

Meeting Highlights April 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jim Bollman, President.

28 members attended

New member introductions –

Carl Wilson
Morris Brown

Guests – None

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported that \$400 was collected in dues and that there were \$539 in expenses during March. The month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$5,576.

New Treasurer – Jim Knudson was appointed to replace Ben Butters as club treasurer. Ben wanted to step down from the office after 2 plus years of service.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the March, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**

Twin Buttes:

Jim Trimbell reported that the field is in good, but weeds are growing up through the runway.

A Work and Fly party was set for April 13 after morning flying at the FICO field.

Installation of the metal shed is waiting for the pouring of a concrete pad.

FICO:

John Brunsdale announced that a birthday party would be held at the field on April 20 for our WW II flyers Fred Radle, Ted Dore, and Henry Hain

Jim Bollman reported that he will be building new fuel safety stands (3) and electric tables (2).

- **Safety issues –**

Members were reminded to wear ID badges at the flying field. This will prevent questioning by others members who don't know the pilot.

Jim Bollman thanked the members for their improved awareness of safety procedures. The officers have seen a significant improvement in flying safety.

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Fred Radle reminded members that pilots should walk straight out, not diagonally, from the safety fence to retrieve their planes. Jim Trimbell suggested that pilots should also wait for a quiet time to proceed onto the field if other planes are in the air, rather than rushing out.

Jim Trimbell reported that John Weekly photographed the registration number on a Piper Cherokee that was flying too low over the field. Jim T reported the information to the FAA and suggested that our field be designated as a restricted area for local pilots. Fred Radle stated that fixed base operators in the area know about our field.

- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that updates to the web site included photos for February, March, and the Club Picnic; a revised list of officers; a revised club application form; an updated roster, and a current treasurer's report.
- **AMA News:** Jim Trimbell reported that a bill, which is going through the state legislature in Phoenix, has been sent back to committee to remove restrictions on model aircraft flying.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that we added three new club members since the last meeting and that our membership reached 87.
- **Estate of Glyn Stock:** --Jerry Case reported that the sale of the RC estate of deceased member, Glyn Stock, realized \$322. The proceeds were sent to Glyn's widow, Rosemary.
- **Club Picnic:** -- Jim Bollman reported that 58 members and guests attended the March 11 picnic at La Posada. He thanked his wife, Barbara, for the effort that she put in to set up the picnic room and prepare the main courses.
- **Area flying events:** Jim Bollman read the schedule of RC events in the area for April and May.

New Business:

- **By-Law Change – Limit Membership to 90:**

The board recommended that the club membership be limited to 90 members to reduce congestion at the flying field. The attendees responded with a lot of negative comments and some questions that need to be answered by the board. In summary, we should address how to manage the number of members using the flying field, not the membership count.

- **By-Law Change – Change Dues Payable Date To December 31**

The board recommended that dues should be payable from November 1 through December 31 of each year. A suggestion was made to document how many times a member will be notified to pay the dues before the member is dropped from the club. The proposed by-law change will be sent to club members via email. They will be asked to submit their email vote before the May meeting. Other members will vote during the May meeting.

- **By-Law Change – Guest Flying:**

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The board recommended that guest flying should be limited to one day at our fields, that AMA membership is required (by club rules), and the pilot must be a guest of a current member. Several questions and concerns were brought up by the members. The board needs to study this issue further, and research more about AMA's guest flying rules and their Youth Program.

- **Other board decisions:**

The board considered constructing a flying area on the west side of the field to accommodate pilots who want to fly during the afternoons. No action will be taken at this time. We need to get the approval of FICO management first. Meanwhile, club members do not have permission to fly from the field as that violates or club rule that is no intentional flying over Start-up/Pits, Spectator or Parking Areas.

A suggestion to create a helicopter flying area will not be done at this time. The club rules current prohibit it. Also, there is too much risk from dust being raised near spectators, and interference with other aircraft.

A suggestion that flight stands be turned toward the fly area was rejected because we need to direct prop blasts and dust away from spectators. Also, pilots using the stands need to observe the activity in the flying area for personal safety.

- **Condition of the FICO entry road:**

Ron Bengston is concerned about the condition of the entry road at the SW corner of the field. A ditch on the edge of the road is difficult to see in the morning sun. The board will consider whether we should repair it ourselves or ask FICO for help, either of which require contacting FICO management.

Show & Tell

- **Jim Knudson:** Showed his "Uproar" and electric plane with a 32 size motor. He is running two 1600 mAh batteries.

Adjournment: 8:05 PM