

## Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2002

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7: 12 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 35 members and 5 guests present. Brad told a well-received opening joke and reviewed significant historical events that occurred on this date.

Guests were introduced and the new membership of Matthew Barnes was approved.

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

Ray Kohn gave the Treasurer's report. Cash balances are quite high, as is typical at this time of year when dues money is received. Unfortunately, 61 members have not yet paid their dues, which were due today.

(Secretary's note: At this time no special collection efforts have been initiated. However, old friends Vido and Vasily have been alerted. Specializing in behavior modification, the firm of V & V has recently relocated from Chechnya to The Woodlands. See [www/legbreak.com](http://www/legbreak.com))

Vice President Greg Gathright and Mowing Crew Leader Harold Hebert gave the field report. Although the field looks very good, the (bad) Bahia grass is still a problem. Ray Withrow spread a huge load of chemicals as soon as the clearing weather permitted. Then, the desired number of rainless days passed and the field was deliberately not mowed or watered so that the poison could cook. This should have killed the Bahia. But, according to Bear Hebert, "If it's dead, it doesn't know it."

On the brighter side, Max Taylor lowered three sprinkler heads, which were getting regularly mowed.

In the absence of any CD's, Brad gave the following event reports: The Big Bird will be held on October 26 and 27. The pattern contest will be held on August 24 and 25.

Old Business- Brad called upon Max Taylor, Construction Committee Chairman, to give a report on replacing the damaged shed area. Max deferred to Treasurer Kohn, who had prepared a flip chart presentation for the membership. Ray gave an overview of the extent of the June 7 storm damage. He reported that all the debris has been cleaned up and that the damaged structure has been deemed unsalvageable. The concrete slab, although not level, can be used to floor a replacement building if concrete foundation piers are used to support the new structure. Ray showed a drawing of a contemplated 100' by 20' all metal shelter, which would straddle the existing slab.

The committee has a number of design considerations still to sort out, each with separate cost implications. About 20 bids have been invited and there is considerable dollar variation among those few thus far received. Because we have not decided just what features to include in the final design mix, we cannot now tell the club exactly what costs are to be expected. Therefore, Ray provided a cash flow analysis to show what amount the Barnstormers could afford. This took into account incoming dues, normal estimated seasonal expenses, insurance money, and new membership fees. He recommended approval of a "not to exceed" number, which he had developed.

Discussion followed. Generally, it was agreed that we should maintain our regular 1

emergency fund level of \$x,xxx, even as we respond to this storm emergency. It was further felt that special assessments should be avoided.

Finally, it was moved by Bear Hebert and Max Taylor that the Executive Committee be empowered to decide how to move forward on the field construction and repair project within a specific expense number. (Not to exceed \$X) This motion was approved.

(For those who may wonder what dollar figures are involved here, we can only explain that we do not publish real numbers when bids are involved. One of the advantages of coming to the meetings is that you get the inside skinny on these things.)

Ray Kohn provided a copy to each Executive Committee member of his Structural Replacement Report, Part II.

President Wall again reviewed the need to be highly alert at the field and always keep safety in mind. Concentrate. Maintain your finger count.

New Business- Greg Gathright is looking into the creation of signage for the field to advise visitors that AMA membership is required of all fliers.

Ray Kohn has prepared a colorful Barnstormer handout for the hobby shops to introduce people to our club and advise them of the requirements and benefits of membership. Copies were circulated among the membership and were well received. Ray received a round of applause for his work.

Brad reported that long time member Leon Jewell has decided that his health will no longer support his hobby. He is selling all his equipment. Bear Hebert volunteered to put together a list of items that Leon wishes to dispose of. Leon's number is (281) 593-2957.

Brad recalled a respectful article about "Old Geezers" that he had read to the membership at a recent meeting. He views the old geezer as a patriotic, hard working, club contributor. To honor such people Brad asked Tina Andrews, of Andrews Incentive Marketing, to design an appropriate hat. (We are out of regular club hats for sale, anyhow.)

Tina presented her ideas for the new hat. She also told us about her "full serve promotional products company, located in the Woodlands." (See [www.aimpromos.com](http://www.aimpromos.com)) Hats were passed around for review and Tina also provided some of her typical products for the raffle. Discussion left unclear whether the hats were to be presented by the club as an item of appreciation or sold to the members as an item to keep the sun off.

Price varied from \$6.40 for the basic version to \$7.95 with colorful scrambled eggs on the bill.

### Model of the Month

John Powell Jr.- Tower Hobbies Uproar 40, built from the kit. Powered by an old K&B 40, which John found at a garage sale. It was frozen up but cleared when soaked in oil. He replaced the carb with one from an OS46 FX, which really increased its power. The plane has had 4 flights and flies like a dream

Winner of a gallon of fuel from Just Hobbies: John Powell Jr.

Raffle

**Bob Bissell - WATT AGE Mini Max Electric Combo**

**Ken Bauske - PICO Tiger Moth Park Flier ARF**

**Jon Bartoshek - DYMAMITE Glo Driver/Charger**

**Mathew Barnes - Just Hobbies CA package**

**Clint Caroon - Arnerican Hobby Products MKII Deluxe TestIRun-Up Stand**

**Bob Schlotter, Ken Bauske, Joe Berryman- AIM products donated by Tina Andrews**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Ken Bauske

Secretary

Help Wanted: Volunteer to prepare minutes for October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Contact Ken Bauske on 281419-8089.