

July 2013 Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:41PM. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Brian Richardson - absent
- Secretary - Tim Baird
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter

Visitors and New Members - Jason Cogil has rejoined the club.

Officer's Reports

Secretary- Tim Baird solicited edits and corrections for the January minutes. None were offered. A motion was offered to accept the minutes. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Thanks to Jason rejoining we now have 32 members.

Vice President- Brian Richardson was unable to join us, so Bryan R. provided the following: We have several events left this year including a Fun Fly on July 27th, one Combat Contest and one more Open House. Then, of course, at the beginning of next year we will have our Freeze-In.

However, don't forget about the Military day/potluck from 9 AM to 4 PM Saturday July 13.

Treasurer - Ron gave a brief accounting of the status of the clubs account. We are doing well and have enough to finish out the year.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell had a few items to bring to the table this month.

First.) Brian had a plane fall out of the air mere feet after a hand launch and the LiPo battery burst into flames before anybody could disconnect it from the ESC. Lost were one airplane, one ESC and one LiPo battery. It was just a shame it did not happen in a controlled manner a few weeks earlier at the club meeting when this was supposed to have been demonstrated.

Second.) Ron R. found the gate post to our field the hard way. He flew into the post with his Gremlin. He probably could not have more perfectly hit the center line of the post/sign if he were right in front of it trying to hit the center.

Third and last.) Another member was lucky to have only lost a counter top and sustain smoke damage when a LiPo battery he was charging on a counter in his kitchen caught fire. Overall estimate for repairs of the damage was said to be in the range of \$10,000.

Lessons to be learned from all of this:

- 1.) Use a spotter while flying so there is twice as many people watching to make sure your plane is going where you think it is.
- 2.) Carefully inspect your plane before flight for any telltale signs of issues. A glitch or issue on the ground is not going to get any better in the air.

- 3.) Never charge your batteries unattended and always use some sort of fire barrier while charging, whether it be a charging sleeve, ammo can or ceramic pot.
- 4.) A watt meter is invaluable for our electric planes. Taking a measurement prior to your planes maiden flight and anytime a change is made can help prevent a catastrophe.

Field Manager - Jay Bell The belt on the lawnmower was recently replaced. It is in great shape as is the field

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

Webmaster - The gallery of shame is being updated as new submissions are received. A new article has also been posted with permission from its author, Ed Anderson, on how to restore or repair the shape of mangled or malformed foam.

Announcements

The Sultan Shindig is the weekend of July 12 - 14. Expect more traffic than normal.

Old Business

The new gate signage is ready to be hung but is not here at the field yet. It should be posted soon.

We are still looking for a new field. Please keep your ears and eyes open for any prospects. Ron R has nothing to report on the property he had found in the Snohomish area. Bryan Reports that the field he had noticed in Maltby has been plowed so it is essentially taken off the table.

New Business

Ron Swift announced that the Index Arts festival is coming up the first Saturday of August (Aug. 3) and suggested we again have a booth to promote the club. This was Motions upon and seconded. then passed unanimously without further discussion.

Program

We had several brave souls launch their combat models for a quick demonstration of RC Combat, as handled by BBMAC. Bryan had a quick lesson in on field repairs and got to fly his combat S.P.A.D. in spite of a less than perfect and highly eventful first hand launch of the day.

Vince announced at the beginning that he would simply pass in front of the field from side to side to be a target and nothing more for those who wish to practice getting a cut then proceeded to get the day's only kill.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 12th, 2013, at our club field at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Shegrud, Secretary.