

January 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:41 with 23 people in attendance, 6 of which were visitors. Club Officers were introduced by the new 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

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web. Ron Swift wanted added in that the meeting started at 6:46pm and that there was an approved motion that allows the board to pursue a lease with the Boy Scouts. The corrected minutes were approved.

Reports

VP - No events planned due to the situation with the field being in a state of flux but as time progresses the board does hope to plan various activities to follow up the successful FREEZE-IN event that the club just held.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 33 members of which 6 have paid their dues for the year.

Treasurer - The club currently has 6 paid members. The club had budgeted \$50 for the event and ended up spending less than that partly due to a mistake that Sahara Pizza made, so money was saved. In addition, Duvall Dazzling Designs

donated all the patches for the event. Our treasury stands at a healthy level as we go into 2014.

Safety Officer - No safety issues have been reported. Vince did want to comment that the tightness of your prop nut should be checked, especially if you are bringing the aircraft from one extreme temperature (such as you home) to another (such as what we had at the Freeze-In) as this might lead to a loosing of the nut. Jim Reynolds found this to be so on his new Beaver at the Freeze-In.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeze-In & Appointments

It was an official Freeze-In as even at 11:11am, the temperature was still 32°F. Ron Swift reported that the gate lock was so frozen that he had to use a propane torch on it in order to unlock it. Chet has sent picture from the Freeze-In to the web. A special Thanks to Sandy Swift for the donation of the patches for all the participants. We had visitors from the Eagles, Cascade Air Park and Bellingham. There was the possibility that a visitor might be joining in the near future.

Chet announced that volunteers have been found for 2014 to fill the following position:

- Webmaster - Ron Rueter
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

In addition, Bryan Reightley has agreed to become a committee of one as part of a Field/Club Transition Consultation Committee to help Chet with

interfacing with the Boy Scouts as he did most of the basic legwork and knows the various people in the Scouts that the club needs to talk with.

Current Field

It was reported that our landlady refused to unlock the Fern Bluff entrance gates to allow members to access the field during our Freeze-In event even though we have a signed agreement from her that says that access will be available. It seems obvious that she wants us gone but the club is good thru April 30th. Basically she is not cooperating with the club most likely in an effort to hasten our departure.

In an effort to plan ahead for our eventual move, an email had been sent out to club members requesting volunteering trucks and/or trailer for use once we plan what we want to do. So far there were responses from Mark Weeks, Paul Dibble and Eric Bell via email. At the meeting, Dick Broderson, John Rennert, Al Morse and Ron Swift, all volunteered to bring trucks and trailers to bear. In addition, the Boy Scouts have a large flat bed trailer that can be at our disposal and Ranger Dave said he could haul that for us. Jay Bell brought up the possibility of possibly selling the landlady the fence. If she would want to do so it would require cash in hand before we leave otherwise, the fence will be removed.

Charity Donation

The club raised \$155 to donate to the charity of our choice. The club voted to give the money to the Sky Valley Food Bank in Monroe. Chet presented a motion to raise the donation to \$200. The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Initiation Fee

With a 4 to 1 board vote to eliminate the current initiation fee, it was proposed to change the bylaws in order to do this. In reality there is only

motion was made to lower the initiation fee to \$0. The motion was passed. So new members will only have to pay a total of \$100 and no initiation fee.

Ron Swift circulated a signup sheet to help work at the NW Expo, Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th.

Chet reported that Jim Reynolds had been contacted by the Arlington Eagles with a field use proposal. Basically, any of our members who wanted to have full flying privileges at the Eagles site would pay the Eagles \$20 and be able to fly there as a non-voting member, this would also be a reciprocal agreement in that they would pay \$20 to fly at our field. This isn't set in concrete as yet and some discussion needs to take place to work out the specifics. There is also the possibility of a similar field usage agreement with SRAC. Again, details to be worked out.

Chet brought in a set of skis he had made for his plane for snow use. He wrote up a handout on how to go about building skis but decided not to go into a verbal presentation in order to give a greater amount of time for discussion of the possible new field site.

Possible New Field Discussion

Chet had made a hand drawing of the Camp Brinkley site from a Google Earth image, with various distances marked and a possible runway location. Copies were handed out to all members present and a large blowup was used for the rest of the discussion. A copy of the map to be emailed to all members and probably posted on the website. Chet pointed out various distances from the shown runway center to various other spot. He also reported on what was found in term of water and other "hazards" during a walk around the property.

The discussion was then turned over to Ranger Dave from the Scouts. From that discussion, a number of points were brought out:

1. The scouts are going to put in a gate to the left of the current gate, for our entrance. We would be driving along the north side of the barn and around it. The land there is all firm.
2. The barn is going to be there till it falls down. However, it is still structurally sound to the point that we can store things in it.
3. There is a beaver dam to the south in the woods and is about 3 ft. tall and 100 ft. wide. The scouts have no plans to eliminate the dam at this point. Removal might or might not improve the drainage. Access thru the woods to the dam is extremely difficult but there is access from the archery range.
4. In the summer all the brown long grass will stand up anywhere from 2 - 4ft. The scouts have mowed it in the past and we could probably do the same. Scouts could possibly help with that once the ground firms to support equipment.
5. The sound of running water heard in the north field near where the creek marked, is from water falling over something rather than going into a culvert. The woods to the east are basically inaccessible. There was an old road going in that has fully overgrown.
6. There is access to electricity and water by the barn that the club is free to use. Water is potable.
7. The field is not a declared wetlands and so no special use permit should be required. The scouts can provide all the base fill needed to make our runway, parking area, etc.. Some topsoil might also be available to put on the fill to grow grass.
8. The neighbors will be louder than us as the 3 residents down the road all use generators for electricity. Electric service ends at the barn.

9. Cell phone service is questionable. AT&T was the first to provide service and now Verizon and T-Mobile also are available but again service is hit and miss.
10. The camp name is changing from Brinkley to Edward.
11. There is access to the field north of the road but waders are suggested for those venturing into that area. Same tall grass as to the south but more water. Area should dry out come summer, so retrieval of downed models should not be as ify a proposition.
12. Float flying is possible at the lakes on the scout property - details would need to be worked out.
13. A merit badge program with the scouts might happen at various local troop meetings rather than at the Camp, although having a buddy box session or something similar when the scouts are there might be good.
14. The main activity of the property is July 1 thru August 15th.

The board recently received the Hold Harmless agreement from the scouts. Various sections that don't really apply to us will be eliminated and then get agree from the Scouts on the changes. Beyond that the club is putting together a proposed lease agreement that will eventually get discussed. While a long term usage section will be part of that agreement, nothing at this point, will be set in concrete. As with most leases there will most likely be language that the lease can be made null and void by either side under certain conditions.

The Rangers were invited to come to the field to see what we have done and how we operate. Details to be worked out.

There was a brief discussion regarding when development could start and it was brought up that dirt could probably start to move in the May/June time frame. Chet pointed out that while there will essentially be no rent

(\$1 to be in lease), there is going to be an expenditure that will minimally equal what we have paid for rent in the past.

Bryan Reightley brought up the fact that he has a number of building trusses left over from the work he is overseeing at Camp Brinkley. So it is possible that we might be able to erect a 16'x20's structure for our use. The scouts have also said that a shed was available for our use if we required it.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

.....Rick Hanners, Club Secretary