

## September 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM

President Weeks introduced the club officers:

- President - Mark Weeks
- Vice President - Vince Bell
- Secretary - Chet Blake
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Don Bailey

16 Club Members were in attendance - NO Visitors or Guests

No corrections to the Minutes as posted. Motion to accept minutes as posted were seconded and passed.

President Mark Weeks started the meeting with a moment of silence in observance of 9/11/2001 attack, those we lost and grateful thanks to the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Fighters, EMS and civilians who risk and give their lives.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Vice President - Vince reminded everyone the Fall Floats n Boats event is Sat. 9/15, Combat is Sat 10/6 and the Rebuilder's Contest is Meeting night 10/9.

Secretary - We have 41 members

Treasurer - We are in good financial standing and a healthy donation has grown for our favorite charity.

Safety Officer - No Report Submitted (Web Editor Comment)

Field Manager - Bryan reported that the mower is repaired. The PTO relay went bad and a local auto parts store had one.

With the recent rains and the sprinkler help the runway is much greener. Thanks to all that helped.

News Letter Editor - Hard copies available, always interested in pictures and articles.

Webmaster - Input has been slow. Keep in mind that the website is seen by anyone on the Internet, let's keep the Club image looking as great and active as it really is.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion to Amendment to the By Laws Dues section had been made and seconded to stand on notice for 60 days (or longer) for member notice that the following will be voted on. Amendment reads "A \$25 Reactivation fee shall be charged if dues are not paid for by the end of business at the March meeting. This \$25 fee will be added to the yearly dues and paid in full at the time of the delinquent dues payment". Some discussion followed as to the need. It was explained that occasionally there are a couple late payers. We used to charge the Initiation fee (1/2 the annual dues) as a penalty (this was dropped a few years ago). Having a deadline with a penalty should ensure that the dues will be collected on time and the Club can better see its budget for the year. This passed by majority '14 yea' and 1 'nay'. When annual dues time is near, emails and snail mails (those without email) will be sent out so everyone is notified well in advance.

The CL area has been mowed and can be used by those interested.

The Porta Potties were pumped, cleaned and recharged.

The Drone Event winning order was... Dart, Chet, Ron R, Vince, Paul and Dean.

FAA is reminding everyone that drone users stay clear of forest fire or natural disasters where fire fighting planes or official planes or helicopters might be needed. If drones are present, the Fire Fighting

planes and helis are grounded until their safety is secure from flying into unwanted drones. Don't give the FAA more reasons to shut down our hobby drones. If you see this type of action, stop and ask them (?) why they are doing that and advise them that crucial air drops will not operate with rouge drones flying around. We as a Club fly and act in accordance to rules at our Chartered Field and abide by the regulations.

Jay has asked that the sprinkler be set and the water timer be turned on at the end of every flying day, steadily moving the sprinkler north until and the end and start over again at the south end.

SRAC called Mark about working on a multi club event but no follow up so far.

The RC Car track is improving every week. Dart has 2 loads of clay/sand mix to be delivered. Steve Anderson bought a couple lengths of perforated pipe and long spikes to curb areas of the track.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The east side of the field has been brush hogged and it really adds depth to the open space and should serve well for combat and general flying since downed planes can be gotten to easier. If we keep it brush hogged once or twice a year it could result in a drier area since the residual water can dissipate easier.

The R/C Car track is coming around. Dart delivered more loads of dirt and Mark moved the 5th wheel trainer to the east side as a platform to stand on once it's planked to better see the track. Steve Anderson bought (2) 100' rolls of 4" perforated pipe and long spikes to form the lanes. Thanks Steve! (3) jumps were built while Mark had the tractor here. They have been tweaked a bit and more to come as we test it out. It's coming along at a steady pace. Speaking of all this tractor work, a strong rumor has it that the tractor fee was donated by a member's late

father. When you see the President, ask him if he knows anything about it. Thanks Mark! (no collusion, Chet promises :-) !

October meeting begins nominations begin for ALL Executive Offices. It's really a good opportunity to serve the Club and strengthen personal commitment goals. It's actually fun and satisfying. Maybe even a feather in your hat :-)

Oct meeting is also the rebuilder's contest. Have you broken anything and rebuilt it since last Oct? Bring it and have it judged, maybe a gift card is awaiting you.

Mark feels it's time to fertilize the field. We have a tow behind fertilize spreader so relatively easy job. Mark will be in touch with Jay or Bryan.

The placement of the new 'envisioned' shed doesn't appear to be able to be tucked behind the spruce as thought. There's an old road from the corral area and a HUGE rock in the way that can't be moved without adding cost by renting a bigger machine. Mark will arrange a group to set out some stakes to get an idea of where it can be built or land when the time is right. There is plenty of room!

Jay and Bryan have been busy sifting dirt and filling in low spots and seeding them. Be mindful of them and don't tear them up. If something divots them, repair it as needed.

Chet has emailed everyone a link to send a letter to your local representative to ask them to uphold the model aviation rule. The FAA and congress is once again trying to modify or remove it. Please help save the Hobby we all enjoy and love by sending in a letter. Have everyone with an email send in a letter!

Chet will check out the 2 wheel wheelbarrows to ease the work being done with the current wheelbarrow.

There was a motion to bump up the \$1425.98 donation fund to \$1500. The motion was then modified to add enough Club funds to make a \$1700 donation to the Sky Valley Food Bank. Motion made, Seconded and Passed. Ron and Mark will decide a day to deliver the check and collect the BIG smiles it brings.

There was a brief talk about R/C cars on the runway. It is noted that if deterioration, scarring or damage is done to the track they will be outlawed from use on the runway. "IF" there is damage, repair it.

Tim asked if anyone could store some of his airplanes while his home is being rebuilt. Ron offered storage at this place.

### **PROGRAM**

Show and Tell. Chet brought his UMX Timber with Floats option. It flies really well and he is excited to see how it does at the Floats n Boats event. He also showed his new FPV Nano Goblin which boasts a 45 to 60 minute flight time. It has a 200 mW FPV camera and uses 3200 mAh Lithium LION battery to conserve weight. The LION battery is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  the weight of the equivalent LiPo battery. AUW is under 255 gram.

Mark showed his Triphibian quad. Its boat shape lends it to a water craft when the back props are pitch rearward to propel it along. It's also a flying quad. Pretty cute and he is anxious to try it out. He also brought his XVERT VOL flying machine. Mark said it does great vertical take offs and landing as long as the plank wing is aligned properly with the wind, not against it. It transitions well to horizontal flight at  $\frac{2}{3}$  throttle and a blast to fly. It uses independent motor controls to turn (like a rudder) and flat spins are crazy fast and fun. There are lots of fun and great things coming out constantly. If you buy or build something please bring it to the meeting and show it off.

ADJOURNMENT 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted by Chet Blake