

June 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:31pm with 13 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

Field manager Jay Bell was not in attendance. 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 -The float event went well. Parking was the biggest problem to use the floating deck area easily. The rangers have an ATV that could ferry 4 people at a time from the parking lot to the lake area if we wished to take advantage of that the next time we hold a float plane event. We can use the beach area at the end of the lake with the disadvantages being the airspace would be more limited vs. the T dock that is in the middle of the lake. There are also floating obstacles at the beach area.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members. The club received a thank you letter from the Monroe Food Bank that was sent out via e-mail to all the club members.

Treasurer – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. The club donation to the Monroe Food Bank was delivered and is highlighted in the newsletter.

Safety Officer - No safety issues have been reported and we had a successful float fly event.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Galaxy Hobby and Hobby Town still get our newsletter and post same. A more detailed map showing the new fields current location will be included in future editions of the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Construction/ Hill Clearance

The dirt guy still has not cleared the foliage from the hill area next to the corral and it appears that might not get done till the actual work starts. Bryan Reightley to ask if this can be done earlier so we can see what we have to deal with there before actual field construction starts.

Bryan and Rob (the dirt guy) walked the field recently and it appears that it is still to early to move dirt. This work might start at the end of June. We are still waiting for a confirmation as to labor hourly cost. The dirt guy will probably be moving his equipment off site as work for the scout camp winds down but is not going to charge us to re-deploy the equipment for our work. Scott Findlay reported to Bryan that the AMA insurance certificate was received. He was provided with a newsletter so he could read Chet's comments about the help we have received so far.

NEW BUSINESS

New Field Construction

Chet handed out a photo picture of the field with colored areas designating the runway, parking area, pits and so forth as a starting point. Ron Swift wanted the runway to possibly be extended from 400' to 450'. Chet went over the current dimensions shown on the handout. With a possible runway extension, that would most likely bring up the dirt amount to the 1000 cubic yards thought necessary for the whole project. However, the extra dirt needed to complete the other

areas would probably bring the total dirt needed to about 1500 cubic yards. This might raise the original estimated cost of \$2000 to approximately \$3000.

Ron Swift estimated that even if we spent up to \$3500 we should still have sufficient funds left for the first year's operation. It might also take another \$1000 for seed and other things to finish off the field once the initial dirt work is done. Bryan Reightley talked about the hydroseeding capability that the dirt guy has available. There was some discussion about considering doing this so that growth would start before any rocks worked their way out of the fill, similar to what happened at the old field.

Bryan was going to meet with Rob, the dirt guy, to find out about clearing the foliage from the hill area, pushing out the runway 20 more feet to the east and extending the runway from 400 to 450 feet so that a more accurate estimate as to cost can be secured. He would also bring up the hydroseeding possibility. The basic idea being that we should spend what we need to up front so we don't have to go back and do more work later.

A motion was made to earmark \$3500 for field development. The motion was voted on and passed.

Show and Tell

Ron Rueter is getting into electric flight and needed something to help with soldering connectors and wires. He had purchased a device call The Jig's Up that can support a large variety of connectors to help with the soldering chore. Ron showed off the tool to everyone present.

Builders Contest

There were 3 entries in the Builders Contest. Due to the small turn out, a People Choice vote was done rather than also have a vote on differing Categories. Results are as follows:

First Place - Ultimate Biplane powered with a Saito 90 by John Rennart

Second Place - Great Planes Corsair by Mark Weeks

Third Place - Apocalypse 3D that is electric powered by Ron Swift

Miscellaneous

There was a discussion about the Christmas party being separated from the business meeting, such that there would be the standard club meeting and a Christmas party on differing dates in December. A general agreement among the members present was reached to do this with details to be worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary