

January 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on January 5, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. 23 members were present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 2, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed all who showed up for the meeting. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Ron Swift introduced Tim Lamar who is visiting from Portland, OR. Tim Baird introduced his brother, Luke. Luke signed up to join the club this evening.

President Chet Blake reminded everyone, the monthly newsletter is online. It is available in PDF format for those of you who want to download an electronic version. A motion was made to accept the December meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. No discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet mentioned talking with Dale about Art Greonovegg who has the farm about half way down SR 203 from Monroe to Duvall. No word yet from Art and has not been able to get back to Chet.

Chet asked Ron Rueter for an update on the potential field located several miles east, down Ben Howard Road. Ron stated, Jennifer, the owner, is very interested in leasing the field for a small amount of money. No specific amount was mentioned. When weather permits several members will bring their electric airplanes to test out the flyability of the field.

In light of our club's field situation, Chet will put another advertisement in Craigslist. The previous ad did result in a couple of leads.

Chet Blake asked for the officers to report on events and news for the past month.

VP - Jim Reynolds proposed planning for three events: A Fun Fly in June, an Open House in July, and a Combat event in August. These events are contingent on having a place to fly.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reminded us that now is the time to renew your membership. Your club dues need to be paid by the March, 2010 meeting. Remember this is the time of the year to renew your AMA membership for 2010.

The 2009 AMA card was only good until December 31st. Also, you can renew your club membership for 2010. Vaughan also highlighted the upcoming NW Model Hobby Expo scheduled for February 12-14 at the Evergreen State Fair Arena building. For more information you can contact the event contest director, Ron Swift.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,195.88 in the bank. Rick shared the BBMAC 2009 Finance Report. The balance sheet compares income and expenses. For the year 2009 the club came out \$430.51 in the black.

Rick also talked about the urgency of planning and taking appropriate action to begin the process of removing items from our current field in preparation for vacating to our new one. This preparation is necessary ultimately because we will be leaving the field and Dale could ask us to leave within a moment's notice.

Safety Officer - Vince reported no accidents occurred during 2009.

Field Manager - Jay Bell reported the club's mowers were moved to Brian Illston's for winter storage.

Newsletter - Ron Swift welcomes photos and articles you might want to share.

Old Business

The Northwest Model Hobby Expo is fast approaching. Here is the web site for more information: <http://www.nwmodelhobbyexpo.com/>. Sign up sheets were passed around for members to support setup, club table, and the swap table. Ron Swift will have arm bands for members working the expo.

New Business

Proposed practice fly-in at field Jennifer owns. A set date has not been established.

Rick Hanners reviewed the proposed 2010 budget. Rick presented a proposed 2010 budget. He talked about some of the differences between 2009 and 2010. The major difference is a proposed rent increase to \$1,500.00 in anticipation of a new field. The increase in field rent pushes our finances into the red, should the budget align to actual expenses. A motion was made to accept the proposed 2010 budget. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Revision in event fees. In the past, members entering an event were required to pay \$5.00. The fee covered the event and lunch. Now, lunch will not be included in the event fee. Additionally, the person responsible for coordinating the event will be required to collect receipts and money, which will be submitted to the treasurer.

Revision to meeting dates. A proposal was made to move the monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. There are several holidays throughout the year that either conflict with our meeting dates or are close enough that attendance is affected. This proposed revision was opened for discussion. A motion was made to move the March meeting to March 9th and the subsequent meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. As a reminder, the February 2010 meeting will still be on 2/2/2010.

Field situation. Again, we are still looking for members to store tables and any other items from our current field location. We are also looking for a truck and flatbed trailer to move the shed. Kevin Craft stated he does have access to a truck and trailer should the time come to move the shed. Thank you Kevin!

Announcements

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

2010 Freeze-In: Saturday January 10th, 2010 - 11:00 AM 3:00 PM.

Evening Program: Ron Swift demonstrated his E-Flite Blade mCx helicopter along with the JR 10X radio. He bought the whole setup from different sellers on EBay for a very reasonable price.

Ron also shared information for using a replacement Li Poly transmitter battery for the PCM10X instead of the normal NiCads, a demo board illustrating the effect of setting up exponential, how to check your plane's lateral balance, Jet-X engine and rocket man plane, and some other interesting insights. Thank you Ron!

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday February 2, 2010 at Alf's Pizza 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.