

## September 2012 Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:25. 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

Web Master - Ron Rueter

Rick Hanners was on his way.

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.

Jack Koos was visiting and will likely be a new member.

Rick Hanners reported on our financial health with a brief accounting of moneys we have on hand. We still have moneys with which to complete the field and the access road.

Ron Swift had nothing to announce

Ron Rueter Asked for member submissions of Build projects, photos, articles or other content that might be appropriate for our Website.

John Rennert won the first Monthly Photo Contest.

Announcements:

Our 7th annual Charity Auction will be on Sept 15th. There will be two tables, one for the Charity items and one for the Field Development fund. The auction will start @ 10:00 and go until all items have offered for bids with a target time of 2:00 PM. Sandy will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

Old Business:

We received an email for Jay that Bryan wants to share with the club.

Board Guys:

It looks like we need to cover 250' of road in the bog area to give us some chance of using it this winter. The price for the 2 X 4 concrete/asphalt mix is \$12 per yard. The fellow at the rock place says we need a minimum of 45 yards to do this for a 6" depth. That would be two tandem trucks at \$95 each. Gives a total of around \$800 with tax.

These are all minimums. We could do more. The rock guy also recommended that we use this for a while and then add the usual 5/8" minus later after we see how things shake out. Later would probably be next year.

What's your pleasure? Go with the minimum? Get more? Cover more of the bog area? ( Means getting more but keeping the same depth overall.) Not do anything this year?

What about the 2 entry? Shall we get some smaller rock now or wait until we may add rock to the bog road.

Your humble and obedient servant Jay

New Business:

Next Month's meeting will be at the Alfys in Monroe @ 6:30

Jim recounted a near catastrophe while leaving the field one day recently.

After Jim Was finished flying for the day he packed up and headed out the US2 gate headed west. As he straightened out in his lane he was faced with a car that had chosen that time and place to pass a car ahead of it. Jim was able to avoid the collision but it was close. Please keep in mind that entering and exiting US2 is a high risk proposition. Take care when you do so. Bryan stated that the US2 gate has served its purpose. We should all be using the access road to access the field.

Arlene is adding a few horses to her collection with the idea of using them for Vet rehabilitation and therapy. She will be adding a fence along the access road to keep them safely corralled. On the

weekends she will keep them corralled in their barn and an upper field. During the week, the horses have priority to the field between gates 2 and 3.

Jay quoted prices for crushed rock for the access road but did not include the underlayment. There was some discussion about the original plan of laying down more hog fuel then laying rock. In the end the club has agreed that we need underlayment or the addition of rock will be mostly a waste of time and money. 400' by 12 feet of underlayment should be roughly \$350. Due to the added cost of the underlayment for the access road and that the field is nearly complete with some money left over a motion was made to combine the funds for both into a single fund for field development. This was seconded and passed unanimously

There was further discussion about the quagmire area becoming a swamp again. This was caused in part by the excavator who cleaned out Arlene's trench/ditch this past year simply piled the dirt along an edge of the bank which blocked the water from draining into the ditch. With Arlene's blessing Ron will use the tractor to cut trenches into the mounds of dirt on the banks of the ditch to allow this water to run off.

It was also suggested and approved that the work on the access road be a priority and to do the work ASAP without any further delay so that we can phase out use of the US2 gate.

Arlene contacted Bryan a few weeks in a row about planes flying directly over her house. This is a safety concern and she wants it to end. She also is concerned for airplanes flying over the roadway and over other people's property. Add to this that a plane that Ron was flying for a couple of prospective members and for its maiden flight lost signal from its transmitter and spiraled into the field of a neighbor's property. The gentleman came over and had a pleasant chat that included his experiences flying RC Aircraft. However, his wife came over later and made it clear that this scared her quite a bit and that this would not happen again.

To this end, new rules have been suggested that includes that all pilots have a spotter beside them to help keep track of whether the aircraft is still in our space. This suggestion was accompanied by information that we recently added to our website describing the dangers of becoming too focused on our planes and not on the surroundings. The spotter will be able to help with this. Other suggestions included that we fly primarily in the west end of the field. We, as a club, are used to the west end of the field being smaller and more crowded but this is opposite where we are now. Chet also brought info about how Marymoor is handling out of bounds flight controls. There are two 18" wide pylons in alignment of the runway that mark the out of bounds area. This gives a clear and simple reference of where the flight area is. The message is: "Do not fly behind here!" the Red Apple flyers in East Wenatchee have a similar rule with pylons marking the no fly zone.

We finally have a scout day planned for our club again. This has been a long time in the making. We will conduct a ground school on

Wednesday evening, Sept 26, followed by a day of flying and BBQ on Sat Sept 29th. Please consider attending whether it is to assist with the scouts directly or simply by showing off your aircraft.

Program:

Ron Swift presented about buddy box set up and usage. He covered info on different manufactures and techniques to help the transition and use smoother.

The meeting officially adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct 09, 2012, at Alfy's in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please,

contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).