

June 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:31 with 12 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Tim Shegrud
- Secretary - Mark Weeks
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter (Currently in AZ)
- 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 - Tonight will be the Builders contest, Saturday June 18th will be the Open house / Auction. July 23rd Fun Fly.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 34 members.

Treasurer - The club treasury stands at a healthy level.

Safety Officer - The lake event went well, no issues to report. Please keep being safe.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

Field Manager - Field improvement are taking place, there is now a roof on the charging station. We have a large shelter set up at the south end of the field. Flight stations received much needed paint. Bryan Reightley built and added a new flight station table. West side of the runway tall grass has been cut back to allow a larger margin for error while taking off or landing.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with firing strips to make a safer way to walk over the boggy area and eventually over the creek to aid in retrieval of downed aircraft. Currently he has made it to the creek and will be working on a way over to the other side. Ideas for crossing the creek are welcome. If you have to use the "Lost Plane Lane" Please be careful it is a work in progress.

We still have some barren spots on the runway, Jay will be purchasing some more seed to help fill in the grass.

Sign in log is getting moderate use, please sign in when you fly. This will give us an idea as to how much use the field is getting used.

Floats and Boats event was a huge success, we need to get work out to other clubs further in advance. Mark to send out notification August and Early September.

New member report- We need to find a way to get new member info out to other members. Possibly use membership cards in the frequency board. Also there was discussion about in the members only section of the Web adding members photos. Either can be used and acceptable AMA card or Club membership card. Mark to contact Ron about adding this to the Web site.

The AMA had/has another send a comment to your local legislator; some members received a letter from one of them regarding the FAA. In her form letter not much about "Clubs" was addresses.

Chet brought his nephew Patrick Cullen, visiting from Apalachicola, Florida to the field Saturday. Chet flew his SE5 biplane and explained the controls to him, wanting him to fly his e-flight Cub. After Chet did his preflight and a short flight to check things out it was decided that it was too windy. Before Chet knew what was going on Bryan had him on the sticks and for the first time he was flying Bryan's Radian for about 15 minutes on his own. He even landed it. This is what makes us a club that stands out from the others. Chet reported that he is still talking about it. More news along this line, Julia had the opportunity to fly Dart's Apprentice all by herself from takeoff to landing. Thanks to all those who help new pilots.

NEW BUSINESS

The AMA had/has another call to action regarding the FAA intervention to our hobby. They are also wanting to set up a community "Drone Zone" where multicopter can be flown safely and at an appointed areas. Gee that's' where we offer.....

Sat is the annual Open House and Auction. Please invite your friends and family.

From the work party June 4th; the charging station now has a roof; the new carport has been erected and is providing shade and cover for the stray shower. (It was used last Saturday), A couple tables got some attention-rework and a coat of paint. The tall grass next to the runway got a huge haircut. Thanks to all those who helped out!

The refrigerator that was donated to us last year had all but died. If you know where we can get a new one please let a board member know.

Jay will be picking up some grass seed to help fill in the bare spots.

There was much talk about the field, placement of the flight stations, wet ground, parking, disabled parking spot and the general direction of where we are headed. Mark made a motion to gather Saturday at the Open house look over the area and form a steering committee to work out a master plan to present to the members for approval. Motion passed. IF you are interested please contact Mark.

Walking sticks for walking in the tall grass are located behind the frequency board. It is a good idea to grab one before you head out.

Ted reported that the Arlington Eagles have acquired a 1 year extension on their field lease. That's good news and we wish them the best.

Program: Builders contest: All the planes that were entered were very well done and it was a close competition

- 1st place went to Don Bailey
- 2nd place went to Ron Swift
- 3rd place went to Ted Becker

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

.....Mark Weeks, Club Secretary