

President Mark Weeks Called the Meeting to Order @ 6:34 pm.

Introduction to Officers and Guests: 12 members, 1 New Member (Ryan Allen) and six guests.

Guests:

Sandy Duvall (Ron Swift's Wife)
Sharon Beba (Ron Beba's Wife)
Chris Bell (Vince Bell's Wife)
Jenny (Rich Cooks's Wife)
Linda (Walts Drechsler's Wife)
Denise (Bart Bixel's Wife) Bart Wife.

Officers:

President – Mark Weeks
Vice President – Ron Swift
Secretary – Steve Higgins
Treasurer – Dart Sharp
Safety Officer – Vince Bell
Minutes from November Meeting approval: Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President:

Ron went over the drinks/pizzas for the party meeting. Sandy Duvall, Sharon Beba, and Chris Bell worked to arrange the room, pizzas, and treats for the Christmas Party. Thank You for your work!

We Need to thank Alfys for letting us have our meetings there, so please be kind to them so we can keep using their space!

It looks like Jay Wellan will be the New Vice President. The Freeze-In is coming up on the 6th of January, starting at 10:00 am. We need to ensure we fill the propane canisters before the event. We will follow up with more information on Freeze-In in the coming weeks.

Secretary:

We currently have 49 members.

Two Members were removed from the Barnyard Buzzards Rosters.

One was removed at his request as some personal commitments have taken his free time. He asked if anyone would be willing to build his Assassin Wing for a fee. If anyone is interested in doing so, let me know and I'll put you and him in touch with each other.

The other member was removed due to chronic AMA Membership issues and has not addressed messages asking to bring his AMA membership current.

Two more members have recently fallen into AMA Membership trouble. They have been notified as of this morning.

Note that 17 members' AMA expires in December or January. Please ensure you update your AMA. If you do, a message to the club secretary informing them that you updated your AMA can be helpful.

Treasurer:

Dart was under the weather, so Brian Rightley filled in for him.

"We haven't spent much since the last meeting. "

Safety Officer:

Vince hasn't been out to the field for a while. We have had no reports of issues or injuries.

Keep in mind that your batteries do not like the cold weather. Keep them warm if you can make sure you allow for shorter flight times with the cooler batteries.

It was noted that the morning frost makes the roads a bit slippery, so drive carefully.

Field Manager:

With the past week's rain and flooding across the roads, it is incredibly wet the farther you get off the main field and runway.

Use the safety system we have in place and the Buddy System.

Use the radios when you can. Just note the radios were not plugged into the charging docks correctly. A few weeks ago, they were all dead. Please ensure you get the radio to sit right into the cradle and the radio is turned off; otherwise, they do not charge properly.

Cub Cadet needs some work. Volunteers? It looks like a bearing block has frozen.

Newsletter Editor: Ron Brought Copies of the newsletter. If you have pictures, send them to Ron Swift or Mark Weeks.

If you have time, please go to BBMAC.Club, this is the new website test location. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Mark Weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buzzards Club Officer and Special Service Award Election Winners:

President: Steve Higgins

Vice President: Jay Wellen

Secretary: Mark Weeks

Treasurer: Dart Sharp

Safety Officer: Michael Conniff

Special Service Award:

Brian Douma

NEW BUSINESS:

Temp power pole installation: Michael, Brian, and Mark Installed the box.

The yard light has arrived and needs installation, along with some wrap-ups. Then the Rangers will approve and get PUD to come out and activate.

The awnings are down. Thank you, Jason and Michael.

Still working on Web page updates: Check it out and drop me an e-mail as to what you like and do not like. Also, is there anything you would like to see?

Thanks to Kevin for offering to help me with some of the more challenging parts I have not figured out yet.

Freeze-in arrangements are all taken care of. We will send more information in the coming weeks.

Jay W. is having surgery today, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Word has it. He's planning on flying on Saturday if the weather is good!

For this year, Mark Weeks proposes that we get a gift for the Ranger's help. A motion was made, 2nd, and discussed. The motion was voted on and passed to buy two \$100.00 gift cards as a gift for all their help this year.

Mark Weeks wanted to thank Ron Swift and Vince Bell for working as club officers in 2023. Mark also wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work to improve the field and keep the club a fun place.

Show and Tell:

Jason brought an SE5A Micro Aces Small scale RC plane. It was made of foam and was impressive. He planned to build and fly it at the Freeze-In in January.

<https://microaces.myshopify.com/en-us>

PROGRAM:

Club Christmas Party

Again, thank you to Sandy Duvall, Sharon Beba and Chris Bell for helping to organize the party!

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 7:10 pm