

September 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 14 members and 1 guest, Robin Maas in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Bryan Reightley
- Secretary - Mark Weeks
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web.

No additions or correction: The minutes were then approved.

Reports

VP - Bryan reported on the Combat Event cancellation and went over reasoning for it, he also talked about some ideas as to how we can hold it next year.

September 12th is the Float and Fly event. October is the Rebuilders contest. December 12th will be the Christmas party held at the lodge. January 2nd will be the Freeze-In.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 30 members.

Treasurer - Finances are in good shape, there is still money in the field improvement fund as well as money in reserves. \$610.00 is still allotted for field improvements per the budget.

Safety Officer - If you go out to retrieve your plane or copter please be careful. When flying or boating while at the lake be mindful of your soundings.

Newsletter Editor - Hard copies of the news letter are available, a number of copies have been sent to local hobby shops. Performance Hobbies has been added to the newsletter.

Field Manager - Jay reported on some of the projects that have been going on, grass is really doing well, getting time to do a fall fertilization. There has been some gravel added to the gate and barn areas to fill in potholes. Some dirt has been moved to the pit area to fill in low spots. Charging table power is installed. Thanks to all that have helped in these projects, Jay, Ron R., Chet, Len, Brian, Mark, Bryan.

Web Master - Rick's picture has been added to the home page. Items, stories, pictures are needed. If you come across something of interest to you it might be the same to others so share send to Ron.

OLD BUSINESS

Charging station was discussed at last meeting and will be installed close to the barn door. As of meeting date, the charging station is in place and operational. Blocks have been added to raise it off the ground, and make it easier for some of our taller members. Pavers have been placed. The switches inside of the barn are labeled and the circuit is installed on a GFI. Planned for later are to place a roof over the table and a 12v power supply. Thanks to Ron R. Jay and Mark.

Combat event cancellation; was not just safety reasons for postponing the combat event, some of the reasons were retrieving down planes, providing

a safe fly zone, for spotters and pilots. Ideas for next year, Flying from above corral area. Expanding area east of runway, lowering the water table.

Chet received his Contest Director Classification and Ron gave him a plaque commemorating his first event. (this did not happen at meeting but notable last month).

NEW BUSINESS

With the charging station in operation, and for safety reasons, there is a new policy in place to not allow extension cords to be run from barn to field.

Float and Fly event is coming Sept 12th at the lake, even if you don't have something to fly or float come and enjoy the event

October 13th is the Rebuilders contest, time to finish rebuilding from the accidents that you may have had during the summer.

Board is scheduling a meeting to adapt safety rules to align with the new field and lake usage.

A tinsel string has been added to the North runway near the road to help us track the approach heights. Reminder that with logging trucks, using the road you still want to be higher than the tinsel.

October opens up nominations to the executive committee for next year. Start thinking about serving on the board or, for your nominations.

For those who do not have good cell service at the field there was a recommendation to use two-way radios while off the runway excursions. Ron R. said that he had a pair in AZ and will send them up when he heads south.

Jay proposed a garden cart or a large garden wagon to assist in moving planes and equipment to the pit area. Watch out at your local yard sales for one of these items.

Announcements: Paul reported on a new Quad Copter store in Monroe across from the PUD. Its Website is:
<https://www.monroercheli.com> check them out and remember Paul is willing to instruct heli pilots.

Just a reminder that the field has only been open for 1 year and 2 months, and we have come a long way. Many thanks to all!

Program: Ron Rueter's "Proper Soldering Technique Demonstration" was very informative. He went over different types of solder, soldering irons and flux, paste. He described how each works, the application for each and did an actual soldering demo. Our thanks go out to him.

Adjournment 8:15