

March 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. with 19 members present on 3/8/11.

President Reightley called for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No new guests or visitors were present. As always, it was good to see those who attended.

Bryan introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Secretary Vaughan asked for a motion to accept the February minutes as published in the Buzzards' March newsletter. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Officer Reports

Vice President - Jim Reynolds was absent. President Bryan brought a few of the upcoming events to mind. As of this meeting there were 4 members entered in the builder's contest. Members are welcome to participate. The contest goes until the May club meeting when the entries are judged.

We were looking for someone to provide food at the September 11th combat event. Sandy will be taking on that responsibility for that and the other events for the year. Thank you, Sandy!

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards are in good shape financially. This meeting was the final meeting for Buzzards to renew their membership: \$70.00 for returning members, \$105.00 for family members, and \$110.00 for new members.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is at 56 for 2011.

Safety Officer - Vince stated that we, as a club, are doing pretty well. Vince went on to explain about landing approaches that pilots should be mindful where their airplanes are in proximity to post and arrow located on the trestle. Scott Curtis considered doing a presentation in the near future on landing approaches.

Field Manager - Jay mentioned that a mowing list was in the works and that lock combinations will be changed.

Newsletter/Website - Ron Swift mentioned updates have been made to the web site. There are still some updates left to do. Ron also mentioned that he submitted the application to renew the AMA leader club status. The AMA has acknowledged the Barnyard Buzzards as continuing to achieve the Gold status once again — now nine years running.

Old Business

Periodically we do have visitors stopping by the field. Just be aware of their presence.

President Reightley reminded all regarding the no-fly zone near and certainly never over the house. As stated earlier, efforts have been made to make the pole and arrow more visible for pilots when they set up their approaches to land.

Also, continue to monitor your airplane engine noise and record the sound pressure levels.

The topic of dedicating a table as a charging station was open for discussion. No new thoughts were presented. However, consider the safety benefits for using a charging table to protect your equipment and vehicles.

New Business

An idea was proposed to have a weather station at the field. The cost is about \$10/month for service \$200 for set up. This has been proposed in the past. However, protecting the station from vandalism and/or theft prevented the club from further pursuing this investment.

John Fogelson, who orchestrated the Northwest Model Hobby Expo, presented a proposal for the Buzzards to be involved in sponsoring a unified R/C presence in the form of an Expo at the annual EAA Arlington Air Show, which occurs July 6-10th. Members did express an interest.

Dick Ovrud has a friend who is selling about 500 kits and sundry R/C hobby items. Dick will get a list of the items along with prices to circulate to the club members.

Rick Hanners stated that the section in the By-Laws specifying an actual membership fee amount be eliminated. He proposed new wording, which is essentially the same minus the \$100. There will be a follow up at the next meeting.

Current wording, —In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The \$100.00 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership."

Revised wording to be, "In no case will the dues for a new Full Member be less than a \$100.00 non-refundable fee that will include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The \$100.00 new membership fee will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership."

Presentation/Program

President Bryan Reightley showed video clips of R/C airplane mishaps, commonly referred to as crashes. These were some entertaining displays of spectacular crashes at someone else's expense. But, we can all learn something from those incidents, such as watching your air speed when landing.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a hardcopy contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.