

June 2012 Meeting Minutes

The June 2012 meeting was called the order by Bryan Reightley at 6:30 PM. 17 members were present as was Mark Weeks the newest Barnyard Buzzard member. Bryan announced the club officers (all were present):

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor- Ron Swift

Webmaster - Ron Rueter

Field Manager - Jay Bell

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Officers' Reports

Vice President - Jim reported that the Fun Fly event in collaboration with the Arlington Eagles is scheduled for July 28th at the Arlington Eagles site. This event will also host a swap meet. So, bring your airplanes, items to swap and lots of cash.

Secretary - Vaughan reported membership is at 49 including Mark Weeks, who recently joined. Welcome Mark!

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. (For your information, the actual dollar amount is reported at the meeting. (If you desire to know that amount either send me (Vaughan) an email or a phone call.) Rick also explained line-item by line-item what is contained in the budget pertaining to the field development what has been allocated for road improvement, fence materials, runway development, etc. What has been an extreme help are all of the monetary donations by members (not to discount the sweat equity invested).

Safety officer - Vince reported that there is nothing new.

Field manager - Jay Bell commented on the current field status and some proposed options pertaining to making the runway operational. (Periodically Jay engaged his cow management skills by escorting a stray from the field and discouraging the others - cows that is - from entering the Buzzard allocated area).

Newsletter editor - As usual, Ron requested members to provide photos and/or articles to publish in the newsletter. There is plenty of space to fill. As always, if you have a need for a hard (paper) copy, let Ron know and he will send you one.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter was present. He keeps the website current with any news. Additionally, the Barnyard Buzzards is on Facebook. Check it out when you have an opportunity.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Communication. At the May meeting a decision was made to have the meeting minutes typed up and sent to the members within a week of the meeting. The rationale was to disseminate news and information to the members while it was still "fresh" and not wait until the newsletter is published later on in the month.

The topic of reaching out to prior members via a "re-introduction letter" along with the minutes was discussed. Bryan Reightley will compose this letter and then have the secretary send it out via email. Most likely, this letter will accompany a hard copy of the newsletter, which Ron Swift will then send out to those who request such a copy.

Status on the new field development. President Bryan and Jay brought members up to speed with where we are regarding the field: Fences are up. Gates are in place. The field, even though it is not planted with grass, is flyable with some risks. Now, we'll transition to "New Business," as the discussion started to focus on how does the club proceed from here to having a fully functional field.

New Business

Runway development. The following items were talked about: Field preparation (rock removal), top soil, grass seed, fertilizer, rolling the field, costs, and time. After exploring different ideas it came down to what can the club afford how much money do we need to hold in reserve? Do we purchase top soil? If so, how much? How much will it cost? Do we hydro-seed or plant grass seed ourselves? Cost? Then, too, how do we go about watering the field?

In summary, the club decided to proceed with purchasing enough top soil for about a 2 inch blanket covering of the runway and then seed it ourselves. Between top soil, seed, fertilizer, and tax the estimated cost is around \$2,700.00, which leaves around \$1,000.00 remaining in our coffers.

A motion was presented by Ron Swift to swiftly adopt said proposal. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed. There were no "nay" votes.

Subsequent to the decision to proceed, discussion was directed on fund raising. Ron Swift said Sandy Duvall, is on the Monroe and Duvall Chambers of Commerce. Her connections can be tapped into for possibly soliciting donations or other creative means for generating revenue. Another idea was to have some sort of product to offer a donor when a donation is made. Then, this was curious, all of a sudden Chet declared his offer of a donation to cover a yard or more of top soil. This lead was followed by members stepping forward and donating their money for more yards of dirt. I know that more than \$100 was collected on the spot! Way to go Chet! Of course, other

donations are acceptable as well - grass seed, fertilizer, water, labor, etc.

An idea was presented to electrify the fence, (no, you can't charge your electric airplanes on the fence), and what was required. Jay said it was about \$150 to procure the equipment and install. So, Saturday June 16th the fence will be electrified to discourage the cows from entering the field. Appropriate signage will be installed as well. Vaughan took the action to send out a notice to members of the Saturday work party. The week following, Saturday June 23rd is planned for the delivery of the top soil and planting the grass seed. Vaughan also will send out a note addressing this work party.

President Bryan Reightley talked about "Cow/Gate Management." The gate at Fern Bluff road should remain closed subsequent to ingress/egress. All other gates can remain as you found them, with the caveat that if you are in doubt, close the gates.

Tim Baird has permission from Arleen (land lady) to remove some of the trees. Arleen wants to make sure that everything is cleaned up should a tree (approved by her) be removed. Tim knows which ones can be cut, mostly dead/dying trees. Contact Tim if/when you would like to help.

Oh, and one other thing, Vaughan announced that he is in the process of selling his house in Carnation and moving. This activity along with other time demands assisted Vaughan in deciding to step down from his

BBMAC Secretary position, which he volunteered for in July 2008. This has been a rich and exciting experience with lots of memories.

Vaughan recommended Tim Baird to be nominated as successor for the Secretary position. The club seconded, voted on, and "knighted" Tim as incoming Secretary. So, the baton passes from Vaughan to Tim. Vaughan will assist Tim in the transition process. Congratulations Tim! You will do a terrific job.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:11 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 6:30 P.M. at club field outside Monroe.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by out-going Secretary Vaughan Houger, Ph.D.