

Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2002

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Willis Community Center. There were 36 members and 5 guests present. Brad's opening remarks involved great truths about life and growing old, a review of the four stages of life, and the definitions of success. (Only the passage of time will reveal if any of this wisdom sank into the memberships' consciousness.)

Visitors were introduced and the new memberships of Barry Potter, Rudy Rymal, Tim McDonnell, Scott Mrosko, Richard Rivas, and Douglas Buethe were approved.

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

Treasurer Ray Kohn reported that club finances continue to be in fine shape. Ray reminded members that membership renewal invoices will be sent out in June, due for payment by August 1, 2002. Members are asked to review the vital statistics provided on the invoices and to verify the accuracy before returning them to Ray with the payment. In September the gate and building combinations will be changed and non-payers will be locked out.

Field Committee- Vice President Greg Gathright reported that the field looks great. The sand that was delivered was not of the highest quality but has been spread in selected off-runway low spots. Greg said that he has now located a source of sharp sand and will obtain that for use on the runway and landing areas. Ray Withrow reported that the (undesirable) Bahia grass has just about been eliminated.

Brad reminded the membership that we had a mowing team and that if you're not on it, don't mow even if you have been checked out on the tractor. He then called on mowing crew chairman Bob Schlotter for his report. Bob thanked the 12 guys on his crew for the great job they have done since the dedicated group was formed last July. He said that because of these guys the club maintenance costs have dropped tremendously. Bob was under the impression that his crew's term ended at the end of July and that we would have to pick 12 more volunteers for the following year. To verify this, Secretary Bauske read aloud the original approved motion from the July, 2001 minutes, which described a "permanent ... team". In the discussion that followed, opinions varied as to the implications of "permanent." President Wall felt that this term needed clarification and moved that the year-old law be amended as follows: "Moved that the mowing committee be permanent but the membership 'position' be rotated yearly." This was passed. A new mowing crew will be named in July.

Jim Porter moved that we eliminate the dues waiver for the mowing team members. Brad pointed out that each crewmember had the option of paying dues if he wanted to do so. Jim replied that a lot of people spend more time working for the club than the mowing crew and they don't get their dues paid. He said most the people on the present crew feel that way. The motion was passed.

A lively discussion ensued about runway width, preventative weed treatment, weekend coverage, special event preparation, and who is authorized to do what. President Wall directed crew chief Schlotter to get together with his mowing crewmembers to be sure everyone is trained on the tractors within each team and to secure the equipment and come back to him and the Executive Committee if there are still problems.

Sailplane- Brad reminded us that this contest will be held this coming Saturday, June 8.

Big Bird- Brad reminded us that this fly-in would be held on October 26th and 27th.

Fun Fly- There will be a Barnstormer Fun Fly the second week of November.

Pattern Contest- No report

IMAC- Brad issued Certificates of Appreciation for work done on the IMAC event. These were given to Kirk Jensen, John Avant, Max Taylor, Harold Hebert, Adam Kaminskis, Jack Evans, Tom Walter, Gail Phillips, Ollie Sonnier, Luis Rodriguez, Mike Gamber, Al Dalnoki, Richard Dahl, Brian Sauers, Claire Ramsey, Virginia Phillips, Bob Butley, Don Ramsey, and possibly someone else whose name sounded like 'Rick'.

Old Business

President Wall reviewed the request by an outside group for the use of our field for a Civil War reenactment. About \$3-5,000 would be offered as rent for the use of our 40 acres over a three-day weekend. There being no positive membership interest, the request will be denied.

Gold Leader Club pins were presented to new members. Any member who has not received one can pick it up at the front table at this meeting or the next.

New Business

Brad asked if anyone would be interested in having a guest speaker at the club meetings.

Speakers would make 10-15 minute presentations. They might be vendors, insurance experts, airplane people, anything like that. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a program is a good idea. Brad volunteered to be program chairman for the rest of the year.

The next Barnstormer meeting date, normally scheduled for the first Thursday of the month, will fall on the Fourth of July. Therefore, the next meeting will be held, instead, on July 11.

Bob Upton announced that the following people are being trained and qualified as AMA Contest Directors: Kirk Jensen, Steve Tinsley, and Mark Kozak.

Brad reviewed the case of Tuscan RC flier killed at the Pima Fairgrounds when he flew his own plane into himself when blinded by the sun. Early morning fliers at our field should be especially alert to this kind of potential accident. Additionally, since the last meeting one of our own members has been seriously hurt in a hand/propeller incident. We must remain alert and cautious. In the event that one of us does not, we have a new First Aid Kit, which Ray Kohn has put together. Ray was called on to display and to describe the contents of our new kit. These consisted of the expected bandages, wraps, rubber gloves, and antiseptics but also included plastic Baggies for the grizzly transport of severed digits. Ray emphasized the need to wear rubber gloves where blood is involved. The new kit is located in the impound area. The directions to the nearest hospital, Huntsville, are located on the side of the coke machine.

Presentations

Adam Kaminskis - Demonstrated two new products which he and his cousin's husband, Frank Devlin, have developed: 1. A folding table, called The Stable Stand, is designed as a large plane

holder for field, shop, and auto. 2. A Transmitter Holder with adjustable shoulder straps and palm rests for the RC pilot.

Steve Tinsley - When Steve was sandblasting a trailer on a hot day recently, the PVC used to hook-up his air lines blew. Although PVC takes 250 lbs. of pressure at 75 degrees, it can fail at higher temperatures, with dangerous results. Steve showed us the destroyed and failing parts.

Model of the Month

Bob Upton- P-40 from a Byron kit Bob obtained about 7 years ago. (He said he was "letting the fiberglass cure.") He has worked on it for about two years on and off This incredible plane has a wingspan of 84", and weighs 26 pounds. It is powered with a Sachs 4.2, using a Byron PurrPower mount and C & H ignition. The plane has Robart retracts on mains and tail wheel, a sliding canopy, and 6-8,000 hand applied rivets. The finish was primed in Superpoxy and then acrylic enamel sprayed by Steve Tinsley, with a Poly U clear coat. It has Hitec electronics with digital servos. The plane has not been flown and is for sale.

Loman Reeves- Low wing Cub, "a J-3 that's different." Loman built it from attic parts using a 69" wing from a clipped wing Cub. It is powered by a Magnum 91 and weighs 7 pounds. It has SpaceWalker landing gear. It has not been flown.

Al Dalnoki- Great Planes Spirit Elite ARF sailplane. 2-meter span with flaps, utilizing 6 servos. This ARF was very easy to assemble and took Al only two days to do so. The plane weighs only 2 lb. 8 oz. and flies very well. The fuselage has a tendency to deform in the hot sun; consequently, Al has designed a special PVC holder to protect it.

Winner: Bob Upton, who deferred to Loman Reeves, who gets a gallon of fuel from Just Hobbies.

Raffle

Richard Kobes - Great Planes Power Plane

Harper Taylor - Model Tech Magic ARTF

Mike Gamber - Mini Max Wattage Electric Combo

Ellis Campbell- MAXXPRODUCTS Field Box

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

KenBauske
Secretary