



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi Barnstormers!

Well, it's a done deal! We are installing a hard surface runway at the field! Steve Sartor has volunteered to be the project manager for the task. He will gather quotes and information to discuss at the meetings. We are hoping to put it in sometime after B.E.S.T. which is October 3-4. Speaking of B.E.S.T. we can always use a little help with the event. Helping get the field in shape in the days before the event, or helping at the event with sign in or other small duties is very appreciated.

We have had a couple reports in the last few weeks of the front gate being left open, also with the club house and bathrooms being left open. Please make sure you lock everything up. Also as a matter of courtesy, when you lock the gate or building, make sure the numbers on the combination are the right side up. This helps for obvious reasons.

A reminder of upcoming events in our area: US Scale Masters is October 7-11 at Bomber. Our club is hosting the (13th I believe) B.E.S.T. Event on October 3-4, 2015.

Again, Thank you to all the officers and positions held within the club. And, to the volunteers who take on special and everyday tasks. You truly make a difference, and make it enjoyable to be at the meetings. And, thank you to all the membership, our common interest keeps Barnstormers a great club!

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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 Daffin

Words from the VP

(The Vice President's Input)

Howdy fellow Barnstormers!

Another month has come and gone. There have been some really big things going on concerning the field! We are going to install a hard surface runway, this will solve the problems we have with our current runway and give the club an upgrade in the process!

Steve Sartor will be the project manager. This will entail contacting the contractors, securing bids, and scheduling. I would like to thank Steve for taking the time to handle this for the club. I would also like to thank all the members who showed up at the last meeting to help make this happen. We

had a very large turn out with 35 members voting for and only 5 against. I believe with the large number of members we have now and the small electrics becoming more popular, this will allow even more people to enjoy the hobby we love.

On another note, I need 24 volunteers. These volunteers will make up the mowing teams for field maintenance. They will be broken up into eight three person teams. This would mean that a team would be responsible for mowing and maintenance once every two months. I have a list started, and am working on an incentive for being on the team. Anybody who is interested please contact me at rdaffin3@yahoo.com. The current few who do most of the mowing are becoming a little burned out and with over 175 members it should not be a problem to lighten the load.

I would like to thank everyone for the help and work you put into our club. It is truly a beautiful place to fly or even just hang out with friends and talk shop! Hope everybody has great flights and happy landings!

Till next month,
Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

Aug 6, 2015

Present: 48

Start: 7:32 PM

President Kirk Jensen called the meeting to order.

July minutes accepted unanimously

3 Visitors

3 new members were voted in unanimously, Jordan Klebieko, Phillip Col-lums, and Michelle deRimanozy. Welcome !

Kirk reminded members that tonight, we cast the final vote on the motion to replace the fabric runway with a hard surface runway. He asked if there were any more questions or comments on the subject. A few members made comments and there were a few questions. After short discussions on each ques-tions. Kirk asked the secretary to read the motion one more time.

The motion:

"Replace the current fabric runway with a hard surface runway. The treasurer may use his judgment to determine how to best pay for the project and has the clubs permission to borrow the needed funds to finance the project. The cost of the runway shall not exceed \$60,000."

The members voted on the motion and it passed 35 for the motion and 5 against.

Steve Sartor was named project leader for the runway project.

Someone asked when the new trash bins and trash service would be ready. Robert Daffin told mem-bers that the material is ready for installation but he just needed to find time to install it. He will re-port on his progress at the next meeting.

Kirk Jensen told members that the sign replacement issue was still open. Kirk said he did not have a chance to ask his contact about it but he will and will report at the next meeting.

Kirk Jensen reminded members that "BEST" is in October and that is only 2 months away. We need to get flyers to the appropriate people in order to promote the event and Kirk needs volunteers to help during the event. If you can help please contact Kirk.

Minutes (continued)

Safety report. Gary Baumgartner reported that there were no safety issues to report. He did however ask the club to ban FPV flights during "BEST". He thinks that it is dangerous and that people at the last "BEST" were observed flying FPV without a spotter. Members discussed the issue and the conclusion is to better police the field during events and when safety issues arise to advise the CD of it.

The treasurer reported that the bank account is in good shape and that we should not have any problems covering the cost of the new runway. He is currently collecting dues.

Robert Daffin reported that he has not been to the field except to cut hay. He said that the field looked good and commended the people who continuously take on the responsibility of mowing and cleaning. Robert said that we need more people to mow and that he would work on a plan to get more people involved. If you would like to help call Robert and he will happily check you out on the machinery. When asked about the old haying company. Robert said that they had been silent. He did say that there were bails that belonged to him but he could not get a hold of him to ask him to pick them up. One member made a motion to donate the hay to charity. But the motion failed with a vote of 12 for and 12 against. Robert will try again to get him to take his hay.

Model of the month was won by Steve Sartor

Attendance jackpot would have been won by John Eberle

Name tag award was won by Thomas Butler

Night flying tonight.

Meet adjourned at 8:44 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

At our August meeting the club voted to approve making improvements to the smooth surface runway at Ray Brickhouse Field with a project to put some kind of hard surface, most likely asphalt, on the runway or at least some major part of the runway for a cost not to exceed \$60,000. We plan on funding the project with \$20,000 from our treasury reserves and one member has indicated a willingness to make the club a loan for the remainder. Steve Sartor has volunteered and has been appointed as Project Manager for the runway improvement and will begin looking into the most cost effective way to get what we need and sources for the materials and labor to get it done. Once a viable construction plan with adequate cost documentation and scope of work for the project has been completed, we will finalize our financing plan. The target for the improvements will be timed to start after BEST has been completed.

Thanks to all who helped get this project approved and I know we will really enjoy flying from a hard, predictable surface.

Speaking of predictable, the dues invoices for Fiscal Year 2016 went out mid- July and we already have more than two thirds of the membership dues received. Thanks for the prompt payments. Members have as long as 60 days after the due date to get their dues in but, after that they may be treated as new members joining the club and have to pay that initiation fee again; ouch! If you have an address change or have changed your email names or service provider and did not receive a mailed or email invoice, please send me a notice at treasurer@tri-countybarnstormers.com so I can update your membership data and send you an invoice.

With our new project cost to manage, we also need to keep costs down in general to be ready for that "rainy day" that often swamps a budget. All members can help control costs by remembering to turn off lights and any appliances like water heater or air-conditioners at the club house when leaving the field. With our high heat lately, members may need to cool down in the club house but don't forget to turn off the air conditioner before leaving. Don't leave things running when the flying is done. The field irrigation and electric bill peak in the summer months and we all have a responsibility to manage clubs resources wisely.

As always, please display your AMA card on the frequency pin board when flying at our field. Maintaining your AMA coverage protects us all if the unexpected happens and it also supports our hobby at the national level. Fly safe and leave the field as clean or more so, than when you arrived. Our volunteer field maintenance members will appreciate your courtesy and your help.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 3rd ; hope to see you there.



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THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE

August 3rd