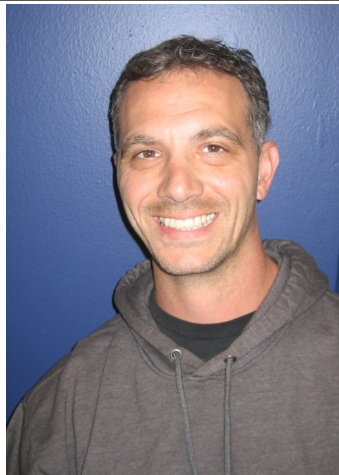


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- *Vice President* - Robert Cook
- *Secretary* - Larry Bonnette
- *Treasurer* - Sam Barrett
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Robert Minieri

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The club will be hosting the annual “Big Bird” on April 27 and 28.

This event usually provides pilots and spectators with a very nice time.

If you are a club member we could use your help with all of the tasks that need to be accomplished during the event. So lets show our support for the club and pitch in.

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Meetings are at the Conroe Friendship Center on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

We hope to see you there.



Robert Cook

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

I was not able to make it to the field in many months and I really miss it. I know that the field is in good hands and the members who help maintain it are continuing to do their typical tremendous job with keeping it up. I only wish I could be there to help and I expect that at some point things in my life will slow down and I will be able to do that. In the mean time I know you will forgive me when life gets in the way of my hobby. And, I thank you for that.

Bob

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

April 4, 2013
Start time: 7:30 PM
Members present 29

The April 4, 2013 meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Robert Minieri

Robert started the meeting by telling the members that there would be night flying right after the meeting.

The March minutes were unanimously approved.

Phyllis Butler created two beautiful quilts with an airplane motif. She donated them to the club. The club will auction them off during the "Big Bird" event. Thanks Phyllis

Sam Barrett reported on the field conditions. He said that they replaced the valves for the showers in the rest rooms after there was a complaint that there was no hot water. There is now hot water in the showers. Sam also said that they spread 120 LBS of ant treatment at the field and that the field was looking good except that it was a little wet after the rains yesterday. He also noticed there was a little erosion around the new Heli Pads. Sam asked if there was anything that anyone wanted to report about the condition of the property.

Max reported that he had cleaned the growth coming through the runways by walking and kicking the growth. He said it is easily removed by doing that (walking and kicking) but is time consuming. He asked that if members have a little time they should help with that chore. Max also suggested using "Tape" on the seams to help with the problem. The Heli pads are not yet tight (still a little wrinkled) but will eventually tighten up as the days get sunnier.

Robert reported that the indoor flying event that he had arranged went well. There was a good turn out and everyone had fun. He will try to arrange for another indoor event and will keep members informed VIA e-Mail.

Kirk Jensen reminded members that there would be an evening of star gazing at "Bomber Field" on Saturday April 20th. There will be a telescope set up for "guided" star gazing and AMA members are welcome to come to the field and do some flying before the star gazing event. People are welcome to arrive and fly starting at noon on the 20th.

Robert told members that the executive committee discussed the issue (VIA e-Mail) of the frequency board with 2.4 GHZ radios (see last month's minutes). The committee decided to keep thing the way they are. If you are flying using 2.4 GHZ radios you are still required to place you're AMA card into a slot on the frequency board and carry the baton in your back pocket. Members are reminded that this is a club rule and that members should set a good example for others by following the rules.

There were no new members.

Minutes (continued)

Ken Bauske told members that he and other members of the clubs grievance committee were approached by another member with a complaint regarding "Guest Sign in". It appears that some members were signing "Guests" in without checking on the guests AMA status. Robert admitted that he might have been guilty of the infraction and that he had a reasonable explanation. Robert recited the explanation to the members present.

Tom Bufkin told the club a humorous tale about an attempt to repair LiPo battery packs.

Robert reported that the material needed to repair the driveway at the field would cost \$545 per load and that he suggested the club purchase 3 or 4 loads. The club unanimously voted to allow the purchase of 4 loads of ground concrete for the driveway repair.

Tom Bufkin asked if the club would replace the sign at the field entrance. Tom will get prices for a sign replacement and report back to the members at the May meeting.

A member asked about Big Bird staffing. Members are encouraged to show up and help during the event on April 27-28. Larry will place the flyer on the web site. And other members will distribute flyers at some of the area hobby centers.

The finance committee comprised of Ken Bauske, Gary Baumgartner and Jim Porter audited the clubs books on March 28. Sam passed the audit. Ken suggested that the audit be conducted before the November deadline this year so that the results could be reported to the club prior to elections.

Donn Bonnette presented a propeller hat to Robert during the meeting. Robert wore it for the rest of the meeting. (It looked good on him)

Model of the month was won by Tom Bufkin

The attendance award would have been won by William Wells (but he wasn't at the meeting)

The name tag award was won by Eugene Dobesh

Meeting adjourned at 8:55



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

Members attending the meeting voted to repair our entrance road in the April meeting. Hopefully it will be completed before Big Bird, but we do not have a definite date set for delivery of the crushed rock or cement to smooth out the bumpy road we currently have. We will still be financially on track with the road repairs and preparations for the coming mowing season.

I will be sending out Barnstormer member stickers for 2013 sometime before the next month's meeting. Please place the sticker on your AMA card and remember to place it on the frequency board to display your membership status and current AMA coverage before fly-

ing.

If you are a recent member and do not have your Barnstormer name tag, please check the club house to pick it up. I have had some of the name tags for quite a while that were not claimed at a monthly meeting. I hope this will accommodate those who have scheduling problems with our monthly meeting times.

We have not received our letter from the IRS approving our 501 (C) (7) non-profit status. It has been more than the 90 days we were told to expect in our application acknowledgement letter from the IRS but we have not been contacted for additional information so I am hoping to have this matter completed this month.

The weather is warming up and the field is greening up. Our best season is ahead of us and I hope to see our members at the Big Bird and at the field, enjoying our great hobby. Fly safe and often!



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May 2nd