

## **June 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 10:00 am

Introduction of Officers and Guests: No Guests this month

President – Mark Weeks

Vice President – Ron Swift

Secretary – Steve Higgins

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Vince Bell

Minutes from May's Meeting Approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: Will Cover in new and old business.

Vice President: Last month club auction raised 285.00. Ron and Sandy added \$15.00 to raise the donation amount to \$300.00. Ron then went over the next month's club events. June 17<sup>th</sup> is the monthly car racing. It was agreed to move up the car racing since there isn't an earlier event that day. We are going to move this up to 11 am. Boats and Floats on June 24<sup>th</sup>. July 15<sup>th</sup> is Fun Fly; Ron is the CD and will get out the event rules. July 29<sup>th</sup> is the Family Picnic if you have any ideas on how to attract more attention to this event and organize some non-flying activities and or maybe some "Buddy Box" Flying.

Ron has some plants left over from the plant show and asked if we should make a garden in the field. It was asked how hardy they are, and it mentioned that the deer/animals would probably be interested.

Treasurer: Money is good. We purchased storage boxes for the tank/car area. They are not locked. We have an Awning for that area as well. Spend the allotted money plus some to help with the water and power lines. We are still looking for Xmas trees, doll houses, or birdhouses to use for the tank area.

Secretary: Currently, 49 members. Only one member is in AMA trouble. He has been notified and understands he can't fly at the field without his AMA.

Safety Officer: "It's safe" Not heard of many issues. Fixed the flight station and covered the sharp edges of the green screen so someone won't cut themselves on the flight station. The green screen is plastic fencing from Home Depot. Ron mentioned that he has fishnet available for the flight station, and we also have some in the container.

Field Manager: Field is mowed, it's still pretty wet, and Marks almost got stuck a few times. We are trying to get a path out of the pallet bridge that is supposedly still there. Happy to report that thanks to Brian D and Ranger Dave, we have water and good pressure. Power for the security light/pole will be worked on in the coming weeks.

There was some discussion about hoses and sprinklers. We will dig these over the next week and water the runway when needed. We will make these repairs over the next week or so.

Newsletter Editor / Web Master: Asking for pictures of events and/or items to share. The website is working again but has some issues that have been cleared up.

**OLD BUSINESS: None Open**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Scouts have a permit for power, and this will be installed soon. We may need to buy a few fittings and equipment to finish the installation.

It was asked how much we were paying for the bill. We are not paying anything, but that will depend on how much power we consume. If we pull too much power, it may be something that we need to talk to the Scouts about. No running heaters and things... In the past, we had the barn with refers and chargers, and they didn't have an issue with the power. We are replacing what was at the barn 3+ years ago. We will have to wait and see.

Cub Cadet is fixed and back into running order. Fixed a flat tire and had some discussion about using Flat Out to prevent it from running flat again.

We discussed the donation to the Monroe Food Bank and if we will add more dollars to the donation. It was determined that we would discuss this later in the year.

Projects: (They can be done at any time.)

Container Roof Needs to be Re-Coated:

Now that we have water, with a genny, we can pressure wash.

We also need to pressure wash and repaint flight tables.

Weed Wack the crawler area.

Install the new cover on the car track.

Walkway from the Clubhouse to the car track. Must name it Michael's Trail!

Railing for Stairs for Crawler Track.

Ron made a motion about rolling the field to eliminate some of the low spots on the runway. Ron asked the club to set aside \$450 to bring in a roller to flatten it. The motion was 2nded and we had a discussion.

The base material is made of "Pit Run" Some felt that it would be better to bring in fill and fill in the low spots.

Mark and Brian described how the runway was built. Rolling probably isn't going to do much, but maybe in the spring, we could use a roller and tow it behind the mower in the spring to help flatten when the ground is wet. In the end, watering is going to help the grass grow. The field is starting to recover.

A motion was made to bring in some topsoil that can be placed in a location we can use to smoothen out the runway. It would be best to bring in a couple of trailers and apply it at once as if we bring in a pile of topsoil, it'll start growing weeds.

Mark felt it would be best to pick the worst spots of the field, fill in and seed and do this over a short period of time. We just don't want to drive on the field as this will damage it, which'll cost more than we want to fix.

Ron made a motion to plan a work party to make these improvements. Mark asked Ron to head up a work party to make these improvements to the field. We decided to set up a field party to spread this topsoil on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Same day as the Saturday club meeting. We could coordinate pickup trucks and trailers to get this work done.

We then discussed where to source the material. The Riverside on Machias has 3-way topsoil.

If you have an idea for a Project, let a board member know so we can take care of it.

Before Boats and Floats, we need to clean up the lake area. Michael and Brian said they would organize it. If you want to help, let Michael C and Brian R know.

Ron mentioned that we would clean up the windsock at the south end of the field. It was mentioned that we should incorporate it into the awing. Michael took on this project.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Jay Brought his Assassin Wing to show off.

**PROGRAM:** We discussed the “Best” times we have had out at the field with the members in attendance. There were various stories about putting in the water, stairways, dead stick landings, and fun flying times.

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjourning the meeting Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 am.