

May 2012 Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:29. Bryan announced the officers present:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Web Master - Ron Rueter

Vaughan Houser, Jay Bell and Ron Reuter were unable to attend the meeting.

John came by to visit

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Jim announced that we will be hosting the Fun Fly with the Arlington Eagles on July 28th at the field of the Arlington Eagles. This will be combined with our annual swap meet. We will also be inviting the Skagit R/C Club. The Arlington Eagles Flying Field is on 249th NE in

Arlington WA which is approximately 1 mile east on Highway 530 from Arlington.

There are three contestants and four planes entered in the Builders contest today.

Rick announced that the club is financially healthy

Vince announced that Dick still has all his fingers and they seem to still be working. He says that the only injuries seem to be at every other work party.

Bryan spoke to the progress made at the field. A good portion of the runway has been raked but more still needs to be done before seeding. Vince has built and delivered the frames for the pilots' stations. The access road is much improved (we wonder how much more improved it will have to get before Rick will drive on it again.). The perimeter cow fences have been repaired and cow tested. The fencing along HWY 2 that had been damaged by some of our overzealous work has been repaired.

Jay has called for yet another work party for this coming Saturday with focus on raking more of the field in prep for grass seeding and flying.

We have learned that the cows like to eat our orange flags so we may need to take them down. Perhaps to be replaced with painting the posts a very bright orange.

Jay has found a trailer we can rent for \$79 with a 6000# capacity to use to haul Jim's tractor to the field to try the rock rake. This rake is 5' wide and will pick up the rocks and lay a row of them to one side. He plans to have the bucket on the tractor by this Saturday for the work party. Plan is to rake up as much rock as possible and plant seed on remaining soil. Not to purchase top soil.

We Still would like to get the arrow from the old field, which, By the way, appears to now be a play field.

Ron Swift again solicited for any kind of contribution for the newsletter: Pictures, articles etc. Also he announced that he has plenty of printed copies for those who may need one.

Ron Rueter continually updates the website from out of town

Announcements:

Work Party this Saturday May 12 followed by open fly.

The mid field gate is better but still needs some attention.

Old Business:

The proposal that had been presented to revise the by-laws to require the elected officers to pay the same dues as the regular members was voted on and passed unanimously.

Brian was also able to renegotiate the contract with Arlene. Instead of a 6 month trial period, we will conduct a three month trial period starting May 1st. Then will pay for and remainder of year. This saves us \$1000.00 over what the original would have provided.

We have been asked, by Arlene, to make sure that the gates by the roads remain closed at all times while we are at the field. This is to ensure the cattle do not stray off her property.

New Business:

It was suggested that it is vital to get the newsletter out sooner to let others know of the progress of our new field and that it is now in use. Perhaps it would also help to include past member as well as current members in the newsletter distribution. And that we should make extra effort to extend special invitations to former members to an open house (to be held sooner rather than later) in hopes we may be able to reclaim them into the fold.

2 shovels and 1 rake have not made it back home after the work parties. Please check you garages and sheds for any tools that may have strayed to your homes. They are missed and their return will be celebrated!

Tim did get an estimate for Mole Patrol at our field. The initial planting of 12 traps would cost \$180 then another \$60 per visit thereafter to clear and reset the traps. He estimated that his may take 5 - 6 visits at a total cost of \$540.

Program:

This Month's program was the judging of the entries in the Builders' Contest. Three brave souls entered 4 planes to be assessed by the judges. Our Leader, Bryan Reightley took 1st place in the ARF division with his Great Planes Piper Cherokee and Tim Baird took second with his CMP Piper Arrow. Ron Swift was awarded 1st place in the Kit Built category with his Morris Models Jerry's Big Boy and Tim Baird took 2nd with his RA Cores Gremlin combat plane.

The meeting officially adjourned amid a light sprinkle in twilight. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2012, at our flying field in Sultan at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Tim Baird for Vaughan Houser PhD
Secretary