

October 8th Meeting Minutes

Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

16 Members were present and Zero guests

President – Steve Higgins

Vice President – Jay Wellan (Work Trip)

Secretary – Mark Weeks

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Michael Conniff

Minutes from Sept Approval: Approved

OFFICER REPORTS:

President:

Looks like more members are using the sign in sheet, this is good. The sign in sheet is important so we know who to talk to if concerns/problems arise. Thank You! And keep it up!

I personally picked up two empty water bottles out at the field on Saturday. Not sure if this is us, but make sure you pick up after yourself. We don't have trash bins out at the field because it'll just attract wildlife, so please pick up your trash.

Vice President:

Boats and Floats #2. We had a good event, there was lots of cool stuff but not many airplanes, but lots of Boats (Power and Sail) and rumor has it there was a submarine as well. Dart was able to get his ROV figured out (by reading the directions), and was able to take some videos.

Race 6 of the Car Racing: Lots of good racing!

Glider Event #2. There were 11 fliers and one visitor. Not a whole lot of lift for those of us flying Radians, but the balsa birds did very well! I was happy to see so many out for the 2nd glider event of the year! Mike Bradshaw from the Arlington Eagles flew

in the event as our guest. Jim Stewart took first place, Mike Bradshaw took second and Bryan Reightley took third. There was just a couple of points difference between 1st and third. Great job guys

Secretary: We currently have 48 members and no one is in AMA default.

Treasurer: Dart reported that all bills submitted have been paid, and we have money in the bank still.

He also presented a proposed budget to the membership. If you have any questions regarding the budget get in contact with him. In the next month the board will get together and set the dues and finalize the budget for 2025.

Safety Officer: Michael reported that he has not heard of any safety issues. And he wanted to remind everyone to use callouts when you are on the field. Remember we area aging population and some of our hearing is not what it used to be so SPEAK UP!

Steve reported that he had a very close call with a battery. "I put a 3S2200 on the charger, after about 20 mins I heard a "Pop" almost like the sound a two-liter bottle would make after squeezing it. I couldn't figure out what the issue was until I looked at my charger, it had shut off due to over temperature. When I opened the BattBox the battery had swollen up and was very hot.

What had happened is the balance board connection had already been damaged from a battery screw up, and I had not paid attention to what connection I plugged into the balance plug. I had even marked this connection to not use.

My lesson... I should have replaced the balance board a long time ago, I shouldn't have been using it, but the Battery Temp sensors, and maybe the BattBox saved me from a potential fire. "

Field Manager:

- We now have power in the clubhouse, thanks to Len, Brian, and Michael for digging the ditch and running the pipe.
- The North side of the road has been really wet all year. Mike and I went looking for the culvert ends. They could not be found so we dug a temp ditch to

allow the water to drain. In 3 days, the water level on the north side of the road has dropped nearly 2 feet.

- Proposal to build Railroad bridge over the creek. Need to talk to Rangers
- Car track has been cleaned up, the old car and trailer have been moved to a new location. Area scraping will happen as soon as possible.
- Crawler area has been re-worked. It still is a work in progress, but Brian and Len have a plan. If you have any ideas, please feel free to chime in.
- Len helped me get the tractor back running so it's back to mowing as weather and time allows.
- Mike Crews finished cutting the brush both south and east. It has really opened the visual area. THANKS
- And Thanks to everyone who has helped this year with field maintenance and special projects.

Newsletter Editor:

If you have any pictures that you may have taken in the field, please send them to Ron Swift or Mark Weeks, and we will get them on the website or in the newsletter.

Web:

We need pictures from the events or just about anything else on both the Web site and the Newsletter. Please send it to Mark or Ron, and they will share it;

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron brought up the Club historian proposal again. If you would like to be part of the team please let a board member know. Ron has volunteered to be on the committee. Mark will send out a message asking for a couple more volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Animals at the field: Make sure that you are leashing your pets, and please make sure to pick up any waste. There have been reports by several members at the field of dog poop that has not been picked up.

What's App: Over the past two years we have been using Verizon+ text channel to communicate between membership. There were about 14 to 15 people on this text channel. Verizon has discontinued that application. We are considering moving

this over to WattsApp. This app is nice because it's a messaging application and does not send and receive via SMS.

Another reason for this is using this application would be beneficial to sending message to the entire club. There at times seems to be a disconnect from some emails sent from the club Secretary.

Mark will send info out soon.

Steve and Mark are more than willing to help anyone who wishes to join this list, also help download, install and setup the application. Another reason for this is using this application would be beneficial to sending message to the entire club.

Since the Application is tied to your phone number, messages would go directly to your phone. This would allow any member to directly contact another member as well.

The one issue that I can see is every member would have the phone number of every other member in the club, in the past we have not passed out contact lists because of someone using this list to sell items. If you are on this list any use of this contact information for non-club activities will be frowned upon and could result in removal from the group or club expulsion.

The 2024 Board is current working a proposal to share with the 2025 board, for the 2025 schedule.

We are getting complaints as to the number of events we have. Some are saying we have too many events. To respond to this, we would like to limit events to one weekend day per month + car racing on a day that does not conflict with that event.

In My Opinion we need to be careful going too far with this, events do draw membership, and these events also allow prospective members to fly at the field to see what its like. Not having events eventually causes club membership to dwindle due to lack of engagement.

So, with that, if you have events, that you like or dislike, please talk with a board member and let your opinion be known before we make our recommendations to the incoming 2025 board. In the coming few weeks we will be sending out a survey on the events.

Board Nominations:

President: Steve Higgins

Vice President: Jay Wellen

Treasurer: Dart Sharp

Secretary: Mark Weeks

Safety Officer: Michael Conniff

Special Service Award:

Michael Conniff:

Anytime something is needed at the field Michael has been on it without question and without fail.

Mike Crews:

Within a week of rejoining, Mike brought out some heavy equipment and cleared the brush all the way to the stream, this is beneficial to the club as it helps with water evaporation and makes getting downed models out there much easier.

PROGRAM: DJI Neo From Mark and Dart.

Mark brought his new DJI Neo to share with the club. Its 187grmas so it does not need registration with the FDA. While some call it a fancy selfie stick it is still a pretty fun little quad that can do a lot with the small package. Mark will post a couple of videos in the next few days

Announcements: Ron reminded the club that the fall swap meeting is coming up at the end of the month 26th and 27th. He can use help setting up and tearing down the tables. Please contact him with any questions.

ADJOURNMENT:7:33

