web Master - Ron Rueter - out of town for the winter

Visitors and New Members - There were no new members or visitors this month. In Fact there were only 5 members in attendance.

Secretary's report - A motion was entered to accept the minutes as they were. This was seconded and unanimously accepted.

VP's Report - Brian Richardson announced that the builder's contest will be the program at the May meeting at our field. There are only three entrants. The next event will be the Open House and Charity Auction on June 8th and will be run by Ron Swift

Treasurer's Report - Ron Swift Reported that we have the funds in hand enough to last the year. The treasury is in good shape. He also reported our membership stands at 31 members.

Safety Officer's Report - Vince Bell had nothing new to report but reminded us all to remain aware of our surroundings.

Field Manager's Report - Although Jay Bell was unavailable it was reported that the lawn mower has been repaired the drive belts and the

blades have both been replaced. Please feel free to mow the field if it needs it.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Ron Swift is still doing a fine job of getting the newsletter out on time.

Webmaster's report - Ron Rueter is still out of town Ron has been handling this duty.

Announcements:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

- a) AMA Flying Site Grant Application
 - i. No word from the AMA yet on Field Development grant as yet.
- b) Flying Field Status
 - (In short, given the results from our survey, BBMAC finds itself in a situation whereby we need to find a new location.)
 - (Rick A. emailed Bryan R stating that the members that only use the FBR main gate will not access the field from HW 2 when the main gate is locked by the landlord.)
 - i.) A meeting request has been accepted by Arleen to meet next Tuesday 4/16 with several board members. At this time the board plans to negotiate our rental agreement and learn what her current or best laid plans are for H-3.
 - ii.) Key negotiating points will include
 - a. Locked gate at FBR
 - i. It's her situation that changed over the last year, not BBMAC's

- ii. A club survey indicated limited field access, traffic safety on hwy 2, and uncertainty for our ability to use the space we rent long term (because of the presence of H-3) are the main reasons for a 50% loss in membership
- iii. Locking the gate impacts 35%-40% of the remaining members' ability to fly.
- iii.) BBMAC has invested in her property
 - a. Clearing and grading
 - b. Relocated abandoned farm equipment
 - c. Removed Trash and organized the barn.
 - d. Removed blackberries
 - e. Assisted with her electric fence install.
 - f. Maintained gates
 - g. Made improvements to access roads from both FBR and hwy 2.
- iv.) Options prior to paying rent due May 1st
 - a. Notify Arleen because of her changing needs for the property we want to change our agreement to be month to month.
 - b. Request a reduced rate due to limited access from FBR
 - c. Request paying no rent this year in exchange for the improvements we have made to date and the promise to vacate by May 1st, 2014.
 - d. Vacate now and void the 90 day clause in the existing contract. (BBMAC needs to be ready to move out over the next 3 weekends if this is decided.)

e. Discuss other options

c) New Flying Field Committee

i. Request more club member volunteers. (This was talked about in great detail.

a. Chet's Discussion with Dale (Chet is going to discuss possible referrals with Dale the old landlord.)

b. Possibilities along 203 (Brian Richardson's possible connection)

c. Cascade (Ron S.) (Ron S. on flying at Cascade family flying fields.)

New Business:

a) Personal contact information

i. Set a policy for using club roster contact information for club related purposes only.

Program:

There was no Program this month.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 14th, 2013, at our flying field in Sultan at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Baird, Secretary, thanks to notes from Brian Richardson.