

March 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

There were (31) members present.

Club President Michael Holbrook opened with comments asking for everyone to please be patient and to hold all sidebar conversations amongst themselves down to a minimum as there are many very important things to discuss. He also asked for people who are speaking to please stand up so everyone one can hear them and for everyone else to show said person respect while speaking. He went on to say that the board did meet and discuss many shelter options as Howard Bass acquired (7) physical quotes and that the quote he did sent out was what the board agreed was the best option. He also mentioned that only (1) out of the (7) board members was against new shelters.

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

March 2019 Birthdays will be: Mark Kurtz, Scotty Myers, Matthew Josey, Philip Grimes, Nelson Hole, Phil Vance, Tom Arcure, Larry Cantley, Dave Bolue and Ken Kayser.

Special thanks went out to Butch Pendergrass for cleaning up another tree. Butch mentioned that Ed Wolfkamp also helped.

New member Mark Brunner was voted into the club as a provisional member. Welcome Mark!

Club Treasure James Miller mentioned that Philip Grimes is asking for his annual equipment repair loan. Said loan was approved for \$800, bringing the balance to \$885. He went on to report a bank balance of \$21,835.55 with year to date expenditures of \$3,830.20 leaving an operating balance of \$14,835.55. Said budget was approved.

Michael Holbrook went on to discuss a current membership count of (78) members with revenue of \$8,598.87 stating that last year we took in \$6,969.98 for the whole year. He thanked the club for approving the increase in dues as it is very clear the plan is working.

OLD BUSINESS

Michael mentioned that at this time he choosing to table the discussion to add another \$3,000.00 to the Future Fund and that we will discuss it again at another time.

Michael stated that there are several things the membership can choose to do as they relate to the Shelters.....1) Fix up the existing Shelters to a safer condition.....2) Purchase new Shelters.....3) Do nothing at this time towards the Shelters.....and or yet a new 4th option. Before describing said new 4th option he went on to remind the club to look at the left "Planned" column on the budget and subtract the approximate new Shelter cost of \$9,000.00, leaving approx. \$2,000.00, followed by subtracting the proposed \$3,000.00 for the Future Fund, thus leaving a negative balance of \$1,000.00. He went on to remind the club that while the planned income for events for this year is \$8,000.00, stating that we didn't quite make this amount last year while breaking event records at every single event. Michael

expressed that if we have just one rained out event we could very easily wind up in the hole while another member went on to say that we could have two rained out events. Michael continued by saying this could still happen even though we have already taken in \$1,500.00 more in dues revenue. He followed up stating the membership could vote to create a Shelter Fund and move the previously intended \$3,000.00 Future Fund money into the new fund. After a couple of successful events pass the members may choose to put another \$3,000.00 into the shelter fund at that time. The Goal will be to raise about \$10,000.00 this year which will be used to purchase the Shelters when funds are available.

Michael stated; "For this avenue, every member may not get everything they want, but all members do get something they want regarding new shelters eventually being purchased." It appeared to be the only solution to guarantee all members get some sense of compromise.

It was reminded that Future Fund was put in place in the event the club loses its field and needs to spend money to put the field back to its original pre-club state. It was then suggested that since the original contract for the Future Fund is only \$5,000.00 and that the recently added \$2,000.00 could be pulled out and put into proposed Shelter Fund.

It was stressed that the club could find itself in a bad situation if something were to go wrong,...i.e.....bad weather for events, unforeseen field expenses, etc, etc..

Howard Bass spoke about the quotes that he physically gathered for new Shelters from TNT. 20' x 21' with 7' legs and Mobile Home anchors at each corner, non-certified, for \$5,877.00 for all (4) structures. While Howard expressed great concern about putting the club in financial risk, he did state that if that membership really does want to proceed, if (75) members were to sign up and register for all (4) field events, that we could almost generate \$8,500.00 which would be plenty to go towards the Shelters.

Concern was expressed in having a 10' space between each structure. Several pros and cons were discussed. It was mentioned that the plan would be to have (8) gutter drops that could go into 8" drain tubing. Some discussion took place about moving a section of the existing Shelter followed by concerns that it simply is not strong enough. The proposed 7' leg height was questioned stating that if you have something larger than an electric model and sitting on the table, it could be problematic in being too low. It was mentioned that it would only be about \$60.0 per building to go up another foot.

Many thanks went out to all of those who worked to put the Shelter proposal together.

A motion was made to set up the proposed Shelter Fund and move \$3,000.00 to the fund immediately. A motion to approve was made, then second, brief discussion was called for and then a vote taken. The motion carried 25 in favor, 3 not voting and with 3 opposed.

A motion was also moved to spend \$400.00 to try and fix up the existing Shelters. It was questioned if \$400.00 would be enough. It was also asked who would do the work. It was proposed to take another look at what it would take to fix the Shelters at a minimum. It was agreed to amend the motion and have Chris Baker look at the cost once again. Said amended motion was passed with one opposed.

Ken Blackford presented the new gate sign that would replace the old yellow sign at the gate. He also stated that he has yet to draw up the other gate sign that would have Howard Bass phone number on it for people to call in case they are locked in behind the gate.

Michael Holbrook spoke for George Welcome who was not present in that the Giant Scale Event Sanction was approved and looking good. George is on it!

Much appreciation went out to Ken Blackford who provided CAD drawings for the meeting and making the new gate sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Dollenmayer reminded the members present that if you have someone who is wanting to learn to fly that you must register them via a form on the AMA website. Said beginner pilot will still have to fly with an instructor. By no means, if the person has no AMA they cannot be taken to the field and allowed to fly without filling out the proper paperwork through AMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

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

Ken A. Blackford

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