

February 200 minutes

President Max Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 38 members and no guests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the Prop Wash. It was noted that among the new members approved in December were Ron Reed and Ross Lovelace.

Treasurer Don Ramsey reported on the current as well as the estimated year-end cash balances and all is well financially.

VP Rick Oliver is assembling a new Field Committee for the year. The flying field needs fill and this one of the items to be addressed by the committee. The hay management program will continue as is.

OLD BUSINESS:

Max outlined some of the recent changes in the neighborhood of our flying field. He noted that the adjacent property is being offered for sale and that we can expect that any new neighbors may need to adjust to living near a flying field. We can help them by continuing to respect property lines and being very careful not to over-fly them. Although we have no fixed rules regarding hours of operation, "dawn patrols" are to be discouraged.

Joe Berryman and Keith Kern have been training newfliers as part of the Introductory Pilot's Program. The club needs additional volunteers to meet our requirements. If you are available to help with this program, contact Max or any other club officer.

Max talked about the condition of our field maintenance equipment. A motion by Bob Schlotter was seconded and approved to replace 'Old Red' the worn out mower. Dick Moore will chair a committee to investigate and recommend a specific replacement. VP Rick Oliver will assist as a committee member.

NEW BUSINESS:

Max conducted a review of the probable schedule for club activities in the coming season:

Don Ramsey has applied for a pattern contest sanction date in late August.

Terry Foote will apply for a Big Bird sanction in May or June and late October.

Al Dalnoki will apply for sailplane event to be held in the May-June time frame.

He will coordinate this scheduling with Terry Foote.

Chuck Rogers will look into the possibility of a 4-stroke rally and report at the next meeting.

Other events may be contemplated. Fun fly's, war bird rally and race events were suggested.

Max Taylor and Jack Evans reviewed the considerations involved in maintaining a satisfactory club meeting location. The present pilot's lounge, although a generously provided resource, has several limitations. The most immediately troublesome problem is that during the winter months we have to either vacate this location by 8PM or assume responsibility for its security and closing, a liability risk best avoided. Another meeting facility, THE Friendship Center has been located in Conroe. This facility has chairs and tables to accommodate some 120 people, has ample parking, is available and is free although any donation to Meals on Wheels would be appreciated at any time. The only apparent disadvantage is that the Friendship Center is pennantly available only on Thursday evenings. To move our club meetings from Wednesday to Thursday would require a modification of the constitution. However, it was pointed out that the President could make temporary date changes to meet arising circumstances. After some spirited discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that the March Barnstormers meeting be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday March 2, 2000 in the

Conroe Friendship Center located in the WOOD CREEK shopping center to test the suitability of this facility.

SHOW & TELL TERRY FOOTE—
Bob Upton's Lazy B, OS 15

LEON JEWELL—Framed-up Ryan ST from Sig plans

MIKE GAMBER—Modeitech Dragon Lady ARC,
Saito 182 (whole outfit is for sale)

KIRK JENSEN—TSK Helicopter, YS 91 Air Chambe

KEN BAUSK&-Modeitech J-3 Cub ARF, Magnum 25 WINNER!

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Ken Bauske - Secretary