

June 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:04 P.M., Tuesday, June 10, 2008, a rain date, at the Club field with 26 members present.

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. Our newest member, Jack Peel was present. Welcome Jack!

Next meeting is at the Club field, the second Tuesday July 8, since the 1st Tuesday is so close to the 4th of July Holiday. The meetings will be at the field through and including the September meeting. From October through April 2009 we'll resume our meetings at Alfy's

Pizza on RT 2 in Monroe.

The June meeting was the first of two meetings for our Charity auction, which will conclude at the July 8th meeting. Remember when cleaning out your hangar that any items can be donated for the auction.

Fred then took a few moments and thanked everyone for their support, it means the world to him. He then explained that as stated in the special mailing letter, in order for him to start to feel better, he has to control the fronts that he has and eliminate all the stress that he can. He has totally enjoyed being the BBMAC President and leaves with a heavy heart. But in order to try to eliminate all stress, he has to resign and rest better. He will remain a Barnyard Buzzard member as

long as there is a Barnyard Buzzard club and will support the club in ways that he can. Fred feels the Club has brought him a long way and helped improve his public speaking. He has another medical evaluation June 20th.

He then turned the meeting to Vice President Brian Illston.

Everyone in attendance offered Fred "Best Wishes" and gave him an grateful round of applause as he left, then again as he drove past on his way home.

Thank You Fred for your hard work and dedication!

Brian introduced the current club officers:

President - Fred Hanquet

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Chet Blake

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell was not present

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

Vice President - Brian had gotten signs made to attach to the fence about properly and loudly calling out your intentions, such as Taking

off, Dead stick, Hand Launch, Landings & properly displaying frequency in the frequency board, etc. as a reminder to pilots.

Ron Swift and Brian Illston will be the CD's for the 1st Fun Fly. Sandy will have the grill fired up! There's always room for someone who doesn't want to fly in the events to participate by helping, kibitzing, eating, hassling, and hanging out.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter with the correction that Jim Reynolds wrote the article about the Vets, not Ron Rueter.

Brian has been giving the moles all they can handle, trying to rid the little pests. So far, it looks like he might have one up on them !

Ron Swift will be our Auctioneer tonight and at the July meeting.

The first Fun Fly will be the Sat, June 14, and hoping for good weather. The event starts at 10:00 until roughly 3:00.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we have 65 members . This total includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$7,061.03. So far, all looks well in the Treasury.

Safety Officer - Vince wasn't present at the meeting due to a Graduation in the family, but has reported that all in all, things are going pretty smoothly.

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new but we need to get it going again. Fred said he wanted to talk to Eric Clock again about some alternatives at his property.

Pilot training - There are 7 in training, 2 inactive and 2 MIA (no one has heard from for a while)

Dean Appell and Brian Taylor have answered the call from Rick and have stepped up to become club instructors. Thank You Dean and Brian !!

Sound Management - Some sound readings were taken.....

3 new readings were taken. (2) @ 93 dBA and (1) @ 97 dBA.

We seem to be averaging 93 dBA. The AMA recommendation for Pattern events is 90 dBA, but there is no AMA rule or spec we need to meet.

Field Improvements -

The Cub mower is burning quite a bit of oil. When it's first fired up, it belches a huge amount of smoke. Some feel it is attributed it having been under water during the flood.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE OIL BEFORE CUTTING ! Ron Rueter said that if it's that bad, maybe he should just take it down and rebuild it instead of waiting for the winter period. He'll check into parts for it.

Thanks to everyone for keeping up on the grass cutting. So far the field, pits and parking lot are in excellent shape.

There's a weed eater and gas in the shed. If you have some time, grab it and trim under the fences.

Next Saturday the new wind sock will be installed.

Old Business

Ron talked about the 35 some items from Craig Crummer's estate that will be auctioned off and the Club keeps 50% of the proceeds. The 50% we keep will be given to a chosen charity in Craig's name.

Brian brought up the Membership Participation plan and asked the Club for guidance and thoughts about the program. Jim Reynolds felt that

the most recent draft needs some clean up and refinement. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to investigate the program at length, improve and find ways to encourage participation.

July will complete the auction. Bring items for the auction, cash, check book and heart !

New Business

Marvin Walden is taking orders for the AMA Gold Leader Pins. Please let Marvin know if you want one.

Sandy DuVall offers Buzzards jackets, shirts, T shirts, hats, vests and so much more - all with the embroidered Club Logo. See the ad on the last page of the newsletter to contact her.

Brian sent John of NW Hobby Expo an email inviting him to a meeting and an opportunity to explain what his thoughts were about the Buzzards possible involvement. As of the meeting night, there was no response. Jim Wallis explained the it would be a good idea that the explanation for Club participation in this be made available to the entire membership, not just meeting attendees.

Jim Wallis offered to cook at the meetings. He and Fred worked out the details for the burgers and food that Fred has already bought.
THANKS JIM !

Vice President Brian Illston has asked for a special election to fill the President's vacancy. He feels he's not the right person to finish out the year and really doesn't want to do it.

Nominations opened. Chet Blake and Vince Bell were nominated. Nominations will continue in the July meeting and the election will take place at that meeting.

Brian feels that a lot of guys have stepped up when asked for help and he's grateful for the help. This truly represents what the Club is made of !!

A motion was made and seconded for the Club to buy (2) 12x20, 10x15 or similar tents. Discussion revealed that costs should be first obtained, then presented at the July meeting.

Lorraine Crummer thanked Ron and Sandy for all their help with managing Craig's RC estate items. Nice job Ron and Sandy !!

Announcements

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net . Please email Chet if you are not receiving the monthly notices, announcements, etc. via email.

Program

The BBMAC Annual Auction.

Motion to Adjourn the business section of the meeting and start the auction @ 7:43 P.M.. Motion approved!

Ron started the auction by going through the many donated items and "swiftly" moved amongst the items, making a good first round of the auction.

More items are to be there at the July meeting for the concluding night.

Great Job and Thanks Ron!

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary