

March 2011 Minutes - 3/8/11

The meeting was open at approximately 7:10

Club Treasure, Rod Stauffer reported an operating balance of \$2,752.81 in addition to \$5,000.00 we still have in the future fund. He also reported that by the end of the meeting, and after voting in a new member, the membership will consist of 61 paid members to date.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was mentioned that the club will continue to host the food drive at the end of each year during our Christmas party.
- It was suggested that the club put an ad in the paper and on Crag's List to promote the yard sale on June 4th. The sale host, Ken Blackford, mentioned having a few people show up and help carry large items out of his out-building and basement to set up for the sale.
- Last month's suggestion for using a pin board for all 2.4ghz people was discussed again at length. It was decided to not use a pin system, but asked that all club members police the use of the field if they see someone they do not recognize in an attempt to see if they are paid members, and more importantly, if they have AMA membership.
- The volunteer points system was discussed further, but, it was decided that the board would discuss it further and present a proposal at the next club meeting. One good suggestion was that people would get a coupon from the contest director at the end of the event if they worked. The coupons could then be turned in at the end of the year for a discount on their next year's membership dues.
- The Heli Deli was also discussed again at length. John Young and Tony Simmons offered to work together to coordinate all food purchases. It was agreed that the food menu and prices still needed to be looked at and simplified. Ideas of having a "straight plate" or pre-packaged sandwiches were discussed. It was also suggested that the food condiments should be moved off to the side for better traffic flow.
- It was decided to bring back the club's "Pot Luck" gathering twice a month, starting May 6th, at 6:00. The goal would be to have the gatherings on Friday and on evenings when the moon would not be present (to enhance the night flying). The second date was not set, but it could be May 20th. Again, the moon cycle will dictate which evenings to host the fly-in.
- It was reported that the special invite / appearance at the Vietnam Vettrans of America fund raiser in Booneville is a "GO" and that people should contact a board member, or Ken Blackford, if you plan to attend. This event is strictly to display "War Bird" type of

craft and possibly fly some very small foamys or heli's. This is a 2-day event set for May 14-15th at the Holly Ridge Family Camp Ground just off HWY 601 towards Booneville.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was suggested that the club register our flight instructors with AMA, as it had once done before. The club will have to decide who wants, and is qualified, for instructors. Ken Blackford offered to contact AMA to get the specifics on what information they would need and what it entails.
- It was asked why the 2010 Giant Scale event pictures that were submitted to IMAA were not in the magazine. IMAA president, Bill Hamby, said that the pictures will make it in the magazine, but didn't say which issue.
- It was mentioned that the solar panel station still needed some work. Ken Blackford and Nathan Bartley stated that they still have plans to get together and design a nice metal panel box. Some suggested that the box could have a lock, using the same gate key, to allow access to the banana plugs or ports.
- Butch Fortin discussed designing a panel box for the field generator that would allow easy hook up for events. He mentioned setting up a 240v 30A panel that should satisfy everything we are currently running.....e.g.....lights, microwave, etc., etc..

New member.....James Hardie, was voted in.

50 / 50 was won by Rod Stauffer, who netted \$31.00.

As a reminder, the 2011 event dates are:

- May 14-15th (possible War Bird static show and foamy demonstration)
- June 4th (Yard Sale at Ken's house)
- July 16-17th (Dragon Fly Heli Event) – **field event** -
- August 6th (Swap Meet)
- August 25-28th (Randy Covington Electric Fly-In) – **field event** –
- October 13-16th (Giant Scale Event) – **field event** –