

# August 2018 Minutes

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

There were (24) members present.

The minutes for the July meeting, as previously emailed to the members, was approved unanimously.

August 2018 Birthdays were recognized as: Matt Balazs, Tommy Cheek, Timothy Holland, Mark Pfaff, Tommy Pfaff, Deryl (Doc) Holliday, Harland (Sandy) Hotham, Terry Marshall, Daniel O. Vazquez, George Welcome, Charlie Lasley.

Rod Stauffer reported on the budget as Ken Kayser was out of town. Rod reported the August Operating Balance of \$8,807.12, with a total bank balance, including the Future Fund of \$7,000.00, sitting at \$15,907.12. Said budget was also unanimously approved by all members present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ken Blackford reported that Swap Meet was a huge success, giving great thanks to Jim McManus, Wayne Miller, Bruce Weschler, and of course, Rod Stauffer for helping pull off such a great event. Rod stated that this year's budget had only estimated that we would take in only \$1,000.00. This year, we took in \$2,585.00. He also stated that our current budget had planned for \$2,000.00 in expenses. This year, the current estimate of expenses is only around \$1,700.00. The bottom line, the current estimate is that the event looks to have made between \$900.00 and \$1,000.00 profit. Several people had suggestions for next year. Nelson Hole suggested having a static display like other Swap Meets have, where trophies could be given out for various classes. John Welcome suggested that the club immediately start advertising the size of the space and go even bigger, twice or three times as many tables. Several asked if it's possible to negotiate with the Fairgrounds to only pay for tables sold, thus, only requiring them to set up the current amount of (109) tables, with us setting up tables as needed. Ken and Rod expressed concern that since we still didn't sell out all of the tables we had and didn't have to turn people away because of a lack of tables that it could be a really big gamble to try to sell even more tables. Tom Dollenmayer reminded everyone that we are now the only club in the area that continues to host a Swap Meet which could have contributed to this year's success. It was agreed to evaluate all of the suggested options and bring it back up for the 2019 budget meeting.
- Michael Holbrook reported that everything is still lined up for the Electric Event August 23-25<sup>th</sup>, with Rod on the mic, John and Jen in the Heli Deli and Ken B. to trim up the field. John Welcome offered to cook a spaghetti meal at his cost one of the evenings based on interest throughout the day. Chris Baker will help with the balloon popping contest while Howard Bass will try to have a guy with the radar gun present.
- Michael Holbrook also shared the results of the email poll that went out asking about proposed weekly field cook-out. Out of the entire membership (90 members) only (11) replied the email, with (2) yes/yes, (2) yes/no, and (7) no/no. The conclusion was that if (20) or more people had replied with positive interest in hosting and attending the cook-outs that the club would most likely foot the bill for all of the food and drinks. It was decided that if people want to get together

and plan a gathering from time to time that they would be more than welcome to do so, even with approval to use the grills.

- Charlie Lasley stated that he has not gotten any quotes from members with landscaping contactors using the form Charlie provided. John Welcome mentioned that his contact said that he couldn't do it for the price we had in mind. Jim McManus mentioned that he had talked to a landscaper about covering 5 acres with 50 lbs per-acre via a "slit-seeder" using a Lessco brand seed and a fertilizer recommended by Lessco, application of lime and spray for the weeds / clover for a cost of \$4,600.00 with an extra \$600.00 to come back a second time to spray for clover. Chico Arguello commented that when the seed is buried that it works a lot better, as noted from aerial views from the FPV's. Charlie mentioned talking to a guy named "Steve" who is a landscaper that uses something very similar the "slit seeder" and also had a roller about 5' wide. Charlie said that 3 ½ - 4 tons of lime had already been applied and that the soil test that Butch Pendergrass had done calls for 0-45-0 fertilizer for \$150.00. Charlie said that he is looking at putting down 200 lbs of Titan seed per acre which is used on athletic fields. He also said we could use "Speedzone" herbicide that can be put down with as little as two weeks prior to seeding for about \$100.00. Charlie said that all of the above could be done with this new guy for approximately \$3,000.00, about \$60.00 per hour. Charlie stated that the best time to put down seed is in the fall. Charlie said that "Steve" did come down to the field and was recommended by LTD. Charlie went on to say that said Titan seed, while still a Fescue, can be cut to ¾". The area quoted was between the left side ditch / underground pipe all the way to the right and from the shelters out. Rod mentioned that we have \$5,281.00 in the budget for such field improvements. Charlie went on to ask Butch Pendergrass to have the hole fixed before the Giant Scale event as the seed really needs to be put down by the first of September. Chris Baker made a motion to approve the \$3,000.00 to proceed with Charlie's landscaper. It was approved to proceed. Michael Holbrook asked if anybody had an issue with spraying just before the Electric event. All agreed it would be fine to do so. John Welcome suggested that we certainly "roll" the field as well. Ken Blackford asked if the 200# of seed was recommended by "Steve." Butch Pendergrass said that soil sample report went straight to LTD. Charlie admitted that he did tell "Steve" that we wanted some nice grass down at the field. This, in combination with the soil report equaled proposed amount of seed.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Butch Pendergrass recognized that long time member and club President Nathan Bartley had just won the National championships of D.L.G. (Discus Launch Glider) competition.
- Ken Blackford asked for the club to approve the purchase of a simple 1-gallon sprayer and the use of the chemicals / Round-Up to stay on top of the perimeter of the shelter. Ken said that if the Crab Grass is allowed to grow really high, as it currently did, that you cannot even trim it because it gets too thick. Ken went on to say himself and Tommy Pfaff had to hand-pull all of the grass around the entire shelter Saturday evening after the Swap Meet. A motion was made, and a vote was taken (and approved) to spend \$25.00 on a sprayer.
- James Miller asked if there were any plans for maintenance to the old white storage building, citing that the shelving was completely falling down and that the flooring was in really bad shape. Ken Blackford backed up the report saying that he almost went through the floor while dropping off the pull-carts for the Swap Meet. Michael Holbrook asked that the club let the board discuss this topic further.

- Howard Bass discussed a serious safety concern stating that no one should run any kind of motor up and under the shelter, asking that if you see someone doing it, to please approach them and ask them not to do it.
- John Welcome asked to pass his number around, saying that his wife Jennifer did just purchase another hobby shop and that "business is open," saying they were considering opening the shop several times a week, Wednesdays and Thursdays, if enough people would be interested. He also mentioned coming out to the field on Saturday's with his trailer, saying that they have all Dubro and Sullivan items, along with everything, even down to starters.
- Charlie Lasley mentioned that Philip Grimes, the guy who mows the field, is scheduled for back surgery this coming Tuesday. He went on to say that it could be several weeks before Philip is back up and running. He also said that he did talk to Leo Whitman Jr. who offered to pick up the slack and mow in Philips absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Ken A. Blackford

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