

Barnstormer Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2002

President Wall called the meeting to order at 7:27 at the Willis Community Center. There were 37 members and 4 guests present. For an opening joke, Brad read a humorous report made by an innocent victim of a California Highway accident.

Guests were introduced and the new membership of Pam Kohn was approved.

There having been no publication of the Prop Wash this month, the minutes of the previous meeting, as recorded and prepared by volunteer Mike Gamber, were read aloud by the Secretary. There were no omissions noted or corrections offered from the membership; accordingly, President Wall accepted the minutes as read.

Treasurer Ray Kohn gave his report. Our present Barnstormer cash balance is in good shape, as previously anticipated. The books were available for member review at the front table.

Old Business

Harold Hebert was called upon to give the Maintenance, Field, and Construction Committee reports.

Bear reported that the field was soaked from the rains. Additionally, the rain has prevented mowing of the runway for the last month. If an event were to be held, the various field areas would be extensively damaged and the unhappy participants covered with mud. Therefore, the Big Bird (re-scheduled for November 9th after being rained out on October 26th and 27th) has to be cancelled. Secretary Bauske will contact Dick Pursley and try to get this information quickly posted to our web site. (It was.) Bear said there would be volunteers at the field Saturday morning to intercept any arriving event participants and to explain the situation. In the absence of CD Teny Foote, it was unknown how and where the rescheduled event had been publicized. Steve Tinsley indicated that he was told there had been difficulty obtaining a proper AMA sanction for the new date. In any event, the event is non-extant.

Bear tried for 12 weeks to get a tree surgeon to come out and look at our damaged tree. Finally, Randy's Tree Service came out and did a great job with it. "Our tree is saved."

Because of the soil conditions, it will be at least two weeks before the holes for the new building piers can be drilled and the concrete poured. (The drill weighs 9 tons.) The piers need to dry for two or three days. The building kit is due for delivery on 11/18 and will have to sit on 2 by 4's until the piers are ready. For safety, when the drilling starts, the field will have to be shut down and stay shut down until the construction is finished, assuming it all happens in a contiguous string of days. However, it is more likely that events will not take place in a contiguous string and that the field closings will be intermittent.

Discussion ensued regarding "what ifs'." What if it rains again? How will we tell people that the field is closed or open? How do we tell the Barnstormer volunteer workers to come to the field when we need them? When do we tear down the old shelter?

Not all the answers are clear at this time. Here are some tentative ones: If it keeps raining, we may not finish this project for, possibly, 2 months. The old shelter is needed for sun and rain protection for fliers when the field is open and will not be knocked down until it gets in the way of the new building construction. This may happen as early as during the drilling. Only 7 or 8 sturdy Barnstormers, with hammer and crow bar, should be needed to rip down the old shelter, probably a one-day project. The method for notifying flying members just when the field is closed has not yet been determined. Suggestions include a sign at the gate, a locked gate with a secret temporary lock code, or perhaps an unleashed pack of Dobermans.

The material salvaged from the old shelter will be used to rebuild the porch on the clubhouse.

Ray Kohn displayed a chart depicting building expenses as rising red mercury in a thermometer sized to the approved level of expenditure. This will be shown to the membership each month to track and display expense progress.

New Business

Brad reported that the bills are due for our web site URL (don't ask) as well as the rental for the Datatronics web server. Originally Brad paid for the URL out of his own pocket and provided the web server at no charge for two years. Now the server is getting full and it can no longer be offered at no charge. The URL costs \$75 for two years. The server will cost \$10 per month. Brian Sauers said he might be able to find a web server at no charge but would need to get back to us on this. The resolution of this issue was deferred to the December meeting.

Brad said the hats that were ordered at the last meeting would be available at the December meeting. At that time he will make available the information necessary for further hat orders by individuals. The shirts have arrived and were being distributed to those who ordered them last month.

Tommy Shelton has offered to cater a Christmas dinner at the December meeting for members and their families. The club expense would be in the range of \$300-\$350. After a short discussion, a show of hands indicated insufficient interest among the members. The offer was nonetheless appreciated.

After the 2003 officer nominations at the October meeting, Ray Withrow withdrew as a candidate for President, as did Harold Hebert as a candidate for VP. This resulted in a slate with no opposition. Brad opened the floor for further nominations. There were none. Subsequently, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

President:	Harold Hebert
VP	Max Taylor
Treasurer	RayKohn
Secretary	Ken Bauske
Editor	PamKohn

Brad announced that the December meeting would conclude with the traditional swap meet and auction. Members should bring plenty of money, along with their no-longer-needed hobby treasures.

Newly elected President Bear Hebert confirmed that, as in the past, there would be no January club meeting.

Raffle - There was no raffle. Bob Schlotter suggested that since Just Hobbies would no longer be providing the raffle items, we might go back to the old method of the club supporting its own monthly raffle. Brad said this decision would be deferred until the new administration is installed.

Model of the Month - Brian Sauers- Great Planes quarter scale Patty Wagstaff Extra 300S ARF. Moki 2.10 with 20 by 8 prop. 78" span, probably around 15 pounds. Wing and stab disassemble into two pieces for transport. All servos Hitec high torque. Plane has not yet been flown. Brian put it together for Bear Hebert, who is the real owner. To everyone's relief, Brian said he would make the first flight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
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