

March 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:34pm with 16 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 and Webmaster Ron Rueter were not in attendance. Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web. No one provided any corrections a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Reports

VP – Jim finally was able to contact the Arlington Eagles President regarding a reciprocal field use agreement for a nominal fee. Their President, Joe, felt as how we really won't have a field that instead he is going to recommend that they continue to extend an invitation to fly at their field as guests till our new field is useable. This has not been put in place yet but the membership will be notified when it is. April 19th has been scheduled as our Good Bye Potluck Party. There will be open flying. April 26th is scheduled as our moving day rain or shine. April 27th is reserved as another work party day to move anything we were not able to move on the 26th. We should have several large flat bed trailers, pickup trucks and small trailers available, so most like everything can be moved on the 26th. Chet presented a list of what he knew was still out there and when they would be available for moving. It was also suggested to contact Jay about arranging to have the porti-potties serviced before we leave.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 25 paid members. The AMA charter renewal has been sent in and we are waiting to get the renewal notice back from the AMA. The current landlady will receive an insurance certificate that will cover us for the month of April. I talked with Lois Mock at the AMA and when the site insurance is to be switched over, I just have to send her the new field location information plus a letter going over our phone conversation. Moving the insurance from the old to new location should not cost us extra money. By the end of the meeting, paid membership level ended up at 28 members.

Treasurer – The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We still have the money earmarked for our donation to the Monroe Food Bank. Paperwork has been sent in for the Gold Leader Club program.

Safety Officer - No safety issues have been reported.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. A number of newsletters have been sent out to some hobby shops.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw Change

There is a proposed Bylaw change that was published in the current newsletter which will be voted on at the March meeting. It is for Article IV Dues, Section 1. The wording change is to allow greater flexibility in setting the yearly dues and new membership fee. The current section mentions a dollar amount of \$100 and the new wording would eliminate that:

Current wording:

The annual dues for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a majority of the members present during the October business meeting. 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.....

Proposed wording:

The annual dues and initiation fee for full membership shall be recommended by the Executive Committee based on a calculation from the annual operating budget to be approved by a majority of the members present during the October business meeting. The fees paid for a new Full Membership will be non-refundable and does include the first year's annual dues as established by the membership. The new membership fees will not apply to a new Family, Student or Junior membership.....

Calls for discussions resulted in no discussion. The motion to pass the bylaw change was voted on and passed. The Club Secretary will make the changes to the document and pass them on to the Webmaster so the ones currently posted can be changed.

Camp Brinkley Lease

The club received a copy of the receipt for the \$1 field rental payment.

Builders Contest

There was a motion passed to move the Builders Contest from the May to the June meeting. Bryan Reightly found that the meeting hall, or possible other areas should be available on Tuesday nights for our use when we have the Builders Contest. He is going to verify all of that and will get back to the club about that by next meeting. Ron Swift reminded everyone present people can still enter anything they wanted for the \$10 fee.

Current Field

We were asked to clear the concrete floor section of the pole barn by the landlady for her use to store materials. The club had a work party on Feb.

22 to clear out any of our items that were stored on that side of the pole barn. From there a number of smaller items were moved to the new field location and stored.

In the meantime Arleen sent some emails to Bryan Reightley as she refuses to deal with Chet or the current board as she claims to have received rude and disparaging emails from Chet plus some of the flyers have been vindictive. Chet went over the series of emails that has passed from him to the landlady over the past month or so and there really was nothing out of the ordinary in the wording of what was sent to the landlady. Chet wanted to set the record straight and asked for feedback from the membership if there was something that he said, they did not feel right about so he could correct same. There were no objections about what was sent back and forth. A discussion about the cabins, the landlady and locked gates then ensued to make sure everyone was on the same page.

NEW BUSINESS

Camp Brinkley

The rangers had replaced the North side barn door with a new one, leveled the land in front of that new door and hung a separate entrance gate. They have also provided space separators within the barn for us. We might have to put a load of gravel in front of this barn door. They asked that we put the Porti-potties inside the barn so that people aren't attracted to use them.

Bryan Reightley reported that there was 5.5" of rain last week up there. It appears that the soil won't dry out properly to support heavy equipment properly till June. Bryan suggested that the club probably have to concentrate on how we want the layout the area. Chet suggested that next meeting program should be for ideas about what we could do out there and possibly start staking out the layout sooner, rather than later.

Bryan Reightley wanted some clarification about the membership notice about not to fly at the new field site because the site owner has not AMA insurance coverage. It was explained that while he would be covered by the AMA insurance, if the location he was flying at was not an official club

charter site, the owner of property would have NO insurance coverage via the AMA. So till there is site insurance for the scouts it is better not to fly there with the possibility of an accident. Club Secretary to check out if float flying would also be covered as that location would not be the primary site location.

Show and Tell

Chet Blake gave a talk and demonstration on the use of a wattmeter with a simple motor test setup using an ESC and servo tester to control the electric motor. His talk included information on how to estimate flying time.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary