

## February 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:34pm with 14 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Jim Reynolds
- Secretary - Rick Hanners
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field manager Jay Bell and Webmaster Ron Rueter were not in attendance. Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web. Ron Swift pointed out a small number of differences between what was published in the newsletter and what was published on the website, however, the changes weren't significant enough to require corrections. The minutes were approved.

### Reports

**VP** - Jim is still looking into a reciprocal agreement with the Arlington Eagles that would allow Buzzard members to fly there for a nominal fee. The schedule for moving our equipment from the current field to the new one is still being worked on. In addition, there might be a possible last Good Bye Field pot luck party one weekend towards the beginning of the month. Tentatively the work party might be the last weekend in April, the 26th - 27th.

**Secretary** - The membership level at the present time is 33 members of which 17 have paid their dues for the year.

**Treasurer** - The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank and dues deposits from 4 members needs to be made. The club currently has 17 paid members.

**Safety Officer** - No safety issues have been reported.

**Newsletter Editor** - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. The Buzzard booth was busy with people pulled in by the simulator. 45 copies of the newsletter were available with 15 picked up afterwards. Ron thanked everyone for their support and thought that the show was a success. There will be a number of changes to be made to improve the experience of the show attendees.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Camp Brinkley Lease**

On Tuesday February 4th, the club entered into a lease agreement for the open land up at Camp Brinkley. A copy of the signed lease was handed out to all the members present so the membership could go over the various points under New Business.

### **Current Field**

At the last meeting there was a discussion about possibly selling the fencing material to the landlady. Ron Swift hadn't looked up the dollar amount involved as yet but would look back over all the development expense reports from our current field to find out. The consensus of the membership present was to take the fencing material with us.

Recently there were several emails from Arleen Gibson informing us that the cabins she plans to bring in would be coming sometime soon. Eventually, it was relayed to us that she is expecting them to be moved the 3rd or 4th week of March. She is implying that the cabins would go on our rented property but she has not said that outright. Not knowing what her intentions are regarding this, Rick Hanners handed out copies of the current lease agreement to all the members present to keep with them when out at the field just to show that we do have a legal right to be on that piece of property.

### **Bylaw Change**

There is a proposed Bylaw change that was published in the current newsletter which will be voted on at the next meeting. It is for Article IV Dues, Section 1. The wording change is to allow greater flexibility in setting the yearly dues and new membership fee. The current section mentions a dollar amount of \$100 and the new wording would eliminate that:

Current wording:

The annual dues for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a majority of the members present during the October business meeting. In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The \$100.00 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership.....

Proposed wording:

The annual dues and initiation fee for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a majority of the members present during the October business meeting. The fees paid for a new Full Membership will be non-refundable and does include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The new membership fees will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership.....

**Builders Contest**

There was a motion passed to move the Builders Contest from the May to the June meeting. It might possibly be held at the camp mess hall at Camp Brinkley.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Lease**

The new lease was signed on Feb. 4th at a meeting that the board had with Scott Findlay from the Boy Scouts Council. It was pointed out that the lease is for one year so that each party could get to know one another with the goal being a multiple year lease in the future, all of which looks doable. The AMA rules and our Safety Rules will be in effect as always. There was a question of who do we notify in advance of events. Chet pointed out that Ranger Dave would be our contact person but that contact information for both rangers and Scott Findley was recorded. We also signed a Hold Harmless agreement that protects them from liability.

There was a discussion about when we might be able to start putting dirt in. Bryan Reightley indicated his dirt guy suggested about June so the ground would be dry and firm enough for heavy equipment.

### **Possible Farm Donation**

There is a 22 acre farm some where in Duvall that a wealthy family owns. Recently there was a tragic suicide resulting in the family wishing to dispose of the farm, possibly as a donation to some organization. They might possibly talk to us or gift it to the county possibly. There are all kinds of questions surrounding this.

### **Current Field**

A discussion about the landlady's intentions regarding where the cabins are going to be put was started. Basically she is being very circumspect about the exact locations of the cabins. Chet is corresponding to with her via email pointing out the end of lease date on a document she signed. It was agreed not to ask her directly where the cabins are going in the hopes of not putting that idea into her head.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chet got an email from Bart Johnson. He apparently has some RC equipment and a trailer that he would like to unload. Chet asked him if he is trying to sell them or what but no answer back before the meeting

### **Show and Tell**

Jim Reynolds gave a talk on the assembly and flying aspect of his new Flyzone Beaver

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary