

February 2021 Minutes

The meeting began right at 7:05

(17) people were present at the restaurant and (7) people were connected via "Zoom."

The January Meeting Minutes was approved by all members present.

The Treasury Report for January was approved by all members present.

Birthdays for the month of February were read off by Ron Mealga as: Chico Arguello, George Shrek, Ed Wolfkamp and Gary Barnes.

Club recognition went out to Michael Holbrook who did a fantastic job with the AMA PODCAST interview.

The Treasury Report for February as read off by Michael Holbrook was approved by all members present.

Old Business

Howard did report that Board did meet in January and mentioned that they did discuss the topic of paying off the Shelter Loan early was discussed. The current loan balance with Michael Holbrook stands at approx.. \$1,669.00. Motions were made and the vote was approved by all members present to proceed and pay off the loan early.

Howard went on to report that \$1,778.00 have already been donated by the membership for the new Event Generator. It was confirmed that said amount would totally covert cost for the new Generator.

George Welcome discussed coming across a large, nice, refrigerator previously owned by late member George Sudermann for \$250.00. A vote was held and approved to proceed with acquiring said refrigerator.

James Miller spoke about the possibility of installing a WIFI Weather Station down at the field, by "piggy backing" onto Butch Pendergrass's WIFI. He estimated that the total cost should not exceed \$600.00 for the antennas and other hardware. Some expressed concern about spending money on a system when most people can pull up such info on their smart phones. Some had concerns over the distance and accuracy between the antennas. Some expressed concern that the club has other projects yet to be discussed where money will be needed. Ken Means offered yet another option that involves hardware including a Solar Cell, Camera, Lithium Battery and works by cell phone technology and would cost about \$10.00 a month where anyone who has the password could dial in and get such information. It was decided for everyone to think about it and bring it up at the next club meeting.

The Heli Deli project was discussed at length with ideas ranging from boxing it in with adding on sides to completely re-building it, even with an AC unit and good ventilation. Tommy, Chris, and John agreed they would go out and take hard look at it again and attempt to drum up what the cost might be before Tommy has his surgery, knowing that Tommy himself already has a large majority of material / studs.

Howard went on to discuss the field maintenance. He went on to say that we could save about \$1,000.00 by spraying the field ourselves. A vote was taken to proceed and approved. Then, Butch Pendergrass made everyone aware that we should be very careful in not letting a professional continue with the upkeep in that the club tried it ourselves once before and the field got really bad and it took about three years and a lot of money to bring it back to what it is now. Adam Miller added that there is a lot more to it than throwing some chemicals in a sprayer and spraying it down in that the professionals know how to set the sprayers correctly with the right amount going down. He continued in saying that it's the Pre-emergent and Weed-Killer is the most important part and that it needs to be done in about 2-weeks if we were going to do it. Butch added that Mr. Hunter is the best man for the job in that he does most of the UNC athletic systems fields and most High Schools. Much discussion continued if we could only hire him as a consultant or only have him do parts of the job and the club do the rest. A vote was taken to rescind the previous vote and approve the usage of Hunter's Landscaping for the weed control spraying and pre-emergent chemicals. The motion was approved by majority vote with 4 members voting against.

New Business

George Welcome asked if the date for the Giant Scale Event be moved back one week to September 16th - 19th. All approved the date change. George got the said dated sanctioned.

Ken Blackford spoke about the 2021 Swap Meet it that the only 2021 date at the Annex Building was pushed out to August 21st by the W-S Fairgrounds, which is right on top of this year's Electric RCEFF event. Ken stated the obvious choices as being, move the RCEFF date to a week in front or behind said date, or find another location and that the latter is most likely the right choice. Ken did stress that himself and Rod do firmly believe that the Annex Building is a terrific venue in that its size could really grow to as many as 275 tables compared to our latest 125 table sells. Howard agreed to follow up and look at a known building in East Bend and get back with Ken. Ken said that we do have the option of hosting it at Adam Millers shop in Advance sometime in November as well.

George Welcome asked what the Electric Event's name is. He suggested possibly adding late members name "George Sudermann" to the name of our Electric Event (or some another event) to honor him as he always donated money and supported every event, even though he did not fly at them.

The Ditch work by the old tree was discussed. Ken Blackford asked if we should try to do something before the 2021 events. Butch Pendergrass threw out an approx. cost of \$3,000.00 just for materials for a real French Drain and pointed out that you could still fall off into the ditch. It was suggested that we simply put up some more bright yellow markers since one of the known accidents was due to not being able to see the ditch line.

The 50/50 was won by the waitress who netted \$43.00 with \$43.00 going to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.