



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes October 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Jim Heuer, Vice President, at 7:00 P.M.

Officers present: Jim Heuer, Jerry Case.

15 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Tom Cargen was out of town.

Officer Status: Jim Heuer reported on the condition of Jim Trimbell who was recovering from surgery and Jim Knudson who was recovering from a mini-stroke.

Treasurer's Report: -- Jerry Case read the Treasurer's report for September, 2016. We had \$615 income from new member dues, renewals for 2017, and a returned bank charge. Expenses totaled \$1,135 for a bank charge, flight stand repairs, down payment on the new shed for FICO, and cement blocks for the shed. The month-end operating balance was \$2,361.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for October 10, 2016.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - The field is in good shape.
 - Jim Heuer and Bob Korbas moved sand to fill washouts in the entry road.
 - A work party will be needed in a month or two to improve the road and to remove the vegetation coming up in the newly cleared area.
 - **FICO:**
 - A large black-tail rattlesnake was spotted at the south end of the parking lot moving from the runway to the irrigation ditch. Members were warned about retrieving planes in the grass on the field.
 - Gary Johnson mentioned “snake away” for application in the pit area
 - Ken Fleshman described how to handle a snake bite.
 - Gary Johnson described the delivery and installation of the new shed at the field. We need to build a ramp up to the door. He suggested putting a mesh around the base to keep out animals. Need to secure the doors which can be opened by removing the screws from the outside. Gary will have spare keys made for the shed until he can install a combination lock.



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- Hunters were observed coming into the parking lot on an ATV. They left when Jim Heuer was spotted.
- A suggestion was to leave the old shed up for a while.
- Frank Hite described arrangements with Valley Golf Carts to store the riding mower and provide a trailer for transporting it. The tractor is back ordered.
- **Safety Issues:** Take-off and landing calls are being made by the pilots.
- **Drone Rules:** – Jim Heuer re-iterated FAA regulations on drones used for commercial purposes. He also described the rules that limit flying our flying to '400 within 3 miles of an airport, not 5 miles as published in the AMA magazine. Twin Buttes is beyond 3 miles from two local airstrips. The FICO airstrip on Continental Rd is beyond 5 miles from our FICO field.
- **Area flying events** – Current R/C events in Arizona were announced.
- **Dues Increase for 2017:** Dues are now \$80. Members can pay any time.
- **Holiday Party:** Gary Johnson announced that he and his wife will not be available in December to run the party. No one volunteered to take over. The Christmas party is cancelled. Discussed having a flying demonstration and cookout at the FICO field in the spring. We can rent a Porta-Potty for the event. We can invite the Walden's. The board needs to discuss this alternative.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 90.

New Business: None.

President's Comments: None

Show & Tell:

- Two videos were shown about a company that is using drones to deliver medical supplies in Rwanda.
- Lots of discussion about drones at our field, other fields, news reports, etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM