

August 2020 Minutes

The Clubs Third "Zoom Conference Membership Meeting" was called to order at approximately 7:02pm by club President and Host, Michael Holbrook.

(25) people were on the call.

The July Minutes were approved by all members on the call.

Birthdays for the month of August are: Timothy Holland, Deryl (Doc) Holliday, Harland (Sandy) Hotham, Daniel O. Vazquez, Matt Balazs, Tommy Pfaff, Tommy Cheek, Terry Marshall, George Welcome, Charlie Lasley, Adam Miller.

New member Joe Reynolds was voted in as provisional member.

The Treasures Report as read off by Michael Holbrook was approved by all members on the call. Treasurer report was discussed in detail as sent out to the Club via email.

Club Recognition went out to Howard Bass for the great job he continues to do in mowing the field.

OLD BUSINESS

Michael Holbrook talked about the land lease discussions that had recently taken place between them and Tony Simons. It was reported that the yearly lease will go up \$250.00 (\$200 for the Daubs and \$50.00 for the Smithermans) per year over a new 10-year lease that is approved.

Tommy Cheek mentioned that him and several others have talked collectively about the possibility of putting up a fence at the Pilot Line. It was suggested that we simply grow a barrier (un-mowed sections of grass) that is approximately 2' wide and 1' tall as such a barrier will stop any plane and not harm the craft. It was approved by all members on the call.

Michael Holbrook revisited the topic of starting to pay-off the Shelter loan early (at least the first half to Butch Pendergrass) if the club produced very successful yearly events. Several people expressed their opposition to the idea, stating that the year still has two more field events that could get really bad weather. Ken Blackford, CD of the Swap Meet, reminded the club that while the club still might have some kind of small gathering for a Swap Meet later on in the year that the club certainly will not be taking in the average of \$900.00 - \$1,000.00 profit that it usually does. Michael expressed that the sooner we can pay off the loan that the sooner the club can focus on the next big costly project. A vote was taken and the decision to take \$1,665.00 and pay off Butch early for his half of the Shelter expenses was approved by a count of (21) for and (4) opposed members that were on the call.

Michael reported to all members on the call that he did pay for the expensive "Yellow" Curb Paint out of his own pocket. All members on the call approved to reimburse him for the paint. He was asked to leave it at the field and that someone would paint the rear curb over the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Tommy Cheek suggested the idea of having a “Jet /Turbine” Event sometime in 2021. It was expressed that the challenge would be finding a date to host such an event when the crop in the field would not be so dry. April was discussed as the optimum window to have the event. Several Turbine Pilots agreed that the club could realistically see getting about 25-30 Pilots for our first Turbine event at \$40.00 per landing fee. Said Turbine Pilots stated that they would begin to spread the word that the RAMS Club is considering hosting a Turbine event in 2021. Jeff Stubbs offered to CD the event. One member expressed concerns of the noise level being too high for our proximity to some of the houses on the hill.

Ken Blackford spoke to the Swap Meet that was obviously canceled due to the COVID Virus and current State restrictions. He said that we could have some form of a Meet down at the field in October. Several suggested combining the Meet with some type of “Fly-In” while one suggested combining it with the Giant Scale Event if George Welcome would agree to it. Ken expressed his and Rod Stauffer’s opposition to the idea in that it might seem like there is a lot of space down at the field, but some events have often presented parking problems due to the volume people attending, let alone finding safe places to set up tents and tables, not to mention if bad weather should fall on top of such an event. Adam Miller suggested and offered to host the Swap Meet at his new shop, stating that it is a pretty big space that is indoors that has several bathrooms. Ken and Rod were asked to get with Adam and discuss.

Michael Holbrook, club President reminded all members on the call that the Board Officer nominations are only 2-months away and that he will not be running for any Board position for the 2021 year, as he currently holds both chairs of President and Treasure. He expressed that both of these positions will need to be filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Ken A. Blackford

8-4-20