



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

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

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Phil Korth, Frank Hite. Jerry case had another obligation to attend to.

23 members attended.

**Guests:** None.

**New Members:** Keith Blair-glider pilot.

Steve Otrosa – re-joined the club and is feeling better. He thanked the members for their get-well card.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Hite presented the report for March 2017. The opening balance was \$5,736. Income was \$160 from two new members. Expenses totaled \$781 including \$59 for the tractor, \$37 for a new windsock, and \$685 for herbicides. The month-end operating balance was \$5,116.

**Secretary's Report:** In Jerry's absence, Frank read the meeting minutes for March 13, 2017.

### Old business

- **Flying fields –**
  - **Twin Buttes:**
    - Some T-tables were blown over or moved by heavy winds.
    - Bought new landscaping tools for the shed.
    - Notice about reporting escaped cattle to the rancher is posted on the bulletin board.
  - **FICO:**
    - Work party on April 1 was successful. Helpers were thanked. Dead weeds were removed from the runway.
    - Will apply pre-emergent chemicals when the winds die down. The runway will be expanded in width and length.
    - The tractor is very beneficial for towing the sprayer.
    - Gary Johnson was thanked for new wind socks for both fields. He will move the large sock from the north end of the field and mount it on the back of the new shed.
- **Safety Issues:**



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- Launching wheel-less aircraft: Our field rule (#6) states that all aircraft must take off and land parallel to the runway. Ken Fleshman suggested that pilots of these planes should get together to discuss their safety needs and present their ideas to the next meeting. Landing of these aircraft has been fine. Art Siri stated that these pilots are careful, usually have an observer. Glenn Aldridge suggested that launches be done from the end of the flight line.
- We have no formal policy or procedures for using spotters. Pilots should police themselves by having a spotter if they have visual changes, are testing new airplanes, or are not proficient yet. Need a subcommittee to look at how we can implement a spotter policy without being negative, punitive, or argumentative.
- Jim Trimbell is acting as safety officer and field manager, but we need to police our own safety.
- Gary Johnson offered his help with spotting, trimming, and new airplanes. Phil Korth has offered help with beginner aerobatics.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 76 members. Added 10 new members since January.
- **Current R/C events:** War Birds over Tucson at the TRCC field on April 22, 23.

### New Business:

- **Meetings for June, July and August:** A motion was made and approved to cancel the three meetings.
- **Proper disposal of LIPO batteries:** Used LIPO's can be taken to the county refuse transfer station in Sahuarita. Lowes and occasionally Radio Shack will take them if the leads are cut and taped. Also, members may bring them to the FICO field where they will be collected and taken to the dump.
- **Loose sand on the FICO runway:** The gravel and sand is getting very deep on the runway. Discussed possible solutions. There was a concern that ATV's could tear up a fabric runway.
- **Jim Trimbell:** Told about the successful procedure to fix his heart a-fib condition.

### Show and Tell:

- **Gary Johnson:** Brought an Extra 230 that he built from a kit. Needs a radio and balancing. He will fly it before painting it. Needs new decals.



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- **Steve Otrosa:** Brought a Motion RC plane to give away.
- **Colin Hughes:** Brought a fuel tank and engine bracket to give away.
- **Jim Cogle:** Thanked the club for being kind and helping him.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:38 PM