

March 2012 Minutes – 3/6/12

The meeting was open at approximately 7:00

Club Treasure, R. Stauffer reported an operating balance of \$5,375.99 in addition to \$5,000.00 we still have in the future fund, bringing the bank statement up to \$10,375.99.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was agreed to use 2-3 loads of river rock that we can get for free to spread under the shelters. It was agreed to put down some 4mil to 6mil plastic first to help keep the rock from settling too much. Ken Blackford agreed to head up the project and that Ken Kayser would set up getting the stone delivered. It was suggested that the club should find and use a skid-steer or Bob-Cat to help spread the stone out, as this would be a lot of back-breaking work if done with only wheel barrels and shovels.
- Rod Stauffer reported his findings on hooking up the propane tank for the generator. The tank itself must be at least 10' away from the generator. Tanks sizes from 50 – 100 and 300 gallon are available. Tank rental per year would be \$48.00, but free if usage is more than 150 gallons per year. Tanks could be purchased for \$200.00 – 250.00. The installation cost for the tank would be \$600.00 - \$650.00 that include the permit, inspection, and first fill up of a 100 gallon tank. He reported that the current price of propane is \$2.59 – \$2.99 a gallon. It was agreed to that people would meet at the field this Saturday 3/10 around 12:30 – 1:00 to scratch out the location for the concrete slab for the generator.
- It was brought to the clubs attention, that after talking to several of the heavy electric flyers, that the solar panel stations simply will not produce enough juice to handle the demand of multiple chargers and that both systems should be put up for sale. It was suggested to sell the kits for an opening bid of \$100.00 each, as each kit sells now for about \$150.00.
- Ken Blackford mentioned having some kids from a Vacation Bible School come down from Mount Airy to visit the field and get exposed to the hobby sometime during the week of June 11 – 15th. It was suggested that Wednesday the 13th would be a good day for them to come out and that it might be a good idea to fire up a grill and have some food.
- Rod Stauffer mentioned a bazar incident that recently happened down at the field. Basically, someone called the sheriff, who called the land owner, who called Rod, stating that they had been looked behind the gate. The next day, there was a very rough looking vehicle parked down at the field that didn't seem to be owned by any one paid member of the club, as it looked very out of place and possibly that of someone who shouldn't have been down at the club. The concern of outsiders wandering down to the field who have no intention of ever being affiliated with club was brought up and discussed. Thus, the idea of putting a permanent sign out on HWY 67 that mentioned the Rams Field was killed, thinking it could attract a lot of unwanted people and kids. It was suggested that anyone who invites visitors down to the field should take ownership and responsibility of the club and ask such visitors to leave with them, or someone,

when they are though,.....all in an effort to avoid people staying down on the land after the last club member leaves the field.

- The Warbird event dates were brought up for discussion, reminding people that the event is on Easter Weekend.....April 7th and 8th. Event contest director Ken Blackford asked if he should cancel the submitted dates and find another date to host the event, or, should we let the dates ride and continue as planned. It was decided to let the dates stand, as the flyers were already in circulation and the sanction had already been mailed in and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was asked if the club should consider using a food service to cater the food during events. It was agreed that more information would be needed to effectively make a decision.
- It was reminded, due to the last several months of mid-air incidents, that everyone should use spotters more often.

2012 event dates:

Rams Warbird and Fun-Fly	- April 7th – 8th
Rams Yard Sale	- June 2nd
Dragon Fly Heli Event	- July 14th – 15th
Swap Meet	- August 4th
Randy Covington Electric Fly-In	- August 23rd – 26th
Giant Scale	- October 12th – 14th

50/50 \$50 prize was won by (I don't remember)

New members.....German Santos