

March 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pres. Mark Weeks Introduced the Officers;

- Mark Weeks- President,
- Vince Bell- Vice President,
- Chet Blake - Secretary,
- Ron Swift - Treasurer,
- Don Bailey - Safety officer.

14 members present

Additions or Corrections to the minutes - None Motion, 2nd and voted to accept as posted.

Officers Reports

Vice President - Vince announced the upcoming event dates. 4/21 Night Fly, 5/19 Glider Event, 6/12 Builder's Contest (at meeting), 6/23 Fun Fly.

Treasurer - Club Funds in good shape and membership dues are coming in at the meeting.

Secretary - Currently we have 36 paid members with the most recent member, Annabelle Vollema

Dues of \$90 final cut off is end of business tonight. The Club needs members to pay dues on time so future Club business and actions can be set up knowing what we have available.

Safety - Don talked about standing behind the plane and holding the tail for a power take off then move off the field. This is not good

practice if other planes are in the air since a dead stick could occur at anytime and dead sticks are emergency landings and take priority. Use good sense when out there and call out intentions such as 'Taking off to the north (left) or south (right)', "On the field", "Clear", "Landing", "Low Pass", Etc.

Field Manager - Jay couldn't be there but Bryan stood in as Assistant Field manager and reported that the BBQ cover that Jay kitted needs to be installed. As better weather rolls in we should put up the other car port in line or next to the original one.

The Barn upstairs is off limits. The Scouts have dragged out the heavy farm implements and screwed the upper doors shut as they are worried about the condition of the floor.

News Letter Editor - Hard copies available and your input is needed. Please send Club interest and event pics to Ron Swift and Ron Rueter

Web Master - Always looking for input, pics and Club news.

OLD BUSINESS - Ron Swift brought up that the 4 planes and items donated to the Club by Dick Broderson's widow has raised appx. \$1058 for our favorite charity. Awesome !

RC car/truck effort. Dart is getting pricing info on the type dirt we should use, recommendations from his friend Evan who is really into stadium short track racing. Mark mentioned that he has processed and talked about all the ideas, suggestions and concerns with the membership on the RC Car front and has decided to just enjoy it within the Club for a while and feel it out.

FYI, the AMA Insurance does indeed cover R/C car events and sessions, same as our planes and drones.

Mark noticed that there's a solid small pole building with cement floor west and down over the hill from the barn. It could possibly be the beginning of a lockable shed to get our stuff out of the barn and to a dryer building.

Pallets on Lost Plane Lane need to be re-anchored together after the rains subside and things drain off a bit. The high waters have floated them south and broken away from the original path.

There's quite a mound developing on the north end of the runway. Will discuss with Lenny when there's a list of work worthy of him bringing his tractor.

It was discouraging that the AMA District XI Vice Pres nor any Officials show up at the North West Model Hobby Expo. There were a lot of questions why. 2 past VPs were there and had no reason why either. Mark suggested to write the AMA and complain. Chet said he'd draft a letter and send it to the AMA Public Relations.

Mark personally thanked Ron Swift and Ron Rueter for keeping the newsletter and website running and always bringing in comments, along with the Face Book Page

We need to organize a work party for the lake area.

The need has risen about getting a storage shed or container

NEW BUSINESS - Dues are due by end of meeting.

Mark and Chet wrote letters to AMA public relations about the lack of AMA presence at the Expo. The new VP, Brian Wood gave Chet a long letter that basically said he didn't feel it was worth it. He had to plan out the money allotted and was going for the best bang for his buck and the NWMH Expo wasn't it". Chuck Bower and Mike Mosberger were surprised that the AMA wasn't represented at the Expo.

Ron brought up that he and Sandy are considering a Swap meet in Duvall the weekend of July 6, 7 & 8. Possibly held at the Duval Park or on Main Street like the quilt show Duvall has in the summer.

Vince brought up various ideas and suggested rules for the Builder's Contest. i.e., the Model should have been started in this Builder's year (from last June to this June) keeping them new models, not re-skinned models, etc. Vince to send out rules to be sent out via. email.

The storage shed Mark had talked about at last meeting has been commandeered by the Scouts to keep the heavy equipment that was in the upper barn. This was a safety precaution by the Scouts. **ALSO, the upper part of the barn is off limits! The barn doors are screwed shut to keep curiosity seekers out, the floor is very bad.** This led to a discussion about buying a shed or a container? Also where it might be placed and the ground work required to get a site ready. More to come as to what to buy and where to put it. Bryan suggested that it might fair well for us to get something that looks similar to the other buildings at the Camp.

Mowing season is coming on fast. Mark will talk to Jay about getting the web based Appointment Genius up and running for sign ups. This is EVERYONE's Club, please support it and sign up for a grass cutting time. The program will be on the Club website.

The AMA launched an initiative to educate new and seasoned pilots with the new advertising campaign titles "Even the Shy Has Limits: Learn the Drone Laws". It can be found at <http://suas.modelaircraft.org/> This covers both commercial and recreational drone flyers. The purpose is to educate new and seasoned drone pilots about 2 options available, the course info and the consequences of civil liability. The first option is the default law for FAA Part 107 regulations, also known as the UAS Rule. The second part is the only exception to the Part 107. That exception is the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and adhering to safety laws as

designed by a community based organization such as the AMA. Check it out!!

Mark asked if we needed flight instructors for Fixed wing, Heli, Drone and other? Ron reminded that he and Chet are fixed wing instructors, Mark has listed Paul Dibble as Heli, and there are a few knowledgeable members with some good drone experience.

Mark had been asked about videoing the programs and put them on the web or face book or both for the members and guests that can't make the meeting. This will be considered!

Program - Mark brought in his newly purchased FMS Firefly. A very creative open cockpit, led lit aircraft that has the ailerons on the ends of the wings. LED patterns and colors can be changed to individual designs or creations. Steve Anderson was familiar with the model and said it flies very nice and even mellow if throttle control is in ones' flying habit. Mark said he's like to promote more show and tell and encourages members to bring in projects and planes.

Announcements or Comments - Pro Aerial League Drone Racing event is being held at the Angel of the Winds event center (Comcast arena) in Everett at 4:00 pm, Sat. March 17.

Next Meeting program - Transmitter programming and channel mixing by Dart Sharp.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake, BBMAC Secretary