

January 2013 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:32. Bryan announced the officers present:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Brian Richardson - absent
- Secretary - Tim Baird
- Treasure - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Web Master - Ron Rueter - out of town for the winter

Visitors and New Members - Doug Hoff sat in on our meeting this month.

Secretary's report - Tim Baird solicited edits and corrections for the November minutes, none were offered or suggested. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. This was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes.

VP Report - Brian Richardson was unable to join us so Bryan R. provided the following. The Christmas party was a success with about 20 in attendance. The highlight was probably the Hanners' highway presentation. The Freeze in was this past Saturday. It was a cold, albeit dry, day with a fair amount of unpredictable wind. Therefore, little flying was done yet Bryan was still able to find a previously undiscovered pond in the 'big' field. Unfortunately I was at the cost of significant damage to his newest airplane.

Bryan also proposed we hold a fun fly and a combat contest this year but no dates have been proposed.

Treasurer Report - Rick Hanners gave a brief accounting of the health of our checkbook. He also announced that the expenses for the Freeze in and the Christmas party are closed out. Then he officially handed over the duties to Ron Swift who reported the number of paid members for the 2013 year so far. Also, that the freeze in pizza budget came in \$60 under budget.

Safety Officer's Report - Vince Bell informed everybody of a newly discovered pond at the field. He also warned to be careful flying near the power lines. Both have been involved in recent incidents at the field

Field Manager's Report - Jay Bell reported that the ground does not seem as saturated as it was last year and this is helping the road to hold up quite nicely.

The electric fence is off right now due to battery issues but does not seem to be an issue as the horses does not seem to test the fence as the cows did.

There are no current plans to provide fencing to the small pasture to eliminate the gate issue.

The US 2 gate seems to be ready for the addition of finer gravel.

There is a clear need for more topsoil to level out sections of our landing strip.

Newsletter Editor's Report - Ron Swift has hard copies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos to be published in the newsletter.

Announcements:

The NWMHE, Feb 08-10 @ the Evergreen state Fairgrounds, will be housed in two buildings this year. BBMAC will not have a table for the swap meet. Volunteers are still needed for set up and teardown as well as to man our club booth.

A new T-shirt is available that displays our having been an AMA Gold level Leader Club for the past 10 years.

Old Business:

A proposal was made to combine all moneys left at the end of the 2012 year into the general fund. This was motioned, seconded and approved without any further discussion.

Continued work on the field will likely depend on revenues based on membership numbers for this year. Some of the priorities laid out at the meeting are:

1. Additional top soil on the low spots on the field to help level it out

2. Use of river rock on the road way from gate 4 to the pole barn
3. Seed or grass clippings from the parking area spread over the infield to help grow grass
4. Move the US2 Gate in a ways
5. Orange netting just inside the fence to use as a marker
6. Smaller gravel for the roads
7. Markers at each end of the field
8. Wind screen at west end of pole barn
9. Get the wind sock up
10. Clear rock from the infield

New Business:

Arleen had to leave town for the week to take care of her ill father. A neighbor is tending to the horses. So Arleen locked the gate on Monday and will unlock it when she returns.

Bryan plans to meet with her once she is back to discuss our concerns which include but are not limited to:

1. Her needs have changed not ours and this change is impacting our ability to fully utilize the space we are paying for.
2. As her tenant, mutual trust is reasonable to expect and that we want to work with her to find a solution to the problem that has minimal impact on the club
3. Find out what is needed in order for BBMAC to once again have access to the field 7 days a week from Fern Bluff Road
4. Work with her to achieve this plan

As one might imagine, this sparked quite the lively discussion among the attendees of the meeting. Some of the points brought out: As much of a problem as it seems right now, it will be much worse in the spring when the cows return. The field is still not usable by all in club and this fact along with the land lord issues is costing the club members.

Bryan Assured all that his stance during the meeting with Arleen will be firm and resolute and that she will be made aware of the position she has put the club in concerning its current members and our efforts to grow the club.

Program:

There was no Program this month.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:37 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 12th, 2013, at Alf's in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Baird, Secretary.