

February 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. with 19 members present on 2/8/11. Bryan called for visitors or guests to introduce themselves. No new guests or visitors were present. As always, it was good to see everyone who attended the meeting.

Bryan introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Bryan asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Buzzards February newsletter. A motion was made and seconded.

There was no discussion. A vote was taken. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Officers Reports

Vice President - Jim Reynolds reminded everyone of the builder's contest. Currently only one member has entered the contest. The ensuing discussion centered on whether, or not, to continue with the contest. No decision was made at this time.

Jim also reminded the group of the upcoming events for 2011:

1. Charity auction around June 14th.
2. Fun Fly scheduled for July 23rd.
3. Open house and Swap meet on August 14th (tentatively).
4. Combat on September 10th.

(The 2012 Freeze-In is slated for 1/7/2012.)

Jim also reminded everyone that food provided at the events was strictly on a voluntary basis. He solicited members interested in volunteering to provide food. Whoever steps up will operate independently and self manage buying, preparing, and serving food. The individual, or individuals, will fund and retain all proceeds. The Barnyard Buzzards will not subsidize the food.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. For those who have not renewed their Buzzard membership, you have until the end of the March meeting to pay: \$70.00 for returning members, \$105.00 for family members, and \$110.00 for new members.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is at 41 for 2011. Technically, the club has 63 members until March.

Safety Officer - Vince took some time to explain safe handling of batteries, in particular Li-ion batteries. You can read more about safe battery handling and management in the latest newsletter.

Field Manager - Jay reported nothing new regarding the field.

Newsletter/Announcements - Ron Swift reminded the members of the upcoming Northwest Model Hobby Expo at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, February 11 through 13. He was looking for individuals to sign up for specific times to attend to the Buzzard tables.

Old Business

President Bryan reminded everyone to be mindful where their planes are flying at the east end of the field. The arrow pointing north is there for a reason: as a marker to stay to the left. Adhering to this requirement ensures our aircraft are a reasonable distance from the house in that location. (Secretary's comment: Every once in a while, put yourself in the shoes of the people living in a house in close proximity to a flying field, to better understand how to be a good neighbor.)

New Business

President Bryan inquired about how to increase attendance at the monthly meetings. Ron Swift recommended planning for future programs and then advertising to increase awareness to members and others who might be interested in attending. Ron suggested advertising at the local schools, hobby stores, etc., to get the word out. Sandy suggested compiling a short survey to determine what people are interested in, then cater to those interests. Another suggestion was to resurrect the show & tell of members' projects. So, if you have ideas, please share. All the while understand that this is a club made up of volunteers, who do enjoy building, flying models, and socially interacting with one another.

Chet drew attention to the wording in the by-laws pertaining to the dues. There is an apparent discrepancy in the wording aligning to the new dues structure. A short discussion resulted in the board taking the action to review at the next board meeting.

Bryan suggested exploring dedicating one of the stations/tables for charging batteries. Ideas included the use of car batteries, solar cells, and a small generator. The intent is to have a means for members to charge batteries easily at the field. Perhaps you will take some time to percolate on generating some innovative solutions. We'll spend some more time on this topic at the next meeting.

Rick Hanners made a motion to prohibit turbines and First Person View (FPV) aircraft from flying at the field. After a clarifying discussion Rick withdrew his motion as stated and presented two separate motions. The first one was to prohibit turbines from flying at the field.

The second motion was to allow FPV at the field. The motions were seconded, voted on, and approved, with one nay.

Presentation/Program

Ron Swift presented techniques for making foam wings. He demonstrated the use of some unique tools for cutting, shaping, and trimming various types of foam. It was really amazing to see what can be accomplished in a short time. Thank you Ron for an informative demonstration.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:24 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Alfys in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a hard copy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.