

# September 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

The Minutes for the July meeting were approved by all members present.

There were (27) members present down at the field.

Birthdays for September are: Bill Hamby, Ralph Cross, Albert "Butch" Fortin, Rod Stauffer, Jon Winesette and Joseph Combs.

Club Recognition was given to Howard Bass and Nelson Hole.

Ralph Cross was voted in as a provisional member.

James Miller reported a total bank balance of \$22,202.76, not including \$140.19 we have in PayPal. The club received a deposit from the Swap Meet of \$2,355.00 but has not received any billing for the event. There was a deposit of \$2,131.00 for the RCEFF (electric) event. The budget was approved by all members present.

Howard Bass greatly thanked all members who supported the Electric Event, even with the rain. Michael went on to mention that many members who didn't even fly but still registered and supported the club and that we couldn't have had such a successful event if it wasn't for this kind of club support.

Michael Holbrook reminded all members present that next month, in October, nominations will be accepted for the Board Member Positions for the following year. He also reported that James Miller, current Treasurer, will be stepping down due to other obligations. Michael went on to say that the hardest job on the Board is the Treasure position in that it takes someone who is really committed, trustworthy and good with numbers and that the membership should think about that when nominating someone new for this position.

Michael also stated that the Board did not meet prior this September meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Butch Pendergrass stated that any help for the Shelter Project, especially the second weekend after the Giant Scale Event would be greatly appreciated. The first weekend after would involve drilling setting the post where as the second weekend would involve cutting the post off to the right height and running 800 linear feet of Trusses across the top. He stated that even if someone simply hands someone who is on a ladder a 2" x 4" that even that is a big help. Ken Kayser suggested that we email the membership each week leading up the work days to help drum up the needed help. It was asked if the field was going to be closed during the work days. Butch said that he wouldn't close the field, but it could be bad for those who do want to fly in that there are going to be a lot of people moving around and vehicles in the way. The first weekend to start will be Saturday 9/21. Butch said that there will be conduit ran under the slab for the electrical but that the actual electrical wiring was not included in the price. Rod Stauffer asked that

provisions are made for running the wiring for the PA System and have some tubing set that the Bull Hord Post could easily be dropped into. Charlie Lasley asked if the act of moving the Shelters out forward 30' is partly due to possible plans of moving the actual "Runway" further out. It was clarified that there has never been any intent to move the Runway due to the Shelter Project. Charlie also asked if Butch and Michael are planning on putting their combined \$8,000.00 loan monies into the RAMS account now with the understanding that what is not used by the end of the year would be returned to them. Butch and Michael agreed to write checks immediately make said deposits. George Sudermann offered to donate \$500.00 towards the Shelter Fund. It was also clarified that the new Shelter will be inline and flush with the left side of the existing Shelter and 30' further forward. Butch suggested to wait until the project is finished to see how much was really spent and owed back to himself and Michael before the club votes on how soon the loan should be paid back, 2-years vs. 3-years. It was also clarified that conduit would be ran for the electrical but that the actual electrical wiring and network is not included in the price of the Shelter. Provisions will also be made for running the downspouts. Butch also stressed that when the old Shelter is taken down after the new one is complete that the whoever wants the old metal needs to get removed from the site as soon as possible. The plan for the demolition is to take the old wood straight over by the Heli Deli (or somewhere) and burn it and that the metal needs to be gone. It was suggested that this project should take priority over anything else going on. Everyone was reminded that the weather could impact the scheduling of the project.

George Welcome was given many thanks for running the Heli Deli for the Electric Event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Michael Holbrook reported that Tom Dollenmayer has resigned from being the Training Instructor for the Club. Michael also mentioned that Tom had sent an email stating that a rock was thrown from the mower and damaged his windshield. Tom inquired about club insurance. It was stated by many members that Club has no insurance of this kind that AMA is a third party and that they would not pay for it either. Butch Pendergrass offered to talk with Tom and investigate what happened.

George Welcome reported that everything is looking pretty good and in-line for the Giant Scale Event next week 9/13 – 9/15. He stated that they will have smoked BBQ Friday night and Spaghetti Saturday night. Falcon Props has donated the prop for the Ultra HOTS that is being raffled off while JR Hobby Hardware donated the JR 8317's, 100oz servos, in the plane and George himself bought and donated the G-35 engine. Butch Pendergrass also donated a bunch of Balsa Wood and the covering. Anderson RC and ZAP a GAP Adhesives were also listed as donors. George went on to mention that there are several other kits that will be used for Pilots Prizes. It was suggested not to forget laying out the parking lines.

John Welcome mentioned having a conversation with Matt Anderson from Anderson RC stating that Hobby Shops all over are hurting really bad with profits being half of what they used to be, but the shops are expected to keep up and stay the same size. John went on to say that while Anderson RC may seem like a long drive down there, he asked all the members present to please support him. He continued saying that "Tail Dragger RC" has just went under along with three other known shops as well as a couple of kit makers.

Michael Holbrook stated that for future events raffle prizes will be harder and harder to come by. He went on to say that most of the Pilots that come to our field are there for the field and not for the great raffle prizes that are offered. John Welcome added that a lot of other events usually only offer a small engine and maybe a kit, and that's it. It was mentioned that the Club has a tendency to go over the top with our prize offerings.

Ken Kayser suggested that road could stand to be scrapped and have some gravel added. He added that the State portion of the road can be done by the State. It was reminded that the Club did put down some gravel on our portion of the road last year. It was mentioned that the road got very muddy during the Electric Event and that there is money put aside for more gravel if needed. Chris Baker was asked to call the State. Charlie Lasley did offer to make a call to Vulcan Materials when the Club is ready for it, suggesting that we might want to wait until the Shelter project is finished since there will be a lot of traffic during the project.

Ken Blackford mentioned that someone else was in front of him who wanted the old Shelter metal, stating that he only wanted to recycle it. While it was noted that Cindy expressed interest several sheets, it was asked if any one knew of someone who truly wanted it all that they need to get it.

It was asked who was going to get the Solar Panels. No definite answer was given.

Ken Kayser said that the field has never looked as good and the Club in general has never been in a better position, giving a lot of credit to the Board and job they are doing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

The 50 / 50 was won by Michael Holbrook.....\$50.00/ \$50.00 who donated his half into the Shelter Fund.