

September 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

There were (28) members present.

The minutes for the August meeting, as previously emailed to the members, was approved unanimously.

September 2018 Birthdays were recognized as: Bill Hamby, Butch Fortin, Rod Stauffer, John Winesette and Joseph Combs.

New member Gene Ireland was voted in as a provisional member.

Ken Kayser reported the September Operating Balance as \$11,576.94, with a total bank balance, including the Future Fund of \$7,000.00, sitting at \$18,576.94. Said budget was also unanimously approved by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

- Michael Holbrook reported that Electric Event was a huge success, clearing \$2,784.62, with (65) registered pilots, a club record. Michael gave many thanks to all those who helped out, such as, Rod Stauffer, Randy Covington, Ken Blackford, Ron Mealga, John & Jennifer Welcome, Chris Baker, Howard Bass and all of the pilots, especially people that registered but did not fly.
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- Charlie Lasley asked all members present if they think we should advertise the Swap Meet as having (300) tables. Ken Blackford stated that we can have tables available if needed and only get charged on the tables we use. Many questions came up about how to manage the wall tables and if we should have a "Static Display Competition". Ken Kayser reminded that club that we really don't have to vote on anything at this time since there is no cost involved and that it is always the CD's decision on how to run the event. It was decided that Ken and Nelson should get together and discuss the option in more detail, as well as Rod and Ken to discuss how to manage the table layout. Charlie also mentioned that John Welcome offered to push and handle the social media advertising. Rod noted that all details should be finalized before we begin any advertising. Both Rod and Ken stated that they would try to bring some new information to the next meeting.
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- Charlie Lasley mentioned that the Clover has been sprayed and that the seed is already paid for and ready to go down.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Mealga suggested that the club put in a flag pole to fly American and AMA flags. He recalled seeing that many other events honor their flags before the event. Ron suggested a

40' tall pole placed near the wind sock pole. He spoke of getting flags about 5' x 5' or so in size. While Ron suggested using simple pipe, Ken Kayser suggested that since we do have money that we purchase a nice pre-fabricated factory pole. Butch Pendergrass talked about a particular style of pole that he has at his business that is dropped into a sleeve and can easily be taken down to service. Ron was asked to pull together some pricing and dimensions. Everyone was in huge favor of the idea of having said flag pole.

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- Jeff Sharp asked that we ask all visitors and pilots, during events or other casual times, to keep all of their pets on a leash, reciting seeing a dog running all over the field which could be dangerous. All board members as well as others thought this was a great point of concern. Ken Kayser mentioned that this is a safety issue and that not only should the safety officer and CD be aware of this, but all of us should step up and politely mention to the pet owners that we do have it written in our by-laws that all pets should be on a leash.

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- Howard Bass asked that everyone, including visitors during events, be very careful when parking on the far-right side of the field since it is usually very soft and wet.

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- Butch Pendergrass noticed that a really large swath of corn had been knocked down by someone. He went on to remind everyone that it wasn't that long ago when one of the farmers was very upset about the same thing happening. He asked everyone to please, please be careful and be considerate to the land owners and farmers and walk between the rows and not carelessly knock any of the corn or any crop down.

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- Charlie Lasley stated that he will not be running for President next month and that he will be nominating Michael Holbrook as President. He went on to say that next month is when board nominations are accepted.

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- Charlie Lasley mentioned that he did notice some of the recent activity on the RAMS Facebook page and admitted that he didn't understand what was going on. Ken Kayser said that the main website used to read "Promoting all types of RC flight" and that it needed to be changed to be more accurate and read "Promoting most types of RC flight." Ken went on to say that the club doesn't support several types of RC flight, like, pylon racing, slope soaring, control line and many others. Ken also stated that since the FB site is a public site he asked that if anyone has any issues with the FB site, the club website, the club itself, members or board members that they please talk to the board first before posting anything on social media that could be viewed by the mainstream public.

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- Michael Holbrook mentioned that while he will always support the club, and after hearing that Charlie is going to nominate him for President, he asked for anyone to please nominate whoever they honestly feel is right for the position.

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- Ken Kayser went on to say all board positions are always open for nominations in the month of October each year.

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- The 50/50 was won by Butch Pendergrass who netted \$42.00 while the club gained \$41.00.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Ken A. Blackford

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