



THE PROP WASH

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Kirk Jensen

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Thanks to all for making the 2016 B.E.S.T. yet another success! There was a bunch of work that went in to the event in the weeks and months prior to the event. Things like field work, grass, event planning, registration setup, raffle donations and more. We were down about 10-15 pilots this year, but I think it made for a more relaxed event. I actually got more flying in this event than all others. Thanks also to my daughter Meagan for working the event and running the registration and raffle.

We look forward to possibly another event next year, if the members want to support it again. Thanks again.

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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,

September has come and gone and October is half over, it's been hot! As always we still need help with field maintenance. Please get with me or Max about helping out. Max told me that we have two more members checked out on the mowers. Also, Max has informed me that most of the maintenance is done but there are still some items that need attention. For all those that have helped and are helping thank you very much! Please be careful when at the field and be sure to stay hydrated.

Hope everyone has a great month. Have safe flights and happy landings!

Till next month,

Robert Daffin

Meeting Minutes

(The Secretary's Report)



Larry Bonnette

October 8, 2016

Present: 34

Start: 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Kirk Jensen

September meeting minutes were approved unanimously

No Visitors

Safety officer Gary Baumgartner had no safety issues to report.

Kirk reported that the field looked spectacular.

Sam Barrett provided the treasurers report. He said that we only have 49 more payments until the runway is paid for. Sam reminded members that they should spin the numbers on the lock so that the combination is not exposed.

There was a short discussion about the mowing crew and the list that is on the web site. The list is incorrect. Nothing was settled.

Kirk reported that BEST was awesome. Fifty-five pilots were registered. Kirk thanked everyone for their help and especially commended the guys who prepared the field before the event. Sam said that the club made money. Attendance was down from the year before and the trend seemed to be downward. In the last three years.

The nominating committee comprised of Steve Sartor and Tom Bufkin, made two officer nominations for the 2017 year. Keith Jarvis as President and Buddy Barnett as Vice President. Larry Bonnette volunteered to stay on as Secretary and Sam Barrett volunteered to stay on as Treasurer.

Kirk Jensen asked if there were any other nominations for 2017 officers. There were none.

Tim Bryan and team are still working on the lighting in the pavilion.

Robert Minieri did a nice job on the road at the field. Thank you Robert.

One of the members gave us an account of an experience he had recently when he lost an aircraft due to heavy winds. The aircraft was discovered in a housing area and the FAA contacted the member about it. The aircraft was returned to the member and the FAA agent asked if he could come to one of our meetings and talk with us. Kirk Jensen said he would contact the agent and make arrangements for him to speak.

Minutes (continued)

There is nothing new on the power lines. Steve Tinsley said the next meeting is in November.

Kirk asked if members thought it might be a good idea to pay off the runway. The Treasurer was asked for his opinion. Sam stated that we could do it now if we had to but it would be safer to wait another year and then accelerate payments. A show of hands indicated that the members liked the idea. Someone suggested that we table the idea until next year.

Two new members were voted into the club unanimously. Keith Lucas and Kris Jeffcoat. Welcome !

Night flying tonight.

Model of the month was won by Steve Sartor.

Arthur Geist would have won the attendance jackpot. But he wasn't there.

Sam Barrett won the name tag award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

We have made our 11th payment on the runway and only 49 more payments to go. Maybe less as it was discussed at the October meeting the possibility of early debt extinguishment maybe this time next year; just a thought right now as our treasury remains strong.

We have completed the annual membership dues invoicing and collection. At this point we have 167 dues paying members, including two new members from our October meeting and one who is a member, subject to being voted in, who was an attendee at BEST and was motivated to join the club. We lost 23 of our 2016 members for various reasons and for some because they did not submit dues in the time allotted by our By-Laws. If those members wish to re-join the club they will have to do so as new members and pay the initiation fee again, unless the Executive

Committee votes to waive the fee due to hardship basis.

I am glad to have the dues process behind me as I need to renew our DBA with Walker County this week, prepare financial statements for our Form 990 with the IRS and prepare for an audit of the Treasurer for FY2016. Hopefully my records will be a lot more straight forward than anything we see coming out of Washington and with a lot less debt.

Now that we have dues over with, we have a new combination on the field front gate. All dues paid members should have the new code and nobody else. The first Monday after BEST, I went to check on the mail, then out to the field. I stopped at the gate to check the new lock and there was the new combination still reflected in the numbers on the dials of the open lock. PLEASE remember to spin the dials after opening any of our locks at the field. Not only does it make it easy for someone to get unauthorized access to the field but, the combination can also be changed when the lock is open and on the current combination. This is a little mischief that would make us have to cut a \$20 lock to get the field open. If you open the field, make sure you turn the numbers on the open lock to protect our combo and don't give the combo to anyone you don't positively know is a current dues paid member.

We used to have all our AMA cards expire at December 31st but now we have members who have expiration dates all over the calendar. I just noticed that when verifying with AMA that new members have AMA coverage. You need to take care to keep AMA in force if you fly. We typically require all new members to have current AMA as we can assume they intend to fly. If your AMA expires while you are a paid member, you CANNOT fly at our field until you renew your AMA - No Exceptions. So, check you AMA for expiration date and keep us all safely covered and flying.



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NEXT MEETING WILL BE

November 3rd