

February 2012 Meeting Minutes

Barnyard Buzzard meeting minutes 2/7/2012:

Club members met at Alf's Pizza in Monroe for the February meeting. President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. 25 members were present. He introduced the club's officers:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Webmaster - Ron Rueter

Once again Doug Hoff, a former member, was visiting. A couple of members' wives accompanied their husbands to the meeting.

Officers' Reports

Secretary - Secretary Vaughan stated the club membership was at 35 as of this evening. He asked for attending members to approve the January meeting minutes as posted in the BBMAC website. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and the minutes were approved.

Vice President - Jim Reynolds mentioned the Arlington Eagles extended an offer to the Buzzards for the use of their field. Jim described a recent visit he, and other Buzzards, made to the Eagles field. The experience was pleasant. He encouraged those wanting to fly at the Eagles to make sure and have the president's phone number and explain to anyone present of the agreement made between the two clubs. One can find more information at the Eagle's web site <http://www.aercf.org/> Check out the membership link for the Eagle President phone number.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported more members were renewing their dues. Dale Reiner, our former landowner, returned the unused amount of money to Bryan. To date the club is still in good financial condition.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell followed up with more recommendations when flying at the Arlington Eagle's field: Make sure to learn about and follow the field rules not just at the Eagle's field but any field you visit.

Field Manager - Jay Bell provided status of the new field. The access road is still slippery. Rocks are growing well in the area designated for the runway.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift brought plenty of hard copies of the newsletter should someone want one. Ron also reminded everyone of

the upcoming Northwest Model Hobby Expo (Feb 10, 11, & 12) - see announcements.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter - Ron was absent, but as close as an email away. He and his wife are away for awhile. However, the website is current.

Announcements

Ron Swift presented the NW Model Hobby Expo event coming up:

The NW Model Hobby Expo was scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12. <http://nwmhe.com/> Ron provided a booth schedule sign up for volunteers.

Old Business

Bryan called for old business. The new field is the ongoing topic of interest. More specifically brain storming the access road improvement opportunities seemed to be stalled until Al Morse proposed the use of "hog fuel." Apparently the origin of the word is Norwegian for "hogde" or chopped wood - wood chips. None-the-less, the use of hog fuel on soggy roads provides firmness and stability, at least until the wood chips decompose over time. The thought was to apply a layer of hog fuel and then add the crushed cement/asphalt on top to make the surface more secure and add longevity. Several members had heard of this approach to shoring up a dynamic road surface. Jay Bell was going to investigate further and report back to the board his findings.

In addition to the access road improvements, there are other things requiring the club's attention. Subsequent to making the access road ready for use, the runway needs to be prepared for sod, a fence has to be installed before the cows are delivered (in May), new flight tables have to be built, and flight stations need to be constructed. Bryan will check with Arleen as to when the cows will return. He encouraged members to contact the board if they have ideas for the new field development.

New Business

The Arlington Eagles flying site was further discussed. See the comments above under VP.

Evening Program

Charlie Higgins introduced the fascinating world of indoor flying. He integrated a historical perspective with examples of models he constructed and demonstrated how they fly indoors. Thank you Charlie for sharing your wealth of knowledge in the area of indoor flying!

The meeting adjourned at around 8:35 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 PM.

The club newsletter is available on-line at www.bbmac.net If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser, Ph.D

BBMAC Secretary