

## November 2012 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:35. Bryan announced the officers present:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Secretary - Tim Baird

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell - Unavailable

Web Master - Ron Rueter - out of town for the winter

Robert Patton visited us at our meeting this month. He is just coming back into the hobby after a long break. He has experience with gliders and some 40 size craft.

Kevin Ericson and Ryan Green found our website and decided to check out on of our meetings. Ryan had already purchased and crash a Super Cub and is hoping to find some instruction.

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 Reynolds Reminded us about the Christmas party coming on Dec 11th. Both halves of the banquet room are already reserved for our party. The other upcoming event is the freeze in scheduled for January 5th.

Rick Hanners presented our funds and budget for those finds including monies collected for charity.

Vince Bell had no new incidents to report so Bryan related a story from his job site. One of his workers had been using a high speed grinder with a cutting wheel attached to cut a PVC pipe. This pipe was supported at both ends. While cutting and with the grinder at full speed the cutting blade bound against the pipe and kicked back causing fairly extensive damage to his hand and wrist. Sometimes the most mundane of tasks can have serious consequences. Stay alert at all times.

Jay Bell was not able to attend. It was reported that the grass was freshly mowed on the previous Friday and the field looks great. The creek is full and flowing quite nicely.

Ron Swift has hard copies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos to be published in the newsletter.

Announcements:

We will need several volunteers to work the Northwest Model Hobby Expo coming up on February 8th, 9th, and 10th. This will include the club table as well as the swap meet. They will also be in need of set up and tear down assistance. The application has been filled out and turned into Ron for our club table at the Expo.

The club Christmas party is December 11 at 6:30 at Alfy's in Monroe. There will be pizza and salad bar for all who want some. Please bring a gift to exchange. Gifts will be placed on a table designated for the gender of the intended recipient. Gift suggestions include a Christmas ornament for the women and airplane related items for the men. Please, also, bring a desert for all to share.

Old Business:

No Progress to be reported on the Field markers

A suggestion was made last month to actively publicize an Open House at the Northwest Model Hobby Expo. Flyers with lots of information about our club and the field directions to the field could be produced and handed out at the Expo. Perhaps shoot for end of June. Call back cards could be filled out so we can follow up on those who expressed an interest.

Although a case was made to waive the initiation fee, it was ultimately decided to remain as is.

Some sort of recognition for benefactors of the continued development of the new field has been suggested. Ideas include names listed in the newsletter each month or a plastic plaque at the field a picture of those who have donated.

Nominations are still open for all club officer positions, and nominations will remain open until the December meeting when we will then vote. Luke Shegrud as graciously accepted his nomination for the club Treasurer. Currently the nominations are as follows:

President: Bryan Reightley - Accepted

Vice President: Ron Swift - Accepted Brian Richardson - Accepted

Secretary: Tim Baird - Accepted

Treasurer: Luke Shegrud - Accepted

Safety Officer: Vince Bell - Accepted

Special Service Award: Jay Bell

New Business:

There have been, of late, several cases of the main gate to our field being locked when club members have arrived at the field to fly. As an example, Jim recently arrived at the field to find the gate locked. He walked around the house and field for a while and never found

anybody around to open the gate. He has wisely vowed not to use the US 2 Gate so he finally just went home without flying.

Some asked if having some sort of schedule of when the gate will be locked might help so that we know when we may need to call ahead. It was pointed out that she did post a schedule originally that the gate would be locked at times from Monday to Wednesday but this schedule has not always been adhered to.

Bryan has had in depth discussions with our landlord on this subject. Bryan stressed that the gate being locked and unattended is not working for us. Bryan went so far as to offer to purchase the supplies needed to complete the fence on the other side of the roadway and then deduct the amount spent on this land improvement out of our rent for next year. This would, hopefully, create the situation in which our landlord may not feel the need to lock us out while allowing the horses to graze on that side of the roadway.

The discussion for the evening took several different directions. One of which was that our landlord should be reminded that the lease agreement was signed giving us open access to the flying field 365 day a year. At the time there were no ponies or horses to be concerned about and that since this is a change in situation that the landlord created, the landlord should be responsible for whatever land improvements need to be made to restore 365 day open access to our flying field. There is concern that if we fund and provide the solution to this issue, we may find ourselves perpetually in this kind of situation. To add support to this concern it was asked "Where does it end?"

Many emphasized that regardless of how it is accomplished, we need to make sure that the solution to this problem should not cost us any additional funds.

No matter how it is funded, the new fence will require the supply or purchase of additional fence poles and some sort of gate. We should have enough left over wire for the additional fence runs so add in some sweat equity and the problem should be solved.

Could there be an addendum to the lease agreement that provides a penalty for any time we find ourselves locked out for any reason? Or if we spend our own funds to solve a newly created issue we will be reimbursed with a deduction in rent at some rate higher than 100%?

Bryan also related the incident when Rick arrived at the field to fly on a Sunday afternoon when Arlene was out of town and had asked someone to watch the property and horses. On this day the gate was locked and Rick was not able to find or raise the house sitter to unlock the gate. Arlene was very apologetic for this incident. She indicated that she knows this is when Rick often comes to the field to fly and that the fence should not have been locked at this time.

Bryan made sure she was aware of the seriousness of this issue and that if this situation continues we could end up with a reduction in membership to the point that we would no longer be able to pay rent.

Ron offered to donate \$100 to make this "problem go away."

Rick Brought up that we have not yet decided a beneficiary of the funds raised from our charity auction. It was motioned that the Sky Valley Food Bank again be the recipient of the funds for this year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Additionally, it was suggested that we should include a food drive as part of the Christmas Celebration in December to add to the moneys we present to them.

The board was questioned about how strict we are going to be about the new Spotter rule. Bryan clarified that this is not a new rule but is a new program and it is suggested that we use a spotter. This should help us to remain mindful of our planes position as related to our flight zone. It is a suggestion not a requirement.

A member mentioned that he saw a note about a new member being locked out of the field but was not aware that his member had been cleared to solo at our field. We were all reminded that any active member can sign off a new member. However, it was suggested that perhaps once this happens we should notify all members that the new member has been cleared to fly. Maybe also include a picture of the new member, along with a write up about the new member so that we all know who it is. The form to sign off the new flyer is already available and is part of the process of joining the club. The Secretary should send out this notification.

Also presented was a question about the temp gate at US 2 entrance. It seems this idea has been tabled as the US 2 is not an officially approved access to the flying field so now additional fund or work should be allocated to making its use more convenient.

There is no new information regarding how much longer the cows will be in the pasture around the field.

Program:

Ron Swift shared his experience flying at John Rennert's "Lake Campout." Although there was not a lot of flying that day they had fun and learned a few things. (Webmaster: View Ron's presentation "Float Plane Flying" in Presentations)

Ron provided a very informational flyer with his presentation that not only provided a nice account of their float fly outing but also included great information about float selection and setup. The flyer is currently available on our website under the Presentations link.

Ron stressed that you should make sure the engine you use should have ample power and idle solidly. If you are going to fly your plane off of both land and water you should balance the plane with standard landing gear then change to your floats and balance it by adjusting the weight on the floats. He also mentioned that to take off from the water it is best to have some chop on the surface. A glass smooth surface can



hold the floats in the water where some ripples help to let it break free.

There is lots of information available about the installation and setup of floats on the internet. Ron included a nice article from the internet in the flyer.

He also talked about the fact that a good set of floats also works well for flying off of snow. As with the float setup, you can find plenty of information setting up skis on your plane for flying off of snow.

He added that the engine for snow flying should be set to fly rich and perhaps the head should be insulated to help keep it at operation temperature.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 11th, 2012, at Alfy's in Monroe at 6:30 P.M. Again this will be our Christmas party.

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