

May 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

There were (21) members present.

Vice President Howard Bass spoke in absence of President Michael Holbrook.

Minutes for April were approved by all members present.

Ken Blackford reported that himself, Jeff Sharp and Nick Nicholson did attend the invitation from Richard Landis and his son Dan Landis to demonstrate various types of RC flying up in Stuart, VA. at Richard's property on May 2nd from 10:00 to 12:00. Richard arranged for surrounding area students ranging from 8th to 12th grade and their teachers to come up watch while telling them about the many career opportunities that Aviation had to offer, ranging from being Drone Pilots assisting in aerial photography throughout many different industries, Aviation Mechanics, Aircraft Manufacturing, Military, and even being professional pilots. The goal was to create a spark of interest. Ken went on to say that Richard was very impressed with turnout and plans to do it again next year with hopes to get more RC pilots to attend and speak.

Ron Melga read the Month of May list of Birthdays as follows: John Ayers, Robert Hawks Peach Trail, James Miller and Thomas McGoldrick.

New member William Conklin was voted into the club as a member.

Club Treasure James Miller reported a bank balance of \$19,055.87. He also reported that Howard Bass turned in receipts for various lawn care items, such as a shovel, rake, trimmer and a sprayer that can be used to tidy up around the field. Other expenses included gas for the Mowing Howard has done, a payment for the Port-A-Jon, the first installment to Hunter Enterprises for the field work and the load of dirt that Butch Pendergrass had delivered. Said Budget was approved by all present members.

OLD BUSINESS

Howard Bass spoke to the landscape project in that the total will be \$6,000.00, with \$2,500.00 up front leaving a balance of \$3,500.00 and asked for approval of said balance. The balance was approved by all members present.

Howard went on to say what great job the landscaper "Mike Hunter" is really doing and mentioned that Mike did say that we already have quite a lot of Bermuda Grass on the field.

It was suggested that we consider removing the fabric mat before we sow the Bermuda. While some said that the condition of the mat is in pretty bad shape, others commented that the mat tends to hold water under it, thus, it never dries out. It was also suggested that we could revisit putting a new mat back down if needed. It was approved to remove the mat.

It was mentioned that Butch Pendergrass did have a load of dirt already dropped off.

NEW BUSINESS

Butch Pendergrass suggested sending out an email to the members to get a feel on who might be interested in ordering more club shirts and their sizes.

Howard mentioned that we need a field clean up day, especially behind the Heli Deli. It was suggested to set a date and send it out via email detailing what might be needed to be done.

It was suggested that the club needs a new "Welcome" sign down at the shelters, as well as better road / event sign(s) out near Apperson. Ken Blackford did say that he has yet to make the Gate sign for people that get locked in with a phone number to call Howard Bass.

It was strongly suggested by Butch Pendergrass that we need to roll the field. It has mentioned that it had been since we took up the old asphalt runway when it was rolled last. Butch mentioned that he would reach out to Bob Sheesley to advise on what kind of roller we need to do the job and not sink into the field.

Butch Pendergrass spoke to the Shelter Project in that he is suggesting that we put in a 20' x 80' footprint leaning pole barn style with a full slab, using 6 x 6 poles, standard seam roof, for approx. \$9,700.00 with the club doing the labor over about 3-weekends. Guttering would run about \$800.00. He suggested starting the Saturday after the Giant Scale event in September. Many thanks went out to Butch for his work in putting this proposal together. It was agreed to table the discussion and vote until later.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

The 50 / 50 was won by James Miller who donated his half, \$34.50, back the Shelter Fund for the club

Ken A. Blackford

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