

## July 2020 Minutes

The Clubs Third "Zoom Conference Membership Meeting" was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by club President and Host, Michael Holbrook.

(15) people were on the call.

Michael started by saying that the Board did meet right after the last meeting and that they talked about the putting together a "Fencing" committee to gather more information on a Fence.

The June Minute were approved by all members on the call.

Birthdays for the month of July are: Butch Pendergrass, George Sudermann, Ron Rose and Johnathan Young.

Club Recognition went out to Ken Blackford and Howard Bass for weed eating prior the events and Tommy Cheek for taking on Heli Event on such short notice. Said Heli Event took in a net of \$1,268.00. George Welcome was once again thanked for working the Heli Deli. Tommy chimed in by giving credit back to Mark Pfaff, saying that Mark really did all the work while himself (Tommy) only showed up to see it through.

New members, Craig Carter and Joe Reynolds were voted in as provisional members by all members on the call.

The Treasures Report was read as follows: The total Flying Event take-in was \$3,195.00 while the total month take-in was \$3,311.22. The total debt for the month was \$613.16 + another \$333.33 for an outstanding payment to Butch Pendergrass for the Shelter Loan. The total bank balance stands at \$18,242.00 with an operating balance of \$10,909.00. The report was approved by all members on the call. It was noted that the Port-a-Jon bill has not come in yet and other top expenses for the month of July would be the mowing bill and the Bagger payment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tommy Cheek said that he is trying to round more prizes for the Electric RCEFF event.

Michael said that he did send out an email to get a committee to look into putting up a Fence, but he didn't get any replies. Tommy said that George Welcome, Adam Miller and even Charlie Lasley had agreed to help him with the Fence discussion. Tommy said that they should have something put together for the August meeting. Michael expressed that he is certainly not opposed to having some kind of a Fence, if done right, to add some form of protection as our events keep getting bigger and bigger.

Ken Blackford gave an update on the Swap Meet in that at the time of this meeting they are sitting on (55) sold tables. He mentioned that (116) tables were sold last year. He continued saying that Rod Stauffer sent out a "feeler" email to all previous table vendors accumulated throughout the years to see if people would still be willing to come such an event during our current pandemic, or, would they rather sit this one out and be safe. Only 3% said that they would prefer to sit this one due to the virus. Ken went on to say that they were hoping to have heard something on Monday (yesterday) from the Fairground staff but they never did. Ken stated that him and Rod wanted to wait one more week from today (7/14)

with hopes to hear something from the Fairgrounds. He expressed that they are currently leaning towards pulling the plug, even if they get a green-light from the city, because it is simply way too close to the event date to try and get more advertising out and the word that the event is a go. He reminded the club that this event is the most expensive event to put on each year with the table and venue rentals and that there is now guarantee that the general public would even want to risk it and come to such an event. Michael asked if we would still be obligated, contractually, for this year's event. Ken replied by saying that the city has told us in an email that we would be off the hook and not be responsible for still paying for this year's event due to the virus. It was mentioned that the idea of having the Swap Meet down at the field has been kicked around, but several challenging factors were also mentioned, like, the weather, how to re-direct people to the field, would people still want to go to an outdoor event in 100 degree temperatures, etc.,etc, but it is still an option. Ken agreed to get back to the board ASAP once they had more information.

Butch Pendergrass spoke to the great success of the War Bird Event with 50+ pilots, even with the largest rainfall he had ever seen down at the river bottoms. He recited getting many compliments on the Shelter with only a couple of complaints from fellows tripping over the back curb of the Shelter. Butch suggested possibly painting the curb a bright yellow. He went on to thank everyone who helped tighten things up for the event, such as the trimming and mowing and George in the Heli Deli.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Michael reminded everyone of the conversations the club had about paying off the Shelter loan off early if we had very successful events. Michael added that the sooner we pay off the loan the sooner we can do other things around the field that he hears people talk about all the time. He went on to say that the club could go ahead and pay off Butch Pendergrass early with his balance currently being \$1,665.00, approximately 5-months early, leaving only \$4,000.00 left. At this time, he asked all members present what they thought of the idea. Several immediately said they are in favor of doing so we could make some other improvements down at the field. Michael did say that he would like to get a lot more input from other members and would like to hold off until the August meeting to have a formal vote. Everyone on the call agreed.

Michael went on to ask the members present what they would like to do, where did they see the club going in the future. The first suggestion was to get power down at the field. Butch Pendergrass followed by saying that he has spoken to Mr Daub about the topic who is currently opposed to the club getting power down there at this time. Butch said he did not get a reason from Mr. Daub at the time of the conversation, but there could be many reasons at this time. He went on to say that when one of the other land-owner's passes on, that the land would be divided up differently and that perhaps after that time discussions could resume about running power down to the field. One member spoke to how lucky the Mocksville club was to get power at that field. Another member recalled earlier discussions and remembered that it was going to be very expensive to do so.

Butch Pendergrass mentioned that Howard Bass suggested getting a big roller to take across the field from time to time, for purchase, not rent. Tommy Cheek recalled the rental that was brought down last year that weighed 19,000lbs and brought down with a tractor-trailer. Tommy went on to suggest building one out of an old Propane Tank but brought up the concern on what we would use to pull it, stating that the Zero-Turn certainly would not pull it. He recalled the rental price for the one last year was around \$500.00 but did not think he could get it comped to us this year for something that expensive. Michael added that \$500.00 a year to roll the field would be good field maintenance money spent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Ken A. Blackford

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