

December 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 12 members and 6 guests 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 - Absent
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter - Absent
- 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.

Reports

VP - Christmas Party was held on December 3rd. everyone had a good time.

January 7th at 10:00am will be the annual Freeze-In event.

Treasurer - There is \$272.00 left in the 2016 field improvement budget. We are doing well as planned and will have the planned funds to roll over into 2017.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 38 members, we have 5 members paid for 2017.

Safety Officer - The field is good and no incidents to report. Please be careful while driving to the field during inclement weather, the roads can be slick.

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 - Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party: Can not be held in the main lodge, but Bryan Reightley was able to talk with Ranger Dave and has confirmed that we can use the administration building for the party. This is the building right in front of the lodge and should handle our rambunctious group. Thanks Bryan!

Party will be 12-3-2016 at 3:00pm

Northwest Model Hobby Expo is coming up at the end of January the 27th thru the 29th. The club will have a booth and a selling table.

Ron Swift has been working with a FPV group to demonstrate at the EXPO with races and some events.

A few guys were out at the field a couple of weeks ago and talking about the field, membership and the way to get new membership. While thinking about FPV and all it entails, Bryan and Mark kicked around the idea of adding a dedicated FPV area on the other side of the barn in the lower pasture. It will be interesting to see the FPV demo at the EXPO and see if it is something worth perusing of feasible.

2nd round of officer nominations for 2017 officers started: (See New Business)

There was discussion about how to get members to Volunteer for office. Tim made a motion to change the bylaws to reduce the Boards

membership due by 50%, after discussion the motion was tabled until next meeting, Ron and Tim will come up with a reworded proposal for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

We held the 3rd annual Family and Friends Christmas party at the Camp Edwards Administration Building. We had 17 in attendance, a nice turn out and plenty for the facility we had. Once again, a very special thanks to the Camp Edwards Leaders and Rangers. Ron and Ron were sent pictures and if you have more please forward them on.

Ron and Chet presented the Sky Valley Food Bank our check for \$500.00 and we received a really appreciative thank you from the staff and the Leadership there. A picture is out in the newsletter.

Ron Swift received a 15 year Gold Leader Plaque, Badges and a letter from the AMA. This is a real accomplishment for any Club. We really stand out with this.

As Chet stated in the newsletter, the President and Vice President offices have a 3 year term limit. Chet stated that his term is up and his reflections are: "There has been so much achieved that I couldn't be prouder to be part of the Club and all the efforts made. My personal contribution is literally pale compared to the many members that made this club the best around. 3 years ago we visited a wet, marshy, couldn't drive in soggy field with a relatively high water table. Look at where we are at now....WOW"!!

Bryan Reightley gave a recap of the last 3 years of the club fields and how we have arrived at our new home. Thanks Bryan for all you have done to acquire this great facility.

Mark presented a summary of 2016 [field development] accomplishments, 13 events, lots of projects completed. Thanks to all that participated.

NW Model Hobby Expo will be held January 27th thru 29th. We will have a booth and a sign up sheet will be at the next meeting [January 10th].

Field is very wet, but parking and pit are in great shape. Mark and Chet were able to drive to south end of parking without any issues. It really is a nice change.

Floor opened up for new Nominations for 2017 officers

President: Mark Weeks

Vice President: Tim Shegrud
Bryan Reightley

Secretary: Chet Blake

Treasurer: Ron Swift

Safety Officer: Don Bailey
Ted Becker

Special Service award: Jay Bell
Dart Sharp
Brian and Len Douma
Mark Weeks

The Election results and 2017 Board members are:

- President; Mark Weeks
- Vice President: Bryan Reightley
- Secretary; Chet Blake
- Treasure; Ron Swift

- Safety Officer: Don Bailey
- Special Service Award; Mark Weeks

Chet thanked the club for "the opportunity to serve and be part of the leadership of this club". It's been fun and rewarding seeing where we are today. Thank you to each and every Member, Executive Committee member, Field Manager, Newsletter and Website editors for your help, cooperation and guidance. They Club is headed in a solid direction and I'm excited to see what's next in line. Thanks again!!"

Program: FPV Racing. Brett and Brent Wilson along with Tyler Willard and Kody Knutson from DieHard Drone Racing shared information on types of drones, headsets etc. They also set up a small indoor demonstration with mini quads [Tiny Whoop]. They provided lots of information and only scratched the surface. Thanks so much for sharing.

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

Mark Weeks, Club Secretary