

August 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:35 with 11 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Tim Shegrud
- Secretary - Mark Weeks
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved. No Corrections

Reports

VP -August 13th will be the Model Aviation Day open house. Fun Fly winner checks were handed out to the winners. Don was awarded his plaque for winning the builders contest.

Treasurer - The club treasury stands at a healthy level.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 36 members, new members Dick Broderson and Ken Thomas have joined our ranks.

Safety Officer - Things are going well at the field. Use the safety barriers, the guards are being changed from the orange plastic to netting.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

Field Manager - Thanks to Len, Brian, Dart, Mark and Jay for sprucing up the field, weed whacking the runway end, the banks and under the spruce tree, also "Lost Plane Lane", removing the old flight stations and other garbage. Please remember if you pack it in you need to pack it out.

OLD BUSINESS

\$200 from the auction was collected and a motion was made for the club to add another \$200 to go to our charity, motion was seconded and passed.

We have been using the phrase "we are a work in progress" when it comes to our field for a couple of years, and while that is true we have definitely come a long way. We still have a lot of areas to work on so it was decided to have a Field Recommendation committee. The Members are: Mark, Chet, Jay, Bryan, Len and Brian Douma and Vaughan. The committee met at the field on Saturday July 9th and came up with a plan that was shared and emailed to the members.

The AMA and FAA have agreed to terms regarding small unmanned aircraft. The rules can be seen at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/gov.aspx>. It looks for the time being the AMA rules will be what are followed by us.

Saturday July 23rd we will have our Fun Fly event, starting with the pilots meeting at 10:00am. 4 events were held then lunch and 2 more events. A great time was had.

Aug 27th is a bragging rights fun day with multi-rotors and gliders. Just a couple of things to try and compete with or learn!

September 8, 9, 10th and 11th is the Scale Champ completion at the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers. If you have never been you should give it a try.

September is another Floats and Boats event so get your water stuff ready.

Summer Camp is in session so the lake and Camp Brinkley are off limits to all Buzzards.

We used to hand out a welcome packet to all new members, Mark will build a new packet to be handed out to any new members.

There was a motion to have patches made for the night fly event like we do for the freeze in it was seconded and motion passed.

Ron Swift was able to get some AMA Gold Leader pins for the club at \$3.00 ea. They are available if you wish to contact Ron Swift.

Jay is having a sign made for the front gate to welcome guests.

Model Aviation Day is August 13th 10 to 2 or later. Tim is heading up the event and Ron Swift and him have made a flyer to be placed about and send to newspapers. Tim will approach area stores to look for donations of food for us to serve. We will have buddy boxes and demonstrations throughout the day. If you would like to help contact Tim.

Field committee report was presented to the membership and will be e-mailed to the membership

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with firing strips to make a safer way to walk over the boggy area and eventually over the creek to aid in retrieval of downed aircraft. We now have a safe way over the first creek and half way to the smaller second one. Still a work in progress so please be careful.

NEW BUSINESS

The Fun Fly on July 23rd was a successful in the sense that no one was hurt and minimal carnage. Top three winners were..... Steve Anderson 1st, Don Bailey 2nd, and Vince Bell 3rd.

There was discussion on the event and what, if and how to make it better next year.

The FAA in conjunction with the AMA has recently sent out to the model aircraft FAA regulations and they have recognized the AMA as a Community Based Organization and has aligned the standard AMA rules and regulations. While flying at the field or any other chartered field, there is no ceiling limit unless within 5 miles of an active, chartered airport.

Model aviation Day is Saturday August 13th. Tim has perused and got a public announcement in the Everett Herald and Safeway has donated \$25.00 towards the event for food or whatever is needed. Good job Tim! Festivities start at 10:00am, bring or notify your friends and family. Tim has arranged to have the grill manned.

After Saturday's Model aviation Day/Open house the next events are Multirotors and Gliders August 27th, Boats and Floats Sunday September 18th. There is plenty of time to get ready for both.

A fall night fly event was brought up and is now scheduled for October 1st, time still to be determined. The first event was so much fun the membership decided we need another.

Discussion of changing the meeting date to the 1st Monday of the month instead of the second was talked about and dropped. Meeting will stay as they are now.

Ron Swift and Sandy Doval have designed a night fly patch and showed it to the members, they will be completed soon and handed out to the members present at the event. Also Vince brought up the idea of adding a year trim ring to add for each year.

The club has some 10 year Gold leader patches still available to those who would like one. Ron reported that the AMA is working on a 15 year patch that we will qualify for.

Ron Swift filled out the registration paperwork for our Non Profit renewal and it has been returned. We are still a registered nonprofit organization.

Program: Ron Swift presented information on prop balancing, its needs and tools and also a battery meter and why its use is a good idea.

Chet Blake presented the use of a watt meter how to use it to figure out esc, prop, and battery combinations. He also shared a safety tool that every electric flyer should have a LiPo bag and why it should be used. Also a good tool to have on you bench is a Servo tester.

I think one of the most important things shared was to use your timer, with all the information that was provided you can figure a safe time to set so you do not have any low voltage issues while in the air.

Thank you both for sharing this information.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

.....Mark Weeks, Club Secretary