

## May 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:06 P.M., Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Club field with 22 members present.

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. Mr. Jason Cogil was present and subsequently joined the Club. Welcome Jason!

Next meeting is at the Club field, June 3rd. The meetings will be at the field until the October meeting, when we'll resume at Alfy's Pizza.

The June meeting will be the start of our Annual Charity auction which will conclude at our July membership meeting. Remember, when cleaning out your hangar, that any items can be donated for the auction. Fred asked for ideas and volunteers for determining the beneficiaries from the Annual Auction proceeds.

Fred went over the names of everyone that helped at the April field cleanup. A Big THANK YOU to all who participated.

Our landlord, Dale Reiner, had asked us to call the Snohomish County DOT and report the pot holes on the road to the field. It worked to some end, and the pot holes have been filled with gravel. Hopefully a paving will be in the future.

Fred asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written in the April newsletter. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Fred talked about the meeting with Dale and the Board. It was somewhat disappointing in the sense that it sounds like things had changed with Dale's intent for a park and summer cottages. Bottom line is we're here until Dale either gets tired of owning/farming the land or some BIG \$\$\$ come his way for the purchase. Dale's still thinking about the AG 10 idea. We should keep the alternate field committee active.

Fred introduced the current club officers:

President - Fred Hanquet

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Chet Blake

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

Vice President - Brian Illston reported that he needs help with at least one of the Open Houses. Please see Brian if you can help.

Brian has gotten signs made to attach to the fence about properly and loudly calling out your intentions, such as Taking off, Dead stick, Hand

launch, Landings & properly displaying frequency in the frequency board, etc. as a reminder to pilots.

Vests for the CD's and Safety Coordinator were made, Vince modeled the Safety Coordinator vest. He will be VERY noticeable!

Ron Swift and Randy Turner will be the CD's for the 1st Fun Fly. Sandy and Dottie will have the grill fired up! There's always room for someone who doesn't want to participate in the event to help, so c'mon out and kibitz, hassle, hang out and help.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we have 63 members This includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

The Builder's Contest conclusion is tonight.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3rd at the Club Field.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$7,440.99. The income from the builders contest is \$110 (11 entries) that will be split up amongst the winners..

Safety Officer - Vince asked that everyone remember that when there is no strong prevailing wind, use a "Right to Left" take off and fly that 'pattern' making right hand turns. Also, call it out as such.... (i.e.

"Taking off right to left"). Call out Landings in the same way. Watch taking off and veering over the pits.

All in all, things are going pretty smoothly.

### Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, but we need to get it going again..Pilot training - There are 2 active students, 6 inactive students.

Sound Management - The Club has bought a dB meter. Some sound readings were taken.....

Vince's DA 50 read 103dB. Tom Fixel's Stinger read 102 dB. These were both gas. The average glow .46 to .91 was 91/92dB. Brian Illston's electric was an unbearable 49/50 dB (or at least that was our heckling).

### Field Improvements -

Ron Rueter expressed his thanks to all that helped with the field clean up and emphasized that with a good crew (number of attendees) it was done relatively quickly and some good flying was had early in the day!

Thanks to everyone for keeping up on the grass cutting. So far the field, pits and parking lot are in excellent shape.

Remember to check the oil in the mower when you run it. It is burning a slight bit of oil.

### Old Business

The Annual Charity Auction begins during the June club meeting and will be finished at the July 1st club meeting.

August will be a 4 stroke rebuild demonstration

Sept will be a flying demonstration.

Ron reminded everyone that Craig Crummer's widow, Lorraine, called him about the items he asked Ron to sell for his estate. Craig had 'willed' the Club and his wife Lorraine, a 50/50 split on anything that sold. Ron recommended that the proceeds to the club go into the charity kitty. Ron brought a plane to show the type of aircraft that interested Craig. \$100 or best offer!

Brian Illston brought up the idea that was being kicked around about offering Dale a raise in rent. Discussion revealed that it would probably be more beneficial to buy him a gift certificate for \$100 at a nice restaurant. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to

buy Dale a gift certificate for Sockeye's in Monroe. Fred will see that Dale gets it.

Brian asked the membership their thoughts and would like to make the Field Manager a dues-free position. Discussion revealed that a nice gift certificate would be as good, if not better! A motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to buy a \$60 gift certificate for our field manager, Ron Rueter. Fred will pick up the gift certificate.

It was also unanimously recommended to keep the \$5 entry fee for Fun Flys and Combat events. This includes lunch. If a spectator wishes to buy lunch, they can do so for \$3.00.

## New Business

Ron Swift brought up the fact that we have 2 wind socks. 1 on the pole and another in the shed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to give Randy Turner the present wind sock, Ron Swift will take the stored one, clean and repair as necessary and return to the field.

We have a neighbor across Ben Howard road that is concerned about noise. It seems that since the wooded area was cut out and the pond created that sound travels his way more so than before. Fred has talked to him and asked him to attend one of the meetings so he can present his side of the issue.

Jim Reynolds has made contact with a Veteran's Therapy Manager, Julie Adams. Jim talked to her about the auction and what type of work the organization does for the Veterans. There are many events that they coordinate and every one takes money and volunteers. The money would be well spent there. Chet will ask Jim to send the details to Ron for the newsletter official write up.

### Announcements

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net . Please email Chet if you are not receiving the monthly notices, announcements, etc. via email.

### Program

The conclusion and judging of the Builder's Contest .....

1st Place ARF Award went to Gary Owens

2nd Place ARF Award went to Ron Swift

1st Place Kit Award went to Brian Illston

2nd Place Kit Award went to Fred Hanquet

Pilot's Choice Award also went to Brian Illston.

NICE JOB GUYS !!

Motion to Adjourn 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary