

Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2000

President Max Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:37. There were 40 members and 4 guests present. (With a quorum, the Barnstormers really got down to business!)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash.

Treasurer Don Ramsey gave the financial report. The club balance sheet looks very good. We have a substantial cash balance and owe no one. The books were available at the front desk for review.

Max asked for reports about ailing members and some were given.

Committee Reports

Big Bird- Terry Foote reported that the flyers have been prepared for the October 14 and 15 event. These will be going out to the various hobby shops this weekend. As recommended in the last meeting Terry has gone all out to make our event distinctive from another similar event to be held on the same day within the Houston area. Pilots will get a free lunch and, maybe, a Saturday night dinner as well. All entrants will receive a Barnstormer T-shirt, there will be a raffle for some substantial prizes donated by member Charles Hirsch, and there will be pilot's choice trophies awarded in six categories. Greg Gathright is providing new road signs to direct people to the event. Volunteers are needed for the flight line, impound, and concession duties.

Pattern Contest- Don Ramsey had written an extensive report on the highly successful August 26 and 27 contest for the August Prop Wash but wanted to make sure that everyone knew that Courtney Foote was to be recognized and appreciated for her concession work. Also, Don pointed out how well John Wondra, age 13, and Kyle Foote, age 10, had done as contestants. The members gave them a round of applause.

Field Committee- Rick Oliver reported that many of the pattern contestants remarked that our field was in excellent condition (considering the drought) and how nice it was to have washrooms and an air-conditioned clubhouse. The subject of air conditioning inspired a discussion about how to get the clubhouse air tuned off by the last member to leave the field each Sunday evening. John Wondra volunteered to see that it was turned off each Monday morning.

Editor- Jack Evans advised the membership that the cookies and cake for this meeting were provided by Mary Reeves. (This was applauded.) Jack also asked for help on providing news, "how to" items, or humor for the monthly Prop Wash. Jack indicated that he was about tapped out from trying to generate this stuff each month.

Old Business

President Taylor reviewed the status of field improvements, which can now be addressed as the weather cools:

1. Repairs *to* the well house and shed- The have been previously approved by the membership. Bob

Schlotter volunteered to head this up. Herb Newstrom, John Schuren, and Tom Walter offered to assist.

2. Kitchen sink and rest room improvements- Jack Evans will head up this effort. Jack will build the rest room cabinets himself but he needs help to install them. Max pointed out that the kitchen/club house floor needs cleaning and painting, hopefully before the Big Bird event.

3. Runway upgrade and road repair- To make a really fine runway we will need asphalt, geo-textile fabric, or good grass. No matter which one of these is chosen, there must be the same base preparation. Rick Oliver pointed out that this preparation is not likely to be adequately carried out by the membership and is best left to a professional contractor. This contractor could do the roadwork at the same time, providing a better price to us. After some discussion and questioning by the members, President Taylor recommended that the field be prepared for an approximately 45 by 600 foot geo-textile runway. Max also provided an estimated cost figure. Treasurer Don Ramsey agreed that this amount was available.

A motion by Terry Foote to proceed with the recommended improvements to the runway and road was seconded and approved by the membership. An upper cost limit was included in the approved motion but is deliberately not noted here to protect the bidding process.

New Business

The memberships of Rick Milstead, Erik Sutton, and David Guillory were approved.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to purchase 6 trophies for the Big Bird fly-in.

Don Ramsey observed that he has been providing the soft drinks for the clubhouse for a couple of years now and has yet to break even because the members have been shorting the till. He proposed that he would buy a soft drink machine, stock it, and pay 10% of the sales to the club.

-leiJY Foote moved that we accept TJon's offer. TJon's offer was seconded and approved by the membership.

Steve Tinsley and Kirk Jensen were appointed as a nominating committee for new officers. They will report at the next meeting.

Tom Dwyer provided a report regarding the Soaring Club of Houston, which has had a recent flying fatality as well as seven planes damaged or destroyed in the last three weeks. Last week's wind bursts actually lifted some glider hangers off their pads and dropped them on the planes they were supposed to protect.

Show and Tell

Steve Tinsley- 4 Star 40, ST 51. Built in 8 days. Clipped wing by one bay (on each side), 4 1/2 pounds. Monocote.

Jim Porter- 4 Star 60, venerable OS 61. Pilot's head turns with rudder. Monocote.

Loman Reeves- Modified T3 as shown in a 1981 Model Aviation. Made from foam board obtained at Office Depot, epoxy glue, polyurethane finish. Magnum XL 40.

Terry and Kyle Foote- Advance 40 VRTF (V for virtually). MVVS 45. Converted to a tail dragger with unique pull-pull arrangement.

Mark Kozak- New product review: Spacewalker ARF from Great Planes, 60 size with a ST 90 installed. Monocote, IMAA legal at 80", good price, nice flyer.

Winner: Loman Reeves Raffle

Jim King- Multi-pack of Zpoxy

Ken Bauske - Magnum Z-bender pliers

Jim Coleman - Super Cub butane and Hobbico pin vise

Larry Asaro - VQ Spacewalker ARTF, 40 sized, "Semi-Scale- Semi Maquette" (translation unavailable)

Ken Bauske-Secretary