



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes April 8, 2019

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

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Frank Hite, Jerry Case

16 members attended.

Guests: None

New Members: Mike Riggs introduced himself.

Member Status: Bob Orr is getting ready to fly again. George Garrett passed away. Bernie Imhoff was moved to an assisted living facility in Tucson. Gary Johnson is going to call his wife to look over Bernie's R/C stuff.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for March 2019. The opening balance was \$11,880. Income was \$0. Expenses were \$2,286 for tractor supplies, edger repairs, bank expenses, and a down payment for the new shed for the FICO field. The month-end operating balance was \$9,494.

Secretary's Report: Jerry read the minutes for the March 11, 2019 meeting. Frank mentioned that Gary Johnson worked under the tractor to replace the blades.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - We repainted the pilot station signs, lubricated the shed door, and removed some weeds from the taxiway to the runway.
 - We planned to tow the club's sprayer behind one of our vehicles, but we gave up on the idea due to the size of the effort. Wildcat Exterminating was hired to treat the parking lot, pits, and runway.
 - **FICO:**
 - Half the flying area was mowed by FICO.
 - Another gate lock was taken off the chain. Attendees were reminded that our lock always stays on the south chain.
 - The area for the new shed was leveled by Gary Johnson and Dave McCrory.
 - We are still waiting for the factory to start building our new shed.



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- **Safety:** Gary Johnson reported that pilots need to obey the traffic pattern to avoid collisions. Pilots must not fly over the runway since it is so close to the pit area and we have no buffer zone. Ken Fleshman said that we need a better definition of the take-off and landing pattern and traffic pattern so that the rules can be enforced. We are planning to have club members sign off on the rules later this year.

In case of a snake bite, the victim must be taken to the local hospital immediately. The hospital has anti-venom in stock. Don't try to use any procedures, like a tourniquet, etc., at the field. Be on the lookout for the snakes early in the morning. Be aware of snakes in the grass when opening or closing the entry gates at FICO.

If calling the paramedics, Station #155 knows the FICO field location.

- **Web Site Report:** Photos for March and April were posted. Minutes and treasurer's reports were updated for March.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 61 paid members.
- **Local R/C Events:** None.
- **Green Valley News:** A reporter for the paper wrote a nice and fair article about our club's activity and included photos. We sent a copy of the article to our members.

New Business:

- **Proposed Amendment to the Club By-Laws:** The board proposed a by-law amendment that would raise the limit on a club expense from \$500 to \$1000, without requiring member approval. Glen Aldridge made the motion to amend the by-law, and Gary Johnson seconded it. Voting will be by email or at the May club meeting.
- **Marking the center of the runway:** Jim Cogle suggested using street banner material that can be cut into strips and nailed down to the runway. Another suggestion was to spray the runway with utility marking paint, except the dust and wind cover over the markings.

Show and Tell:

- Gary Johnson brought a glider that he converted to electric power. He got a 40-minute first flight. The motor and ESC were from a Radian glider.



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- Dain Webster brought a UMX Yak 54 3D foamy for flying inside the Quail Creek ballroom.
- Video: “Parachuting chicken” – suggested by Ken Fleshman.
- Video: “Wings of Freedom” – video and photos taken by Gary Johnson at the Collins Foundation airshow held at the Marana Regional Airport.
- R/C Stuff Giveaway: Courtesy of Richard Martin who is returning to England.

Meeting Adjourned: 8 PM