

February 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

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

There were (26) members present.

February 2019 Birthdays were recognized as: Mike Hurley, Chico Arguello, George Shrek, Ed Wolfkamp, Dell Gardner, Gary Barnes.

Special thanks went to Chris Baker who removed a tree that had fallen and very nicely cut it up and stacked it in nice piles. Chris also noted that someone disassembled one of the gates from probably being locked in, but Chris and Howard Bass took the time to re-assemble it all back together. Many thanks went to both guys for their time spent on fixing the gate.

Previous and new member Bradly Wiedel was voted in as a provisionary member.

Treasure James Miller reported a Bank Balance of \$21,394.27 with the Operating Balance is \$13,984.80. No questions were asked of James about the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

President Michael Holbrook spoke to the current reasoning behind the proposed budget for 2019. Michael stated that the events budget for last year was \$8,000.00, and while we saw record net numbers in some of the events, we still fell short by approximately \$400.00. He stated that it might be hard to expect the same for this year, but the board decided to leave the events budget the same at \$8,000.00 as a target. He went on to mention that this year the membership budget is based on only (75) members and that while the current membership is already at (71), we are already over what we took in last year. Michael also mentioned that the field maintenance budget was dropped from \$7,000.00 to \$5,000.00 as we didn't spend near \$5,000.00 last year on the field. Proposed budget was approved unanimously by all members present.

Michael went on to speak about the Shelter Project and why it was tabled until February 2019, mainly due to the high cost of the buildings on concrete slabs. Before Chris Baker presented several options, Michael spelled out what the membership could vote on tonight. 1) Purchase brand new metal carport style buildings - 2) Fix the existing Shelters to a safer condition (approx. \$800 - \$900.00) – 3) Refurbish the existing Shelters, paint and all (approx. \$2,500.00) – 4) Do nothing and live with the existing condition the Shelters are in.

Chris stated that after evaluating the condition of the existing Shelters he concluded that all of the perimeter 2 x 8's would need to be replaced. He went on to say that the tin is in pretty good shape but warned that if we wanted to paint it we'd have almost 3,000sq ft. to paint which could cost approx.

\$850.00. He went on to say that the club would be looking at \$1,700 - \$1,800.00 in just timber (not including paint) to thoroughly fix it up. He stressed how the club really needs to do something before we all end up "wearing it".....meaning, before it falls down on us.

Chris mentioned that he did find a local company (Eagle Carports, up in Mt. Airy) that has a 18' x 21' x 6' option building x (4) buildings would cost \$5,326.00 installed, or a better "Hat Channel" tin style that runs vertically for \$6,137.00 for (4) buildings installed. He went on to say that we could go to 7' high for only \$60.00 per building more for a total of \$240.00.

It was asked if the (4) buildings would give the same amount of shade as the current Shelter, and the answer was no, in that (4) would give only about 80' of coverage compared to the existing 120'. Michael explained that if you were standing at the flight line and looked back, that all (4) buildings would look like a saw tooth, with the tall ends facing out towards the field.

Chris did mention that he will have \$400.00 to donate towards the price due to some work he is currently doing, while Michael added saying that there would be some other donations as well. It was also reminded that said new buildings could easily be taken down and moved if need be. Michael did say that our lease is up for renewal in a couple of years and that Tony is working on the new lease right now which should be done soon but reminded the members that while \$6,000.00 might not seem like a lot of money, it could be money we might need if something went wrong. Butch Pendergrass went on to report that the City of King did not get their grant for the Water Treatment Plant project and that said project is basically dead. Many people discussed the different orientation options of the buildingsi.e.....spaced apart approximately 10-12', touching edge to edge and how to deal with the water run-off. Other questions came about such as height, metal thickness, and gravel.

The first motion was amended to spend the very minimum and make the existing Shelters safe. Said motion was defeated.

A second motion was made to refurbish the Shelters with paint and all but not to exceed \$2,000.00. Said motion was defeated.

A third motion was made to refurbish the Shelters with good paint or new tin, for \$2,500.00. Said motion was defeated.

Steve Usher spoke the fact that a much less expensive Latex paint could be used. He made a fourth motion to refurbish the Shelters as best we can but using a less expensive paint method. Said motion was approved but voted down.

A fifth motion was made to purchase brand new buildings that Chris had proposed for \$6,100.00, 6' tall buildings + \$1,000.00 in gravel + labor + labor to remove the existing Shelter. Said motion was approved but voted down.

At this time, President Michael Holbrook exercised his right to table the Shelter discussion as more figures needed to be gathered before the next member meeting.

George Welcome reported that the best dates for the Giant Scale Event are September 13 – 15th. Said dates were approved.

Ken Blackford reported that the sanction for the Swap Meet was approved and that he is ready to start pushing the flyer on FaceBook and Social Media. He asked Michael Holbrook if they could get together sometime for 15 minutes or so to help him post the event properly on FaceBook.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Baker suggested putting a sign on the gate with contact information and phone number(s) in case someone did get locked in. Howard Bass offered to post his phone number on said sign. Ken Blackford offered to work on said sign.

James Miller stated that while looking at the cost of seed and fertilizer he decided to suggest not grooming the far-left side of the field from the underground drainage line out to the road but still maintain the lease, so the farmers don't take it back. He stated that we could focus more money on smaller areas since hardly no one ever uses that area of the field. Several people mentioned that it is nice to have that extra space, especially for larger aircraft, to run out into.

Ron Melaga asked how long it would be until we get some more gravel. Michael Holbrook asked if the club could wait until after the wet Winter but said we would certainly get some if the absolutely needed it.

Michael Holbrook reminded the club how "Roberts Rules" works in trying to manage a meeting and how he is trying to let everyone have their voice be heard, like they should be.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

The 50 / 50 was won by Ed Wolfkamp who donated his share back to the club, giving the club \$81.00. Many thanks went out to Ed for doing so.

Ken A. Blackford

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