



RAMS March 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Charlie Lasley at 7:01pm on March 7, 2017. There were 27 members in attendance.

The Minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved without amendment.

The Budget for the March meeting was unanimously approved without amendment. The reported operating balance was \$12,085.18 (with the addition of \$5,000 in the "Future Fund")

Matthew Josey (a former member) of Tobaccoville applied for membership. Leo Whitman and Chico Arguello attested to his acceptably for membership. He was unanimously accepted by the RAMS as a new member. That brings the total RAMS membership to 87.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no further discussion of old business from the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tommy Cheek

Tommy Cheek resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. We all thank Tommy for his time on the Board and the improvements he brought to the club (Storage Building, Charity Events, Heli Event CD). When you see Tommy, you are all encouraged to thank him for his contributions as a board member. Search for a replacement has started.

Runway Improvements/Maintenance

Some of last year's field work was not as effective as hoped due to dry weather.

This year's plans include:

- Before the next meeting, Winter weeds and grubs will be killed
- 10 Days after that, fertilizer will be spread and sparse grass areas will be seeded.
- In the Summer, weed killer and fertilizer will applied.
- In the Fall, the field will be fertilized and seeded.

\$3000.00 was unanimously approved to cover the 2017 work.

Clean-Up Day

In preparation for the "Warbirds Over East Bend" event, a Field Clean-Up Day is planned for March 25th. Some of the necessary work will include repairing the floor of the Heli-Deli, cleaning the storage buildings, sprucing up the shelters, weed trimming, etc. Expenses for building supplies will be submitted at the next meeting for reimbursement. During the Clean-Up, No Flying will be permitted. John Welcome will issue an e-mail reminding the members of the Clean-Up day and will detail the work plan. Please bring necessary tools and equipment to accomplish the work plan. Your help to prepare our flying site for the flying season is requested.

Helicopter Hover and Quad Practice Area

A general discussion of how to provide a safe area for helicopter hovering and quad practice flying was initiated. An "L" shaped runway (the short leg of the "L" will be the practice area and will be at the right side of the field adjacent the parking area). Interested parties were identified who will evaluate and mark-off an area. This potential solution is being established for evaluation with feedback requested at the next meeting.

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

A request to minimize insect participation in our flying season was initiated. An insect control company has been contacted and can spray the field for insects for \$150/month. Following discussion, it was decided to try this solution on a monthly basis. \$750 was approved by a majority vote for this year's bug season.

RCEFF

Update from Mike Holbrook: RCEFF will be a three day event this year (August 25-27). This year there will be an effort to be more inclusive of electric helicopters, flight line limits may be imposed. As last year, the main raffle prizes will be for registered pilots only. See the 2017 flyer on our website.

The meeting was closed by unanimous vote at 7:35pm.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted. Charlie Lasley won \$41.50, the club's share was \$41.50.