

May 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at flying field in Monroe. 22 members were present.

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of June - June 8, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. He asked if any guests and visitors were present. Mark Lockman introduced himself and became a member. Welcome Mark to the Barnyard Buzzards. As always it is great to see everyone who turned out.

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

President - Chet Blake

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 (absent)

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake commented that tonight was the builder's contest. He also mentioned the new field hours which are posted on the frequency board. As of yet the agreement between the Buzzards and Dale, the land owner, is verbal only.

VP - Jim Reynolds talked about the events scheduled for this summer. The first event is the Fun Fly scheduled for Saturday, June 12th, 2010. Jim passed out flyers for this event. Other events are as follows:

Open House and auction on Saturday July 17th,

Combat event on Saturday August 14th, (with a rainout day scheduled for Aug, 21).

A second Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th with a rainout day planned for the following Saturday, September 18th.

Jim put out a request for someone to volunteer to cook the hotdog's and hamburgers at these events. Ron Swift said he and Sandy most likely will handle two Fun Fly events. Luke Shegrud volunteered to cook at the August Combat Event.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$8,876.04 in the bank. The club is in good shape financially.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that with Mark's membership tonight the total number of Buzzards members is now 62.

Safety Officer - Vince reported that everything seems to be okay. He was wondering if anyone was reading the Safety column in the newsletter. Just about everyone present acknowledged they were reading the safety report.

Field Manager - Even though Jay was not present, there was a need to talk about the condition of several field tables. Brian Illston initiated the conversation regarding building several new field tables. The intent would be to replace some of the less stable and deteriorating tables. A motion was made to build 3 new field tables and seconded. Subsequent to the ensuing discussion about which version of table a decision was made on the table top construction made from 2 x 4's and extend by a foot. This motion was voted on and passed.

Another motion was presented to build one of the 4' x 8' plywood flat top tables. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Newsletter - Ron Swift takes pictures of people flying whenever he can. He suggested that anyone who has photos of flying at the field to send them his way. Of course, it is always great to identify individuals in the pictures. These photos eventually make their way into the newsletter which can be found online at www.bbmac.net

Old Business

Field situation: As mentioned earlier, Chet reported a verbal agreement was reached with Dale based on the proposal drawn up. The club's field and safety rules will be revised stating the new requirements as presented in the proposal.

Scout activity: Tim Baird reported the event scheduled for the Scouts was being pushed out - possibly until August.

Over the past month several members noticed the roller we use to pack down the field was missing. Inquiries were made of several club members to determine the status of the mysteriously missing roller. It turns out the owner needed it to do some work at his home. Mystery solved. Thanks to the observant members for keeping an eye out for the equipment and following up.

New Business

Chet inquired about where to post the revised operating hours. Ron Swift said he could laminate a few copies. These would be posted by the frequency board and possibly on the gate. The new hours are also a part of the safety rules.

Ron Swift stated he was once again invited to participate in the Index Arts Festival. Ron and a few other members represented the Buzzards at this event last year. The booth is free. Ron wanted to know if the Buzzards wanted to sponsor him at this event again for 2010. The club

agreed to sponsor Ron. These type of events are good for club public relations and visibility.

Ron also said he was invited by another Cub Scout group to support an event. This Scout organization has about 150 members. Again, he thought it would be good if the club sponsored this event. The club agreed to support it.

Rick Hanners proposed replacing the fence that divides the runway and pilot stations. An airplane sustains significant damage if it happens to contact any part of the fence. Granted, the fence is there to protect pilots. However, there should be a way to do a better job protecting airplanes. Various options were explored. One of the options was to extend the unmowed grassy area to 3 feet. A motion was made and seconded to extend the area of longer grass to 3 feet from the fence into the runway. The motion was voted on and passed.

Announcements

Remember the Fun Fly Saturday, June 12th

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. at our club field. All current AMA members are welcome to participate - \$5.00 entry fee. Anyone can watch for free. Food and beverages are available for \$5.00 per person (not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

Evening Program:

Builder's Contest: There were some fantastic airplanes at the builder's contest. These aircraft are evidence of RC enthusiast's fine craftsmanship skills. The following are the placement of the winners:

In the Almost Ready to Fly category:

1st Place Kim Volz

2nd Place Rick Hanners

In the Kit and Stick Built category

1st Place Phil Nixon

2nd Place Gary Owen

3rd Place Tim Baird

Pilot's Choice Award went to Gary Owen

Ron Swift, Rick Hanners, Bryan Reightley and Vince Bell were the judges. Congratulations to all who entered and thanks to the judges!

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser, BBMAC Secretary.