



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

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.

26 members attended.

**Guests:** None.

### New Members:

Cedric Regula – Introduced himself and talked about his radio problems.

Bob Kesling -- Returned after an absence during 2017.

Harvey Michelsen – re-joined, not present.

**Member Status:** Ron Bengston – At home recovering from hip surgery, using a wheel chair and walker. Not ready to leave his house yet. Hoping to walk in a couple of weeks. Will need a stool to sit on when he is ready to fly again.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Hite presented the report for December 2017. The opening balance was \$6,847. Income was \$2,240 from 2018 dues (28 members). Expenses were \$300 for the lease for our Twin Buttes field. The month-end operating balance was \$8,787. Frank described how he is managing the handling of cash with a receipt book.

**Secretary's Report:** Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for December 11, 2017.

### Old business

- Flying fields –
  - Twin Buttes:
    - Jim Heuer reported that he saw a stranger dropping trash near our gate. A day later, the trash was picked up, probably by the suspects.
    - The gate lock was difficult to open, so it was replaced.
    - The lease with Freeport McMorAn for the flying field was renewed for 2018
  - FICO:
    - Ron Simonds sanded down 3 of the tables for repainting. Lowes recommended a thick deck and porch paint to be applied by roller and brush. Areas where oil soaked into the bench top need to be treated. Gary Johnson has Prepsol for priming. Discussed ways to cover the bench top to protect them from the oil after painting. These tables will be painted soon.
    - Members were warned to stay away from the field when the harvest starts.



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- Dave McCrory was the last member to leave the field on a Sunday. He described a discussion with a farm worker who told him not to lock the gate because they would be using the gate throughout the day. Dave was told that they had a security guy who would lock it. Rich Walden, farm manager, confirmed that this was the right action to take. He still wants the last person leaving the field on a weekend to lock the gate provided that there are no farm workers nearby.
- Warning: Members who don't wear their badges at the FICO field might be questioned by FICO Security, as were two members recently.
- **Safety Issues:**
  - At FICO pilots must stay out of the no-fly zone.
  - Members leaving the FICO field should be aware that the gates might not be fully open. The latches to hold them open are not functioning.
  - Watch out for heavy traffic when pulling out onto Old Nogales Hwy.
  - Be aware of Sheriff or Sahuarita patrol cars on Old Nogales Hwy. Sahuarita PD are unforgiving.
  - All pilots must fly in the same direction in the traffic pattern at FICO. Our Safety Officer will tap you on the shoulder if you are flying the pattern backwards. The pattern is in effect if there are more than one plane in the air.
  - Aerobatics are allowed over the grass area only.
  - A pilot should let everyone know if he is flying/retrimming a new plane or flying a large aerobatic plane that needs exclusive use of the air space. Minimize touch-and-goes when there are a lot of planes in the air.
- **Web site report:** Photos were added for December and January. A new roster will be posted.
- **AMA News:** Registration of drones has been reinstated by the FAA. R/C pilots must register and put the FAA number on our planes. Clubs are not required to enforce the rule. During Thanksgiving, FAA officers were at the TRCC club field and stopped pilots from flying until they put their FAA license number on their planes. The number must be visible on the outside of the plane.
- **Membership Report:** Sixty-two members paid their dues for 2018. Members from 2017, who didn't respond to the renewal notices by this meeting, are being dropped from the roster.
- **Local R/C Event:** None.



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- **2018 Elections:** The current board agreed to serve another year for 2018. The board was reelected by acclamation. Gary Johnson and Ron Simonds are board members at large. Ken Fleshman is the club Safety Coordinator. Gary Johnson is the Safety Officer for FICO. Jim Trimbell is the field manager at FICO. Bob Korbas is the field manager for Twin Buttes.

Gary Ament raised the issue of how to fill the officer positions in the future. We currently have no succession plan in place. Need to find members who are willing to step up.

**New Business:** None

**Remarks from the President:** None

**Show and Tell:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:38 PM