

October 2011 Meeting Minutes

Barnyard Buzzard meeting minutes for 10/11/2011:

This was the first meeting of the Fall at Alfys Pizza in Monroe. President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. He introduced the club's officers:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Treasure - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Webmaster - Ron Rueter

Field Manager - Jay Bell

No new visitors or guests attended the meeting. 20 members were in attendance.

Officers' Reports

Secretary - Secretary Vaughan stated the club currently has 59 members. Additionally, he asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as presented in the newsletter. A motion was made to accept the September meeting minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved

Vice President - Jim Reynolds was absent. Suffice to say that there are only a few weekends remaining to enjoy our current field. October 31 is the last day we can fly at the field.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. He added that the refund from Dale should be greater than a thousand dollars. He passed out the budget for 2012. After reviewing the proposed budget he recommended that dues remain the same for 2012. A motion was made to accept the 2012 budget as presented. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell reminded everyone the importance of checking your airplane servo connectors periodically. Connectors can become corroded impacting your ability to control your airplane, which, most likely will result in a failure of some sort. Vince experienced this while test flying at a proposed new field. After a successful first flight the subsequent flight ended up in a crash due to a corroded servo connector.

Field Manager - Jay Bell was absent. There is nothing new to report on the field.

Newsletter editor - Ron Swift reminded all that hard copies of the newsletter are available. He also had fliers available for the 2012 Northwest Model Hobby Expo.

Announcements

President Bryan Reightley reminded everyone, to continue to be courteous to neighbors and visitors. Always good to do wherever you are.

Ron Swift stated that Sandy had items for sale if anyone was interested.

Events:

October 15th is the first annual "Frankin-plane" where members bring pieces, parts, and materials, when pooled together to create something that flies at the end of the day. This was a quick notice, but we'll see what happens.

October 29th will be the BIG Buzzard finale to our time at Dale's field. The day will be filled with fun, flying, fellowship, and food. Bring it. Start it. Fly it. Afterwards there will be an "Official lowering of the wind sock," to seal the end and transition to the new beginning.

The NW Model Hobby Expo is scheduled for February 10, 11, and 12. <http://nwmhe.com/> Organizer John Fooglesong has asked Ron Swift and Sandy Duvall to organize and host the event. Of course, that translates into opportunities to volunteer. Ron requested that the club secure a booth as in the past. The present club members made a motion, second, and agreed to support the event. Ron will have a schedule sign up in the near future.

Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Potential new flying field: President Bryan brought the group up-to-date on the potential new flying field. The location is close to 4 miles east of Monroe. We have a tentative agreement with the new landlord, who is enthusiastic about the prospect of the club being there.

This prospective field has a large space with which to fly and accommodate the club's needs in terms of field, parking, storage, etc. Bryan described the layout of the land. A couple club members tested out flying at the field. Aircraft noise was barely noticeable and in many ways drowned out by the highway noise from Highway 2. The field has a lot of potential to make it a nice place to fly.

Since we are in the process of losing our current field at the end of the month, we will most likely experience an overlap. Therefore we have a need to store some of our assets: tables, fencing, shed contents, etc.

A concern was mentioned regarding safety the proximity of the new field to Highway 2. A group of individuals (residents along Highway 2) have formed a safety coalition. How will we manage this concern?

Ron Rueter reminded us that even though we have a good possibility for a new home that we should still always keep an eye out for other field opportunities. It is kind of a just-in-case contingency plan. He wasn't suggesting that we lock in another field, but just keep aware of other options.

Chet commented on a prospective field in Everett: *Community Garden*. It too, apparently has good potential for the club.

New Business

2012 Club Officers' nomination:

President: Bryan Reightley

Vice President: Jim Reynolds

Secretary: Vaughan Houser

Treasurer: Rick Hanners

Safety Officer: Vince Bell

Special Service Award: Jay Bell

Program

Re-builders' Contest. There were two entries: Bryan Reightley and Ron Swift. Both successfully rebuilt airplanes crashed during the summer. Bryan was grateful for Ron entering his airplane as Bryan brought the prizes.

The meeting adjourned at around 8:30 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at Alf's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary