

July 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:33pm with 15 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the 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/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Reports

VP - Talked with the Arlington Eagles about getting together to do something similar to what has been done in the past. Basically it came down to, they are open to anything we want to do at their field. They do have a couple of events they would want to work around but they would be willing to combine activities on these dates (July 26th was going to be a breakfast and August 30th for a lunch at their field). So it appears that they would want us to put something together to present to them and go from there. The discussion about a Buzzards/Eagles event was tabled till the August meeting, partly to see what we need to do for the continuing development of our own field. Jim Reynolds presented John Rennert with a plaque for winning 1st place in the Builders Contest.

Treasurer - The club treasury stands at a healthy level. Per the vote at the last meeting \$3500 has been earmarked for field development.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members.

Safety Officer - No safety issues have been reported.

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

Field Manger - Jay deferred discussing the field till later in the meeting with input from Bryan Reightley.

Webmaster - Nothing new to report but pictures, stories and so forth are all requested as fodder for the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Construction/ Hill Clearance

Dirt moving has started and the hill side was cleared. The runway has about 2 feet of dirt at the north end and going down to a foot deep at the southern end. Almost \$3000 is reported to have been spent between Rob and two (2) other guys. Some dirt still needs to be pushed around and more leveling done on the runway. Rob believes that he has about 1000 yards of dirt already down. We can't use the topsoil pile that is near the barn as the scouts are going to use it on part of a parade ground. Rob did offer to hydroseed our runway for about \$6 - 700. He has the machinery available now and can do it for us once the grading is completed, if we wanted to do that. Part of his "problem" with our field is that due to the location he can't use a tandem truck to move dirt, so it requires more time - translate that to money - to do.

According to Bryan, originally the cost was supposed to be \$2000 that would involve 2 or 3 people for 16 hours and \$600 set aside for diesel. However, Rob has put in many more hours than that plus his time and any fuel cost he has. We just about have used up our \$3500 that was allocated but nothing has been done with the pits/parking area and the

south end of the runway still needs to be finished. It was pointed out that the pits/parking area was not in the original plan but was in the revised plan. Part of the "problem" is that more dirt had to be used to build up the northern end of runway to support equipment and raise it up sufficiently high to avoid it turning into a swamp later.

Several people went out to measure the runway as it now exists and came up with 380' x 60'. Rob, the dirt guy, was gotten on the phone and said they were planning to push the other 20' to the last stake. To go to that far stake would be included in the \$3000 that is just about spent. He still estimated about \$6 - 700 for the hydroseeding, possibly a bit more for where the tables would go. A brief discussion was had about filling in the pits/parking area but Rob couldn't talk further but was going to be at the field in the morning.

Ron Swift proposed that another \$500 be put aside for dirt in the pit/parking area and combined with the \$500 still left over from the original allocated funds. In addition, as the hydroseeding machinery is already on site, an additional \$700 be set also for hydroseeding the runway. A motion was made to set aside an additional \$1200 to cover filling in the pits/parking area and hydroseeding the runway.

Motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party

December 9th would be our regular club meeting, so another date would be needed for a party only event. There was a general discussion about various possible types of establishments to have a Christmas party at. It was brought up that there is still the possibility of having it up at the Scout meeting hall as a potluck and/or cooking a main meal. Bryan Reightley was going to find out about the availability of the meeting

hall. December 13th was a tentative date for the separate Christmas party.

FAA Special Rule

Chet brought up the proposed changes by the FAA of rules to govern not only FPV flying but items that would affect all modelers. He urged members to write an email or other form of correspondence to the FAA in opposition to what the proposed rules they are coming up with are.

Possible Fall Events

A combat event was proposed but input from Scott Curtis would be helpful first, especially to find out his availability to run the event.

Hydroseed Discussion

A brief discussion about when the best time to do this would be, was started. No one appears to have had any first hand knowledge or experience to know what would be the best time to do it. Some thought fall would be best, others thought now would be a good time. As Rob, the dirt guy, has had a lot of experience with this technique it was decided to get his opinion so a date to do the operation could be decided upon.

Miscellaneous

August 2nd (Saturday) is the date of the Index Art Festival and the club will have a booth there. It opens at 9am and closes about 6pm. Anyone who wishes to stop out there and help is welcome to do so. The Arlington airshow is July 10th thru the 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary