

July 2011 Minutes - 7/12/11

The meeting was open at approximately 7:00

Club Treasure, R. Stauffer reported an operating balance of \$3,230.31 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 two new members and three returning members, the membership will consist of 77 paid members.

Minutes prepared by Rod Stauffer from the June meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nathan Bartley reported progress on welding up the brackets for the solar panels. The panels are targeted to be installed before the Dragonfly Helicopter event. Ken Blackford agreed to get with Nathan to design a nice control panel box.
- It was reported that Philips building had finally been moved into position.
- It was also reported that the last Friday night cook-out / night fly was a real success, with a good turn-out.
- Rod Stauffer asked for more volunteers for the Helicopter Dragon Fly event this weekend, specifically, for this Friday at 6:00 in the evening. He did discuss being open to changing the obstacle course if people wanted to. The event is to start each day at 9:00 in the morning and run until 4:00.
- Nathan and Rod both reported that they did some more research on the talked about Geo-Matt that we have been planning on laying down for a small electric runway. They found a material that was almost twice the cost of the previous matt of choice, but it's specifications were much, much better. The new matt material and stakes would cost around \$900.00 for a 15' x 140' strip. Lots of discussion did take place on where to place the strip. It was decided to put the strip parallel the current runway, centered about the shelters, and on the opposite side of the runway (further out). Votes for the material and location were held and approved.
- Nathan also reported that Tony had been making progress in the Heli-Deli in terms of closing in the structure.

NEW BUSINESS

- Butch Fortin reported that about 1/3 of the tables were already sold for the Swap Meet on Aug. 6th. He did mention that we should be able to start setting up tables around 3:30 or 4:00 Friday the 5th, followed by opening the doors for vendors between 6:00 and 9:00. The doors would also open

for vendors the next morning at 6:00, followed by letting the public in at 7:00.

- Butch Fortin who also plays the role of "Safety Officer" reported that there have been a lot of violations at the field lately and that he has been telling the same people, repeatedly, to "straighten up and fly right." He expressed great concern and disappointment as to why people don't seem to take him, or safety, seriously. It was suggested, that perhaps, the club should start handing out citations to those who constantly break the rules. He also brought up the fact that the clubs "by-laws" clearly state that a person can be banned from the club for one year from the point of dismissal and that such member would have to be re-voted back in after that one year period. Some of the most common violations that were mentioned were: 1) Flying behind the flight line. 2) Taxiing a plane from the edge of the shelters up from behind and between pilots that are already on the pilot line. 3) Hand launching smaller electric planes from the edge of the shelters. 4) Starting up electric airplanes while still under the shelters. A vote was held and it was approved to enforce the already existing rules we have in the clubs "by-laws." Section 9 – part M of the "by-laws" reads...."Safety Officers shall be treated with respect. All members will abide by their safety recommendations at all times." Section 9 – part N reads....."We will be working on a two verbal warning method per same incident. The third warning will require a meeting with the board members for possible disciplinary action." It was also suggested that we give a physical copy of the clubs "by-laws" to all new members at the monthly meeting, or physically mail them a hard copy, thinking that someone might be more inclined to read them rather than being told where they can find them on the website, hoping they will do so.

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New members..... Wayne Carswell and Chris Mulcahy were voted in.

50/50 was won by Gary Hauck.....again.....who netted \$20.00 (Club got \$20)

As a reminder, the 2011 remaining event dates are:

- 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** –