

# July 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm with 29 members in attendance.

Club Treasure, Ken Kayser reported a July operating balance of \$13,904.96.....which includes the \$5,000.00 we have in the "future fund." The budget was approved as reported.

There was no new member to be voted in.

The minutes for the June meet were approved as reported.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Dragonfly Event - Tommy Cheek and Tommy Pfaff reported that the Heli Event was a great success with 43 registered pilots and as many as 24 sponsors and a net intake of approximately \$1,500.00. Tommy Cheek gave great credit to Mark Pfaff in that Pfaff did about 90% of the work in setting up and running the event. A video of the Heli Combat event has been posted on our website (riversiderc.com (Our Field, Videos, 2017 Heli Combat)) for your amusement.
- Swap Meet - Ken Blackford, Co-CD for the Swap Meet, relayed information from CD Butch Fortin that everything is on track and lined up for the event August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- RCEFF - Michael Holbrook, CD for the upcoming Electric Event, said that flyers are being distributed to local hobby shops and other various places. He also asked, in response to the great Heli Event, that all the electric Heli guys please come out and show their stuff with their craft. Ken Blackford was asked and agreed to handle all the road signs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Gate – Charlie Lasley repaired the gate at the entrance to the field. The gate posts are getting bad and will need to be replaced soon. Charlie also arrange for fill dirt to be dropped at the field to fill in some low spots. He asked for the club to approve \$500.00 for the dirt; the money was approved.
- Gate Locking – If you are the last pilot to leave the flying field, LOCK the GATE. Even if farmers are working the field --- lock the gate. Everyone who has the right to be on the bottom land (RAMS members and farmers) have a gate key. Locking the gate protects the RAMS assets and the farmers crops.

- Speeding – Speeding on Poindexter Road is still a problem. Please observe the 10mph speed limit. Violating the speed limit could put our land lease in peril.
- Farmer’s Crops – Butch Pendergrass spoke of a situation last year where one of the farmers noticed a very large swath of corn that was knocked down by someone who simply plowed their way into the field to retrieve something that went down. He talked on how mad and upset the farmer was, backed up by Ken Blackford who was the member that the farmer first had words with. Ken said that he didn’t know who would have done the damage and how sorry the club was for such an action and that he went in and carried out about 60 ears of corn for the farmer.
- FPV – It was mentioned that there is a possibility for FPV pilots to use the patch of land before the gate where the old house was located to fly FPV aircraft. Tommy Cheek was appointed and agreed to work with current member FPV pilots to consider developing the site. Tommy was authorized to represent the RAMS in discussions with Ed Brown, the land owner.
- By-Law Changes – Michael Holbrook asked for a By-Law change to add a “Force Majeure” clause. The clause would give the Board of Directors the right to spend up to \$1,000, if an unforeseen “Act of God” reeks-havoc on the field, shelters, or any other property needing immediate attention. Mike was asked to make some minor corrections to the wording to add clarification to “Act of God”. The proposed By-Law change, following modification, will be submitted to the membership for approval. Please cast your vote by responding to the coming e-mail so your vote so it can be counted. A 2/3 majority of members is required to approve the “Force Majeure” clause.

Tom Dollenmayer pointed out that the current club “By-Laws” do have some inconsistencies in wording. He presented a large list of the articles that need attention, but it was agreed that everyone should take home his list and copies of the “By-Laws” to study and that we would all revisit the issues over the next several meetings, as the list was pretty long. Rod Stauffer also compiled a list of changes that he thought should be considered. It was asked that both Tom and Rod get together and hash out and combine their notes before the next club meeting.

- Pilot Training Program – Tom Dollenmayer also reported that the “Pilot Training Program” is now official in the eyes of the AMA and that he is starting to see some more interest.
- New Shelter – Club President Charlie Lasley asked the present members if they would be open to the idea of building a new shelter system in that the new structure would also be moved forward approximately 30 feet and shifted to the left some amount. By moving the shelter as suggested, more parking for trailers would be available and the distance to the flight line would be reduced. Charlie stated that Butch Pendergrass has been spending a lot of time considering the project and wanted to get a feel for the level of interest from all present members at the meeting. Charlie made it clear that himself nor the board was asking for approval to proceed with such a project, but that he just wanted to see if anyone would be willing to hear some more ideas and the possibility of building some new shelters. The club voted to proceed with the evaluation of a new shelter. It was reminded that the existing shelters are in bad shape and that it would not take much of a strong wind to do some major damage.

- Solar Panel Power - Ron Mealga proposed the purchase of a solar panel charging station / system for \$1,400.00 that could be an option to running a power line down to the field. It was reminded to the club that the addition of running an actual power line down to the field could very well, and most likely, change the zoning definition of our flying site, which could kill the club. This proposal will be reviewed in conjunction with the new shelter project.

The 50 / 50 was won by Charlie Lasley, who netted \$46.00, while the club netted \$45.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Ken A. Blackford / Rod Stauffer

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