

March 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President Mark Weeks at approximately 6:35 with 22 members and 1 guest.

Mr Paul Smith was the guest this evening. He was checking out the Club and it's amenities. Paul said he enjoys flying planes, heli's and quads.

Club Officers were introduced ...

- President - Mark Weeks
- Vice President - Bryan Reightley
- Secretary - Chet Blake
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Don Bailey
- Field Manager - Jay Bell - absent
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter - absent
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Mark called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No corrections were mentioned. The minutes were approved.

Reports

VP Bryan reported that this year's events are in the newsletter and online now.

First up is the Night Fly on 4/22 @ 6:30 pm followed by our First ever Glider Event on 5/20 starting at 10:00 an

Treasurer - There is still \$272.00 left from the 2016 field improvement budget transferred to 2017 Budget. We are doing ok on the financial front and membership dues are coming in, aiding the balance sheet.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 37 but 3 members haven't rejoined the AMA. Chet has sent reminders to them. Just as a reminder, You **MUST** belong to the AMA in order to be a member. By the end of the meeting we had 29 members paid for 2017.

Safety Officer - Don reported that been really busy and not there for a while but happy that there hasn't been any reported safety issues.

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 - Jay couldn't be at the meeting but there's no known issues to bring up. Ron Rueter does have a new 2017 mowing calendar on the web site and anyone can start taking time slots at any time now.

OLD BUSINESS

The North West Model Hobby Expo is now history for 2017. Some of the interesting assets were the Tiny Whoop FPV races and the open Fun Fly caged area. Both got a lot of attention and use.

The AMA leadership was there and great to see the Pres, Rich Hansen, Exec Officer Dave Mathewson, Mandy and our District XI VP Chuck Bowers along with the Assoc Vice Presidents per state.

The Club booth had quite a flurry of activity. Hopefully the curiosity seekers will come and visit and join the Club.

A gal named Karine who is part of the Autonomous Flight Systems Laboratory from the University of Washington asked about mapping the field as part of their autonomous flight project. We are hoping to hear from her/them after University quarter tests are complete.

Mark and Chet approached Chuck Bowers and will be inviting him to our events. We hope to see him at an event.

The Club now has a Face Book page up and running. Search Barnyard Buzzards and send a friend request.

\$90 Club dues are due by the end of business at the March 14th meeting. REMEMBER, you MUST have an active AMA 2017 membership.

Chet will be sending in the 2017 Charter to the AMA

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay Sandy \$5 for each Freeze-In patch.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay \$80 for the replacement banner that was on the Club booth at the Expo.

New Business

WA House Bill 1049, seeking personal info on R/C type aircraft did not go any further.

AMA credits this to the voice of you the membership writing in and speaking to representatives along with the presence of the AMA lobbyist.

Yearly membership dues are due by the end of the business meeting tonight. Chet has membership cards ready with the new gate combo.

ERMA held their midnight indoor fly-in. Tim went and reported that it was a good time, a midnight flight (no gymnasium lighting) and good food.

With the wettest Feb on record and now thawing snow packs, the field has an unusually high amount of water on it and probably very deep holes. If you have to venture out for a downed aircraft use EXTREME caution. With the higher water tables, everything is masked.

As stated, the mowing list is available on the Club web site www.BBMAC.net

The old white refrigerator is working for now. The one that was struck by bullets when someone shot at the door still needs to be scrapped.

Program

Don Bailey did a nice *Glider* presentation that will be very useful for our May *Glider* event.

The presentation will be on the Club web site as soon as he gets it to Ron Rueter.

Adjournment - 7:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary