

## January 2012 Meeting Minutes

Barnyard Buzzard meeting minutes 1/10/2012:

Club members met at Alf's Pizza in Monroe for the year's first meeting. President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. 24 members were present. He introduced the club's officers:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Webmaster - Ron Rueter

Doug Hoff, a former member, was visiting. Additionally, Gary Oren was visiting as well.

### Officers' Reports

Secretary - Secretary Vaughan stated the club currently has 22 members for the year 2012 to date. He asked for attending members to approve the December meeting minutes as posted in the BBMAC

website. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and the minutes were approved.

Vice President - Jim Reynolds did not have any 2012 events to present due to the uncertainty of when the new field would be able to accommodate such an event. He did propose a "grand opening" of sorts when the field does become available.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. He distributed a financial report, which explained our expenses and revenue. Over the years the net amount has fluctuated some but has remained in the black.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell commented that since there is no flying, to date, there have not been any accidents. He recommended that if you want to check out the new field to do so by entering via the Fern Bluff gate and not off State Route 2.

Field Manager - Jay Bell brought everyone up-to-date as to the current status of the new field. He researched possible road materials and cost to improve the access road so that it would be secure and passable. One option was to use a mix of chipped asphalt and concrete. It would require about 20 yards (2 dump truck loads) for distributing in some of the less stable areas on the road.

Initially the thought was to allow the dump trucks to enter from Fern Bluff road to dump their load. The landlord, Arleen, was not amenable

to this suggestion. Additionally, the sand and gravel company would require the club to sign a waiver for liability If the trucks were to enter via State Route 2, should a truck get stuck or damaged.

The road improvement topic generated quite a lively discussion about how best to proceed. Thoughts ranged from letting the road dry up so trucks could enter via State Route 2 to just having the trucks dump their loads inside the entrance and using the tractor, or rent a bob cat, to distribute the materials. Other suggestions included soliciting the services of members who have trucks to procure the materials and take it to the field. One thing that is uncertain is how big a truck Arleen would allow on her property. Bryan was expecting to meet, or at least talk, with Arleen in the upcoming weekend.

Any option other than having the dump trucks distribute their loads in the appropriate spots increases the risk of damage/wear and tear to others' vehicles. Even if we use Arleen's tractor the club would be liable for the damage and make any necessary repairs. The same would hold should the club rent equipment for material distribution.

Several members commented regarding on the need to continue looking for another field. Comments included things like, "How much do we invest in this field with no guarantee it will work out for the Buzzards in the long run." "This field is looking like more of a problem than we thought." "The board was authorized to spend a designated amount, let them proceed." President Reightley stated that the trial period was until the first of May, but that he was certain Arleen would commit to the contract allowing the club to stay.

Newsletter editor - Ron Swift brought hard copies of the newsletter should someone want one. Otherwise there was nothing new.

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 is scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12. <http://nwmhe.com/> Ron provided a booth schedule sign up for those who wanted to volunteer.

### Old Business

Bryan called for old business (See Jay's report above):

### New Business

Al Schmidt presented an opportunity offered by a neighbor in Snohomish who was making a facility available for in-door flying. As this is in the start-up phase, more information will likely be available in the near future.

## Show and tell

Tim Baird showed his latest airplane project, which he had at the builder's contest in May, 2011. Tonight, though, the plane was finished and looked great! Thanks for sharing your craftsmanship Tim!

## Evening Program

Ron Swift made a presentation about "Differential, Expo, Rates, Mixing and More - Overcoming Common Control Issues." Ron illustrated via demonstration and description how to set up your radio and what you can expect the results to be. Nice job Ron!

The meeting adjourned at around 7:12 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 PM.

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

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