

July 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 10:00am

Introduction of Officers and guests: 15 Members and No guests.

President - Mark Weeks

Vice President - Ron Swift

Secretary - Steve Higgins (On Vacation)

Treasurer - Dart Sharp

Safety Officer - Vince Bell (Could not attend)

Minutes from June Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

Vice: Ron reported on what a great job Jason did with the Tank event. It was a big hit and it looks like there will be an impromptu tank event in September.

He also reported on the Boats and Floats event, it also was well attended with about a dozen members and a guest from SRAC that was looking to maiden a new Mule. Michael was very helpful in helping him get it off the water and back again safely. We were asked by the aquatics director that if we are in a boat life jackets must be worn, it was a good reminder for us that on their facilities we abide by their safety rules as well as ours. Bryan R. thanks to those who helped prep that lake area. Brian D. asked if before the next event we could clear a path on the south side of the dock

to help with access to the lake. It was agreed that it would be a great idea. Great job Guys

Ron reported that we have a fun Fly next week-end and he handed out rules regarding the events. He will send Mark a copy so he can post on the website. We also have the Open house and Family day scheduled for the end of the month

Secretary: We currently have 49 members

Treasurer: We have spent a bit of money working on mostly field improvements. We seem to really be making progress. The Club funds are in good shape.

Safety Officer: Mark Reported for Vince: Vince wanted to let every one know that we have had no new incidents so keep it up. He also wanted to remind us to do a good pre-flight. Check your CG and if its off do not fly until its fixed. The same goes for engines and motors, they do not get better once you are in the air!

Field Manager: Mark Reported that the field is healing from a lack of water, it seems to be greening up and filling in.

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the June Newsletter. Please be sure to send Ron/Mark pictures so we can publish them on the website.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron made a motion for the club to pay the food costs for today's work party as this was not a previously scheduled and budgeted event. Motion was seconds and voted on. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to enlarge the parking area 5 to 6 feet deeper. This will allow for more area between cars and flight tables. There was much discussion regarding the need to spend the money and the reason why we should or should not do it.

The main reason was to give more drive way area between flight tables and the parking area, This seems to have gotten small over the years. It also will allow a larger safety buffer.

Len would remove approx. 80 yards of dirt in the bank project and it then would be used to fix a couple of low areas in the south grass area and directly north of the runway to help mitigate a wet area that is hard to maintain. There was also talk on using it to work on the upper to lower drive way located south and west of the current area.

There was a motion to approval the bank cutback and at the same time move the flight safety stands and tables east of their current locations. This will be more inline with they were originally placed. Motion Passed and Mark will contact Len to see when we can schedule the project.

Flight safety stations and tables we moved during the work party following this meeting. Please do not move them without returning to home position. Steve will send out a reminder to the club members.

There was also discussion regarding on ways to separate the parking gravel from the grass field. Michael C. and Bryan R. Will come up with a few ideas and plans.

Field watering - Mark shared his new sprinkler stand and how it should work. It will cover about 75ft. radius and its easy to move. If you show up early or are later in the after noon please set the timer, place the sprinkler in a new location help get the grass growing again.

Mark Reported that there are still a few spots open for mowing so please sign up.

The Upper car area has been re-done a little flattened and cleaned up - Thanks Brian D. and Dart for all their hard work.

Crawler area and Ideas.... Landscape cloth covered with gravel then build on that. Help with weed control.

Need of a flat area so us with less mobility can still play. Bryan D. is working on some ideas to help make this area more maintenance free. A few ideas were to use plastic sheets vs. landscape cloth and their pros and cons.

SHOW AND TELL: Jason showed a tiny remote that he purchased on line. The idea was to have small hand held controller for a one handed operation. While it does match the description it will not work with air planes and it is only two channels. Knowing Jason like we do he WILL find a creative use for it.

PROGRAM: Dart presents E-Bikes - Dart shared his new Aventon E-Bike. He explained the different modes of operation and drive systems, He also covered the battery type and longevity. Both Mark and Dart talked about a short bike ride headed up past the clearcut area and the relative easy ride for Dart while Mark did as much walking up hill as he did riding. All in all they both had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT: adjourning the meeting 11:12 AM