



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Barnstormers.

Sorry, but it's time to get on the soap-box once again. There was a lot of discussion at the last meeting regarding garbage left at the field and general up-keep. We had thought that the club had secured a trash service, but in the end it was too expensive. The trash company wanted to list and charge us as a commercial account. We would never be able to justify that. The original rule was and is... if you bring it to the field, take it home with you! This goes for all soda bottles, drink cups, fast food bags, paper towels, etc. We have no collection service to take it away, so PLEASE throw it back in your vehicle and take it home to dispose of there. Thanks as always and see you at the field. A clean field I hope.

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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,

Well, it appears that spring is upon us! One of the biggest things that we get in spring is the Big Bird fly-in. We hope to have an excellent turnout for this event, and, any and all help is appreciated. If we could get a few volunteers then we could split up the time so no one has to work the whole event.

Another item that spring brings our way is the need for upkeep on the property. I hope to have more help this year, and have already had a few people willing to mow or weed eat. The more people we have that can help, the less the workload on everyone. Max Taylor has been mowing but he will be out for a few weeks and weather permitting the grass needs to be cut weekly. If you go out to fly and the wind is too much to deal with, then get checked out a machine and cut a little grass!

I hope everyone has a safe year with safe flights and happy landings.

Till next month,
Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

March 3, 2016
Present: 40
Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

February meeting minutes were approved unanimously

4 visitors

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner reports that there are no issues to report. The fire extinguishers have been serviced. Motto is "Just be safe out there. Darn it !"

The Treasurer reported that we have made 4 payments on the new runway. The treasury is in good shape.

1 New member. Scott Canterbury. Members unanimously voted him into the club. Welcome !

The club will host its annual "Big Bird" event on April 30 through May 1. Please send Keith Jarvis email if you would like to volunteer to help. Only 1 meeting before the event. Keith Jarvis said we will discuss in depth at the next meeting.

Ken Bauske asked what the clubs responsibility was for insuring that people flying at the events have registered with the FAA. Kirk replied that the club has no responsibility.

Kirk ask for a show of hands from members who have registered with the FAA. Almost all raised their hands

Kirk said that although the BEST event is a long way off. It is AMA sanctioned.

Kirk said he talked with Greg Gauthright about the sign and Greg agreed to make a new sign that looks just like the old one for the cost of materials. He estimated around \$350. The club decided to take the money out of the maintenance budget to pay for it.

Minutes (continued)

The Vice President Robert Daffin said the field looks good. We still need volunteers to mow.

Kirk asked club members again about the frequency pin for 2.4 GHZ transmitters. Larry reminded members that if a change is made. The club would have to amend its by-laws. This will require wording changes and multiple votes. Kirk will formulate a proposal.

Someone asked if anyone was working on the clubs standing as a "Gold Leader" No one is.

Gary Baumgartner proposed that the club remove all of the trash cans on the filed property and go back to asking members to remove all the trash they generate. He stated that the trash cans that are there are always overflowing and they never get emptied. No decision was made but Robert Daffin will continue to look for a trash removal company for the club and Kirk asked that members stop throwing their trash in the impound area.

Max said that the CAP has asked if it would be OK if they camped overnight one weekend at the field.

A motions was made and seconded this motion states that the CAP may camp overnight at the club field. The vote was a unanimous "yes" to allow the CAP to camp overnight.

Max also asked if any member knew of a wooded area that would allow the CAP to use.

Gary said there is a new gas grill at the field. He asked that it be kept in the club house so it will last longer.

Model of the month was won by Russ Hauser.

Jimmy Andrews would have won the attendance jackpot but although he was at the meeting. He didn't put a dollar in the pot. So, the pot rolls over to next month.

Tom Butler won the name tag award.

Night flying tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We have made our fourth payment on the new runway and only 56 more to go. The Treasury remains strong and the outlook for 2016 is very solid. We have an ample "rainy day" reserve so as long as the "rain" isn't as bad as we are currently getting in the New Waverly area, the club should be fine.

We still have a number of members who have not renewed their AMA for 2016. Members are reminded that a current AMA membership is REQUIRED to fly at our field, NO EXCEPTIONS. No visitor or member who is not an AMA member is allowed to fly or participate in flying activities at the field. If you are involved in

an incident or accident at the field and do not have AMA coverage, you are solely responsibility for all liability to any injured party and to the club. If you are one of those "expired" club members, get your AMA membership current and don't fly until you have a current membership card to place on the frequency pin board.

We have our Big Bird event coming up and our VP, Robert Daffin needs volunteers to help prepare the field for visitors. Please help with the preparations and also keep the field free of trash and litter by taking away any trash you bring to the field, when leaving. Our volunteers are not there to clean up after inconsiderate members or visitors who leave coke cans or cups and sandwich wrappers behind, just to mow, trim and sweep the clippings of a clean field.

We hold our club meeting the first Thursday of every month, except January. Last meeting, a member almost won an "attendance jackpot" by just being present when his name was drawn from our member number list. Unfortunately, the member had not put in his dollar to the pot and lost out on a pile of cash. We also have raffle drawings for gift certificates and just a dollar is required for each winning chance. Come on out to the meeting and join in the fun and learn about what it takes to have this wonderful club and our flying field. You will get an advance notice of the event by email, so if your email has changed since you joined, please send the treasurer an update so you don't miss out on important club notices.

The weather is warming up soon and we will be having night flying that is really something to see and to do, if you have lights on your model. See you at the field!



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April 7th