

October 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:33pm with 16 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Jim Reynolds
- Secretary - Rick Hanners
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Chet called for any additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No corrections or additions to the minutes were brought up and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Reports

VP - The news article relating to re-location of beavers was found. The whole re-location project, headed up by a local Indian tribe, involved a number of state/federal agencies to move the beavers to the west side of the mountains as part of a study to see if they will stay in their new locations. The study will include more re-locations. So the beavers at our field won't be re-located just because they annoy us.

Treasurer - The club treasury stands at a healthy level. We will be left with some money by the end of the year.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members. We do need to send in a report as to how the grant money from the AMA improved our flying field. Details to be worked out between the club President and Secretary.

Safety Officer - No issues to report but members need to be aware that they should stay a comfortable distance above the road when making a landing approach from the North as cars/trucks can suddenly appear, especially when they come from the West. Also the surrounding land around the field is getting boggy.

Webmaster - Looking for any stories, articles, pictures and anything else of interest to put on the website.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Also looking for any pictures, stories or articles for the newsletter.

Field Manager - The sprinklers systems have been dismantled and stored in the barn. The hoses that were laid out and used are now over by where the grader us to be. Those who want their hoses back, should come and get them. The field was fertilized and that has helped a lot with the growth of the grass. There are several light fixtures and switches that should be replaced by spring time. Also it is suggested to leave the Port-A-Potty's where they are and possibly to provide battery powered LED fixtures inside of them for lighting use. The mower needs a new battery but that replacement can be left till spring to replace. There is a possibly that a battery that Vince Bell has can be made to fit and work in the mower. Jay will see if that can be done. Jay is going to continue to mow the field till it is no longer feasible to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party

The scout lodge has been booked for our Christmas party on December 13th. The consensus of the members was that the party should be a potluck. There will also be a Gift exchange for both the guys and gals. A \$10 limit for the gift was suggested. How to run the potluck has not been worked out. We want to invite the Rangers and Scott Finley.

Grader

The grader that Robb Sarsten used during field construction, has been moved.

Dirt Hill

The dirt hill is supposed to be moved over to Camp Pigott at some future date by Robb Sarsten.

Hughes Lake

Nothing really new. Jim Reynolds did talk with Ranger Matt and the rangers will leave a boat with oars for us to use. There is also no objection to having a private boat left at the lake and it is OK if we want to leave it at the T dock. The mooring for the T dock needs to be checked so the dock can not swing against the shoreline. We have several extra locks that we can use to secure any boat/oars we bring plus the ones they will leave for us to use. The only concern the Rangers appear to have is that the little access road going down to the lake, should be clear enough that an emergency vehicle can get through, which would limit our parking along the road. Some tasks to possibly accomplish is to clear shoreline brush, put up setup tables and modifying the rails on the T dock.

Flight Pattern Approach Height Over The Road

There are now 2 orange cones on the fence that runs along the road but we would like to put up a 10 foot visual aid in the future. Jay Bell is going to come up with hardware to do this and set it up.

Miscellaneous

Thanks to all on the sprinkler gang for all the hard work done to keep the field watered during its growing phase.

Chet reminded everyone, that when you come into the field, after unlocking the gate, to roll the combination dials to help prevent the combination being noted by people walking the road.

For downed aircraft it is suggested that someone be with you when going out to retrieve an aircraft or at least someone know where you are. Have a cell phone with you, possibly wrapped in a baggy and high on your body just in case you fall into water.

A windsock still needs to be erected but a position for it has not been determined. It was suggested that due to the changing wind patterns from one end of the field to the other, to possibly put small lightweight windsocks at each corner of the field.

The screened dirt still is available at the quarry down the road near the small transfer station. A motion to spend \$300 for fill and associated fuel costs was passed at the September meeting.

The directions to the field still have not been changed. Ron Swift said he would correct that.

NEW BUSINESS

Reciprocal Agreement

The board had a meeting and decided that we had probably jumped the gun in wanting a reciprocal agreement with the Arlington Eagles at this time. The board felt that the field development had to be at a more finished level and the club membership level known before we should enact the agreement. Jim Reynolds was going to explain this to Arlington Eagles Contact, Joe Goffin, and assure him that we want to do the agreement but probably not till next year.

Chet received an email from Ted Becker, an Arlington Eagle member, who stated that he was told we didn't want to have the agreement as we wanted to try to siphon members from the Eagles to increase our dues base. It appears that the Eagles contact some how misinterpreted what Jim conveyed to him and this might have generated some bad feeling in the Eagles Club.

Chet provided a response to Ted explaining that we did want to have the agreement but that we didn't feel the clubs new field was sufficiently developed. Chet did point out that Eagle members can now fly 3 times a year without being a member plus our meetings are always open to the public. Copies of this response were sent to all board members plus various members of the Arlington Eagles.

Rebuilders Contest

The start of the rebuilders contest was overlooked at the last meeting and so the contest will be held at the November meeting. A notice about this will be sent out.

2015 Budget

Ron Swift left his handout copies of the 2015 Budget at home so he verbally went over the suggested changes from last year which included increases in some categories and the addition of a couple of others. The budget was based on a 35 member roster at a dues level of \$90. There was some discussion about various aspects of the budget and the line items that were presented.

A motion was made to accept the 2015 Budget as presented. MOTION PASSED. Dues for 2015 will be \$90. The Club Secretary will send out an electronic copy of the budget to all members via e-mail.

2015 Board & Service Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2015 Officer positions and the Club Service Award were opened by President Chet Blake. He reminded the members that others need to eventually step up if the club and even the hobby are going to continue. He also reminded the members that nominations will close at the December meeting, to be followed by the vote. The nominations are as follows:

- SAFETY OFFICER - Vince Bell
- TREASURER - No one was verbally nominated
- SECRETARY - No one was verbally nominated
- VICE PRESIDENT - No one was verbally nominated
- PRESIDENT - No one was verbally nominated
- SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD -
 - Bryan Reightley
 - Jay Bell
 - Mark Weeks

Miscellaneous

Scott Curtis mentioned that the last time he was out at the field, a fellow member cut themselves, so he wondered where our first aid was. Jay Bell said it was in the barn and would be refreshed with new supplies and hung by the Port-A-Potty's.

There was a special announcement and cake for Al Schmidt's birthday.

Ron Swift gave a small presentation on the conversion of a motor glider from brushed motor power to brushless motor power. He ended up eliminating more than half the weight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Rick Hanners, Club Secretary