

November 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30 pm.

Introduction of Officers and guests: 15 Members and 3 guests.

President - Mark Weeks

Vice President - Ron Swift

Secretary - Steve Higgins

Treasurer - Dart Sharp

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Minutes from October Meeting approval: Accepted: Approved

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Mark wanted to thank everyone who worked to hard on the field improvements this year. Mark will cover more information in Old and New Business.

Vice President: One of our goals this year was to improve our overall event participation. On average, we saw around 12 people at most events in 2023. It was asked about the RC Car event, and Mark said he will talk about that in the new business. Upcoming Events are the Christmas Party, and the Freeze-In.

The Christmas Party is Dec 12th at 6:30pm. Sandy has been working with a couple of the other wives to plan for the Christmas party. It would be nice if we could get the entire room for the party as last year, we were a bit cramped. We have set a \$25.00 Max on the gift exchange presents. There will be a member's table and a wife's table. If you bring a gift to exchange, you place the gift on the designated table and will get a raffle

ticket. We will draw numbers for the order of gift selection. It was asked how many significant others would be at the party. Right now, there may be seven to eight wives at the party. The question was asked about Desserts; Steve Higgins offered to bring Christmas-themed cupcakes. Mark Weeks said he would get something. If you want to bring desserts, please let Sandy know so she can plan for this. We will bring a boom-box for Xmas music to have in the background. The club is going to supply pizza and soda for the membership.

It was asked if there was anyone who wanted to be the CD for the freeze in. Ron also talked about propane. We will have three propane firepits, and the field mgr. will check to make sure the 4 propane containers are full for the freeze in. The Freeze is January 6th 2024.

Secretary: We currently have 51 members. There are still a couple who are in AMA trouble.

Treasurer: Money is good. All bills are paid. We then went over the 2024 Budget. The annual non profit report with the state was submitted. The Donation check for the food bank was given to Ron so he could take it to the Sky Valley Food Bank. The 2024 Budget was reviewed. We also went over itemized expenses in 2023. We spent a good amount of funds on field improvements. Some costs have gone up over time. Questions: Food expenses clumped to 6 events throughout the year. Some events, like boats and floats, are complex due to not having the BBQ and other items like we would have at the field. The plan is to designate five events to have food ahead of time. The sixth event with food is the Christmas party budget. What was the insurance cost? This is the AMA club insurance that we are required to have. A few months ago, we investigated secondary insurance, which was much more expensive than expected.

The new board will look at the event's schedule in December. If you want to do an event, please talk to a board member, or when the newly

revamped website is online, it will make scheduling events on short notice easier.

In 2011-2013, due to the field construction and moving field the dues were \$100.00. In 2014 dues was dropped to \$90.00 With looking at the higher expenses and the projects in the pipeline the board proposed that dues are upped to: Full Member \$100.00 Student \$30.00 Family \$50.00 A motion was made and seconded. After a very short discussion a vote was held passed 14-2 in approval to raise the dues for the 2024 year.

Safety Officer: Vince hasn't been out to the field in a while. He hasn't seen anyone getting hurt. It's wet and cold but everyone is staying safe.

Field Manager: The field is wet off the runway... the field is getting soggy. With that the field is greening up and filling in. One more mow in December we should be good until spring, where we will continue to overseed and fertilize to improve the condition of the field. Dart got a semi free load of gravel and topped off the clubhouse gravel. Dart said it worked out great, he backed in dumped the rock and called Brian Douma... when he got back Brian had had shoveled the gravel into the clubhouse.

Newsletter Editor: Ron handed out printed copies of the newsletter... as usual, Ron has done an excellent job with the newsletter. If you take pictures, please send them to Ron or Mark so we can keep the newsletter going and entertaining. If you post them on Facebook Ron does use them when there is space or a shortage of content.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections: President: Steve Higgins

Vice President: Jay Wellen

Secretary: Mark Weeks

Treasurer: Dart Sharp

Safety Officer: Michael Conniff

Special Service Award:

Michael Conniff

Brian Douma

Mark Weeks

Dart Sharp was Nominated at the November 14th Meeting.

Voting will be active on Wednesday. You can do a write-in vote for club officers. Three Ways to Vote: There will be online voting, and a message will be sent out on Wednesday the 15th. You can email your votes to the entire board or vote at the December meeting. If you want to vote by email, send a message to steve@surette.com, or call Steve, and he will give you the contact information for the entire board if you don't have it.

NEW BUSINESS: Car Race Report: 1st Dart, 2nd Jay, 3rd Jason and Mark. Mark presented Dart with a Trophy with his name on it. We had a decent turnout for this and will do it again next year.

Temp power pole installation. Hopefully, Michael and Mark can get things installed on Saturday. (Weather permitting). Once the pole is done, the Rangers will get with the county and get the process moving. It was asked how long it'll take depending on the county.

The awnings need to come down. It's starting to get windy. Michael and Jason volunteered to take them down later this week, so we pull them down when dry.

Mark Weeks is working on a new web page design. Please let Mark know if you have any ideas about what you want to be included. I am considering including a Blog or messaging area and a meet-up area like "I am going to the field on Monday around 10. Bringing planes and a crawler." There is a temporary URL. BBMAC.club Mark is still adding to it but look and feel

free to make suggestions or comments to Mark. The plan is to put in 2 years of information and archive the rest.

Steve Asked if there was anyone there that is interested in Pylon Racing. Kevin, Jay, and I purchased some 15-foot-tall pylon flags. We were out there a couple of weeks ago flying UMX Ultrix from Horizon Hobby and had a lot of fun. Next year, once we get rules and safety guidelines outlined, we may have some pylon racing, much like the monthly car racing. We will probably have 2-3 classes; I worry about the higher speed classes that we may need to adapt some safety rules to keep everyone safe.

PROGRAM: ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:15pm.