

August 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He introduced the club's officers:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

No new visitors or guests attended the meeting. 26 members were in attendance.

Secretary Vaughan mentioned the July meeting minutes and solicited any questions, concerns, or comments. A motion was made to accept the July meeting minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Officers' Reports

Secretary -Vaughan Houger reported 58 members are in the club.

Vice President - Jim Reynolds mentioned that the up coming open house and swap meet was moved from Sunday to Saturday, August 13th due

to the no fly rule imposed for Sundays. Additionally, the September Combat event was moved to Saturday, September 10th.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. He mentioned that the money raised from the charity auction was going to be presented to the Monroe food bank.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell along with help from Chet explained a recent incident. A couple of Saturdays ago, Chet was taxiing his plane back to the pit area. As he was reaching for the plane he accidentally shut the transmitter off the plane's receiver was still on. This resulted in the receiver going into "fail safe" mode, which returned the throttle servo to the setting established for sustained flight until the transmitter can be turned on again. Only, this time the plane was on the ground and pointed towards Chet. Chet tried to divert the plane with one foot, but the spinning prop managed to connect with his other foot. Long story short, the damage to Chet's ankle resulted in about 13 stitches. So, take heed when managing your plane and ensure the engine is off prior to switching off your transmitter.

Vince reflected on the numbers of planes that have gone down in the corn field. People searching for downed planes can become disoriented. It helps to have several people involved in the search to help guide each other toward the plane and make it safely back to the field.

Field Manager - Jay Bell stated that the search for another mower is on hold due to our field situation.

Newsletter editor / Web master- Ron Swift reported on the recent Fun Fly event and had plaques to present to team winners. Ron stated that the Fun Fly was fun, safe, and exciting.

Announcements

Vince commended Al Morse on achieving his solo status. Vince presented a solo achievement plaque to Al, which resulted in a round of applause from the club members.

President Bryan Reightley reminded everyone, again, about the no-fly zone over the house and that Sundays are permanently unavailable for flying.

Bryan also has been adding a second lock to the gate on Saturday evenings to ensure no one flies on Sunday. He was wondering when the requirement for needing a second lock is no longer necessary. Apparently, not everyone is reading email messages, or the on-line version of the newsletter. So, plans are in place to snail mail information regarding the field situation to all members.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors and neighbors: Continue to be mindful and courteous to our visitors and neighbors.

New Business

Status of our current flying field: President Bryan Reightley described our current situation and the changes Dale made to the terms and conditions of our rental agreement.

1. No flying on Sundays period.
2. Only quiet electric powered aircraft allowed starting November 1st.
3. No guarantee of any flying after July 1st, 2012.

Bryan, then, presented to the club its choices.

Address Dale's proposed terms and conditions changes: After an engaging discussion, which addressed the pros and cons of the situation, a couple of motions were presented.

The first motion was to empower the BBMAC board to decisively act on an opportunity to secure a new field site should one be made available. The board would act in good faith and use good judgment in making this

potential decision. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously passed.

The second motion addressed Dale's proposed revisions. This motion was to serve Dale with a 90 day notice whereby the Barnyard Buzzards would cease operations on his property effective November 30, 2011. Pros and cons were discussed if the Buzzards were to proceed with this action. Subsequently, the motion was seconded, voted on and passed with one opposed. The opposing argument pertained to the cohesiveness of the club members if we were to cease operations without securing another field the risk of losing members increases.

Following these motions, President Bryan Reightley explained that going forward we do so as a unified club that this is a total club effort. Now that a decision is made the level of urgency to find at least a temporary field along with a permanent field is intensified. Every member is to be on the lookout. Bryan stated he would draft the club's decision to leave in a letter to Dale.

The club will construct a brochure to describe the layout of the field, what our minimum requirements are for safe operation, and the general culture of the club. The requirements are as follows:

1. Some fencing, to separate the runway from the pilots' work benches.
2. The club is responsible for maintaining the site: mowing and general upkeep.

3. The club's current land footprint is 2 acres for tables, parking, port-a-potty, shed, staging, and runway. All of these items are necessary for functional operation. The recommended area for flying is 8 to 10 acres.

4. The club recommends the track of land considered for occupancy be a safe reasonable distance from roads, obstructing objects, and building developments.

Benefits:

1. We are a chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) club number 2953. This membership includes liability insurance for the landowner. Additionally, we do monitor our aircraft noise levels to comply with the AMA's recommended noise guidelines.

2. We do offer guaranteed rent to be negotiated with the landowner.

3. The club is regularly engaged in community service events, cub and boy scouts, food bank, organized municipal festivals, fairs, etc.

The meeting adjourned at around 7:50 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 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).

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