

# October 2013 Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:07 p.m.

Club Treasure, Rod Stauffer reported an operating balance of \$4,775.56, in addition to the \$5,000.00 we have in the future fund.

New members Darrell "Dock" Holiday, Tom Pace and Mike Falkowski were voted in, along with renewing member, Josh Kellam, taking the roster count to (100) members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Adam Miller reported that the grass seed was put down today, 10-1-13.
- Rod Stauffer discussed the issue of updating the "By-Laws" to include the newly proposed "Provisional Membership." While there was quite a bit of miss understanding and disagreement of the final definition of a "Provisional Membership", it was agreed that it's main intent is to give new members a chance to prove themselves with their conduct at the field over a certain period of time, but that it would also give previous members who left, who may have made a mistake at one time or another, a second chance to prove themselves and....."straighten up and fly right" (no pun intended). Rod agreed that his wording would need to be revised a little before making it a firm addition to the clubs "By-Laws."
- Rod continued with other revisions he made in the "By-Laws" that touched on membership dues and simple word corrections.
- Further discussions took place about the trial implementation of the recent "Rules for Flying at the Field." There was much opposition in the room with a lot of people against the rule that states that you must have a spotter on all weekends and holidays, bringing up issues like, "What if there are only two people at the field?", "What if there are three people at the field?" In a nut shell, it was agreed to remove the weekend spotter rule and that more emphasis should be put on using more common courtesy, communication, while bring the flight stations closer together so pilots can talk amongst themselves, discussing their intentions while in the air. Many scenarios were presented, comparing clubs that others have flown at and how to best "bottle" it all up in clear, concise definition. No exact, final, decision was made, and it was decided to table the issue until the next meeting, since there was still much to talk about at this current meeting.....at 8:25 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was reminded that at this October meeting the club is suppose to nominate the board members for the following year, to which, if accepted, they will be voted on during Novembers meeting. It was also reminded of all present members that the current President, Vice President, and Treasure are all stepping down, and that new

officers for these positions would have to be chosen. Accepted nominees are as follows:

President - Charlie Lasley

Vice President – Butch Pendergrass & Tim King

Secretary – Ken Blackford

Treasure – Chris Mulcahy & Ken Kayser

- It was suggested that, in acknowledgement of the recent fatal Heli accident in New York, the club and all of its members should consider all of the possible safety guidelines as it can to prevent ever having such an accident at the field. In addition, it was suggested that the club should keep a report of any and all accidents at the field and that a safety report should be presented at each meeting, all in effort to help people from making the same accident causing mistakes ever again.
- Said safety suggestions spawned from the recent episode that was witnessed by several member on Sunday 9-29-13 were a member was flying his heli.....in full 3D.....behind the “Pilot Line”, ultimately crashing the craft all the way back behind the shelters, near the port-a potty. (more on this incident later)
- Ken Blackford presented the “surveillance” sign that would be placed in multiple locations through out the field, mainly, under both far ends of the shelters and at the gate. He also presented a “Rules for Flying at the Rams Field” sign that, after this evening’s direction, would need to be modified greatly to better address the “Common Courtesy and communication amongst pilots.” Such rules sign would also be placed at both far ends of the shelters and at the gate.
- Ken Blackford also asked the club to strongly consider the previously mentioned proposal of purchasing a live weather station what would also have a live day and night time camera feed as well. Ken mentioned how such a station would allow members to get on the website and get live weather information and a live video feed of the field. Ken talked how such a system could be solar driven, with solar charged batteries or with direct solar power. It was also stated that it might be possible to use antennas that could connect with Butch Pendergrass’s WiFi at his house, as he lives within an eye-shot of the field. It was mentioned that such a station might cost as much as \$4,000.00, but could possibly be raised by more fund raisers and simple donations, as incredible a system would be.
- It was noted that the board did not get to discuss everything that was on the docket this evening and that missed topics would be brought up at the next meeting in November.

**50 / 50 Raffle.....**was won by Ed Donnelly, who netted \$35.00.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 p.m.

10-1-13

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