

October 2021 Meeting Minutes

At 6:30 PM President Mark Weeks called the meeting to order on October 14th at Alf's Pizza and introduced the current club officers for 2021:

Safety Officer - Steve Higgins

Treasurer - Dart Sharp

Vice President - Bryan Reightley (Not present - moving stuff to Anacortes)

Secretary - Ron Swift - on ZOOM

President - Mark Weeks

Presidential Comments/Introduction:

9 Club Members were in attendance and (two through ZOOM). We have one guest, too.

Mark requested a motion to accept minutes as published - A Motion was made to approve the minutes as published, seconded. He then asked for comments, suggestions, corrections, there were none and the motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President - Talked to Bryan briefly just before the meeting...Asked Mark to report on the Floats & Boats Event. It was kind of a good event - We had 12 people Jason brought two submarines. Others brought boats,

planes and lots of other interesting models. The weather was spectacular. [Ron Beba on the grill with hotdogs, too]• Our club auction - we had many non-members attend this year. Ron placed ads on Craigslist.org, which may have helped this. We'll talk about the financials during new business...The Night Fly was scheduled to be that night after the auction, but the rain move4d in at around 2:30 PM and continued through the night. The event was not cancelled, but we didn't receive info from anyone about attending or flying. No fun for anyone for sure.

Secretary - Our club membership is currently 54. Mike Weisner joined and is now a member.

Treasurer - We're in the green in all accounts. No bills were received..

Safety Officer - Over the past weeks, someone crashed and put a hole on one of our shelters. No one owned up to having done this, but it would be our advice to own up to any damage caused by you. We don't want to attack the person, but need to know details and put together a plan to repair or replace our property. Just glad that apparently no one got hurt.. Saturday, a plane got out of control and on a landing attempt, the plane cruised through the pits. Had the pilot not shouted out early and the other pilots paying attention, someone would have gotten hurt. Out planes weighting 2 to 40 pounds and can certainly do damage (like our shelter!). The plane came down and hit the burn barrel! There is some risk in what we do. Someone also clipped the flag pole at the end of our runway, taking down the flags. We need to restore these ASAP. Ron mentioned that he brought some replacement flags and left them in the storage

container. [Jason and George repaired the flags and post. We're back in business]

Field Manager - comments from Bryan to Mark - Field manager is not at the meeting, but Mark talked to him about getting some fertilizer. We need to get it and put together a plan to put it down on the field. Couldn't remember whether we got 2 or 4 bags last year. Chet held up 3 fingers to help us remember. So 3 bags it is... Chet asked if the mower belt was replaced on "ol' Yeller". Yep, yep. A new belt is on the John Deere now. Both tractors are goo to go. Somebody brought out a bunch of oil for the tractors. Don't know who did this... Ron mentioned he brought out the oil. [Also filled up both gas cans with the ethanol free gasoline.] Brought string for the weed whacker, too. So, there is stuff out there for maintaining the field. Steve printed out the instructions for using the lights in the container and how to know that the walkie-talkies are charged or not. He plans to move the switch to the front of the container. Not getting many volunteers to sign up to mow the lawn

Newsletter Editor - If you have some pictures or have something of interest, please jot down something and send it to both Ron and Mark. You know, see a bear walking by, write it up and send pictures - we need to share this stuff! The corner store has copies of our newsletter and many read it. It is nice to share what is going on with our neighbors. Ryan and others came out to the auction and had a good time. You can see an airplane hanging from the ceiling at the store. Stop by and say hi if you have the chance.

- Note: Our program is Life Flight info and sharing. - Mark mentioned sending pictures to Ron for putting in the newsletter. Also we have our annual Rebuilder's Competition.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark mentioned that the information is already in the meeting minutes that were ratified earlier in our meeting. Everyone read the minutes and agreed with the contents. No additional info or activity has been submitted for these happenings. . So, we'll move on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

First thing: Ward has donated the engine from his Miles M20 that crashed when he and Don were flying it. It went down and Chet found it , amazingly saw a scrap of yellow using his drone. It was not in that bad condition. Ward said it needed some work on the ailerons and stuff. Wing loading was too high. Attempted to land at too low of speed and went down. Anyway, we will post the donated engine and info to sell it for the club.

Auction - we had guests as well as members. Somewhat not as many came out, but we collected \$715.00 for our charity and \$250.00 for Jim Reynold's estate. With the donations from the Boats and Floats event and the Club Auction donations, we got \$47.00, too. A really good event, our auction, with really good planes and parts. We will make a plan and take the money to the food bank [Sky Valley Food Bank In Monroe].

Port-a-Pottie committee report: Any progress on info or purchase of the unit Nothing new from Dart, Grant and Mark We'll move ahead once info is available..

NW Model Hobby Expo: - Ron gave an update on the club booth, swap table and more. Setup is Friday, October 29th. Nothing from AMA yet. [Masks will be required]. No fun fly this time, but open indoor flying. We need members to man the booth. Website has been updated with the latest info and floor layout. Mark asked Ron to send out a request and signup to help with our club activities.

Proposed budget for 2022 was structured from our expensed this year and the increase of the cost of most items. The result was to recommend keeping the dues at \$90.00. This will include an increased cleaning of the port-s-potties, helping to restore power and water at our field, more dollars for our event, doing the gravel expansion and more. It was mentioned that our suggested dues is half what other clubs charge. Motion was made to adopt the budget as it has been proposed. The motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. Mark will send Ron the budget so it can be sent to all of the members.

- Nominations for 2022 club officers
 - o Vice President (VP) - Paul Dibble
 - o President - Mark
 - o Secretary - Ron Swift
 - o Treasurer - Dart Sharp
 - o Safety Officer - Steve and Jason
 - o Special Service Award - Jim, Mark Weeks,

Program: Life Flight - Last Saturday the field was closed for training for those who use the helicopter to transport victim to the hospital. They originally planned to land on the field to the East of our field. Oops! They actually landed on our field. We moved the Safety

Barriers (fish net), tables, chairs away from the field and they used our field. Used the GPS coordinates posted on our frequency board and landed using those to land on the exact center of our field! Training continued - strapping the person (victim) on a gurney. A different way of taking odd - a cool thing to watch. Mark volunteered for the fire dept. for 26 years. No more for Mark - seems like an age limit. A great experience. Both Steve and Mark were there and relayed their prospective stories. They mentioned to keep white lights off at night - the pilot uses night flight goggles and it blinds him. Mark is sending a story to our district 11 VP for AMA.

Rebuilder's Competition - One entry a plane in progress by Jim

Announcements/Discussions/Info Sharing.

NW Model Hobby Expo is October 30 & 31 still on. Check details at 2022. More details will be added as the event gets closer. The club has two club tables, swap table and there will be some donation tables in the swap area for sure.

Mark received his FCC Ham license today - the Technician's license and now working on his General

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made for adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Swift, BBMAC Secretary