

February 2020 Minutes

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

There were (27) members present.

President Michael Holbrook opened by stating that Bill Hamby has moved up north with his son.

Club Recognition, Michael asked to give many thanks to Tommy Cheek for the progress he is making in getting a Field Grant from AMA. Chico Arguello and Chris Baker were also praised for all of the hard work they have put into the club lately and for all of their previous years of hard work.

Minutes for January were approved by all members present.

Birthdays for February as read by Ron Mealga: Chico Arguello, George Shrek, Ed Woldkamp, Gary Barns. Several other names were also reported, but said people are not registered members of the club at this time.

New members, Toshi Yoshida and Ronnie Lambert were voted in as provisional members.

James Miller was also recognized for putting the covering on the tables.

Chris Baker reported now having (6) Flight Stands and (7) Tables.

Michael Holbrook spoke to the Treasures Report in that we took in \$3,771.17 but had debts totaling \$3,059.85. \$21,347.71 was the bank total at the time the report was sent out, but when the Future Fund of \$7,000.00, outstanding debts and the Shelter Loan payment are taken out it leaves an Operating Balance of \$11,858.71. He followed by saying that anyone can request to see the books anytime if they so desire. Said Treasures Report was approved by all members present.

Michael mentioned that the Board did meet, talking about Shelter Signs, Mower Vacuums, Shelter Electrical, Flight Stands and Stations.

Chris Baker and Tim Anderson spoke about trying to have a Fun-Fly Event sometime in April, but Chris mentioned that he will not even be in town for most of the month. Tim asked if it was possible to have the event in May but was reminded that Joel Noel was in May that we shouldn't consider this month. It was then suggested that we just pick a date sometime in April and just send some emails to the membership prior the event to casually get together and fly. Howard Bass did add that the event should be a Fund Raiser even if it only cost \$10.00 to fly or simply have people make donations.

OLD BUSINESS

Butch Pendergrass spoke on behalf of Tommy Cheek in that the electrical materials will now be fully donated by Johnson Electrical while the club would have to supply the labor to install it ourselves.

Ken Blackford reported that 2020 Events Flyer was complete, but that he will have to make a last-minute change to Mark Pfaff's phone number. Also, Ken said that in the absence of Tommy and George that he wanted to double-check both of their contact information with them before it will be ready to post and print.

Michael asked the membership if they liked the proposed signs that Tim Anderson cooked up. Everyone responded, saying they liked the options. Michael reminded all members present that we do need some signage that pertains to the AMA for reasons of insurance and liabilities. Rod Stauffer added that for a club to be in "Gold Leader Status" it does have to have several different signs posted, such as, AMA Rules and Regulations, Club Safety and Operational Rules and that the areas of Pilots and Spectators must be clearly marked. He also stated that the AMA Safety Code must also be posted. He continued saying that said signs do not have to be posted under the shelter but should be posted somewhere on site. Michael suggested posting the AMA Rules and Regulations on the Green Storage Building right next to the Port-A-Jon's. Ken Blackford spoke to the reasoning of having the "No Spectators beyond this Point" on every front post in the old Shelter, in that at that time they really wanted it stand out. Ken suggested putting up at least (2) Spectator Signs under the new Shelter. Butch Pendergrass suggested that the Sign shouldn't be so specific in what it spells out and he went on to describe an example based on the old Sign, saying that when someone had their wife walk out and help hold her husband's plane so he could safely start it, that this was in violation with AMA since said wife was not an AMA member and that she had technically crossed beyond the existing Spectator Signs that read "No Spectators Beyond this Point." Many people expressed their opinions and interpretations of what some Signs could mean. Michael stepped in saying that we do want the club to maintain its "Gold Leader Status." Rod stated one more time that the ruling simply states that the "Spectator and Pilot areas must be clearly marked." He went on to suggest that perhaps the Sign could only read....."Spectator Area" and leave it at that, thus, not setting a definite firm line as where not to cross. Ken Blackford said that he could make the new Signs at no cost. Howard reported that old Signs are in the Green Building.

Michael asked Tim Anderson and Chris Baker to get together to work up a price for the larger Sign, including materials, Decals, Printing, etc. Chris said he would supply the Poles. Tim said that he has nice piece of "Dura-Bond" Sign Board material that he would donate, but he needs someone to give him the content that is to be on the Sign and that the club needs to determine the actual size. Ken Blackford offered to get with Tim and give him the necessary content.

It was also suggested that Heli Deli would be a good place to post the AMA Rules and Regulations Sign.

Sandy Hotham suggested having a new Banner / Sign made for the Heli Deli and offered to pay for it. Michael suggested that Sandy to get with Tim in designing said new Sign and get a cost estimate.

Michael asked the membership if his emails were too harsh in describing paying club dues on time. Everyone seemed to agree that the emails were perfect, and more so, appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael stated that he wanted to appoint some new faces this year as Members at Large. He said that he has two people in mind that seem to be really engaged and involved with the club and are also out at

the field all the time. Michael nominated Tim Anderson and John Titus. All members present approved Tim and John as the 2020 Members at Large.

Howard Bass stated that he is willing use his Mower this year, thinking that perhaps the club shouldn't have to buy a new Mower and Rake, but strongly suggested that we at least invest in a good quality Lawn Rake / Vacuum. He went on to say that our President, Michael Holbrook has one that he is willing to sale for only \$1,600.00. Michael added that he paid \$3,200.00 for his "Z-10" Powered Cyclone Rake. Rod Stauffer also added that he has a very similar model and that it works very well. Michael asked the club to go out and do some research and compare other models to his "Z-10" and come back to the next meeting to decide and vote if this looks like the way we ought to go.

Tim Anderson reported that the blow-by thatch that is on the edge of the creek is so thick and tightly packed that it's acting like a dam and not letting any water naturally flow over into the ditch. He added that it's so tight that you can't hardly kick it over into the ditch. Michael spoke, remembering having to mow the field as much as (6) times to get it down. Butch Pendergrass said that if we had said Rake / Vacuum and only had to mow once, that it would cut the mower time and use down at least in half. Ken Blackford suggested that we need to have a work party and address the ditch thatch line to try and remove it. Michael suggested to have said field maintenance day to address the ditch on the Agenda for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

The 50 / 50 was won by Michael Holbrook who donated it back to the club, totaling \$76.00.