

Barnstormers Meeting, Willis, Texas.

December 3, 2009

Meeting called to order by VP Eric DeSardi at 19:30

Eric announced that the president Doug Van Orman, was under the weather and was not coming due to some chest pains. Thus he was conducting the meeting for today.

Call for guests: we had two:

1. Derik Knight - former member and possibly a new one again.
2. Mohamed Rafiq possible new member

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was motioned by Gary Baumgartner and second by Richard Arnold. The motion passed with the full approval of the members present.

Larry was away for business and Helmut is taking the minutes for today.

Board report:

President: not present

VP: thanked the membership for the opportunity he was given to help in the daily functions of the club, as well a special thank you to Max Taylor for the help and guidance received.

Treasury: Dick Pursley reported that the club was economically healthy. The audit of the account had finished, and as of last week we had 145 members in good standing.

Secretary: not present

Safety: Richard Arnold reported that there was ¼ inch cut in Adams hand, and that was the only accident report he had.

Old business: Fun Fly

Terry announced that the "Fun fly" for this Saturday has been cancelled due to expected cold weather, thinking that attendance would not be big. It is postponed until the following Saturday 12/12/09 and he reminded us that he had lots of prizes available. He had spent about \$ 150.00 in food, [hot dogs and hamburgers] and being in the freezer they would hold. Additionally he told us that he had opened the contest now for those who have eclectic vessels to also come and bring them. He had planned for a separate contest and rules required for that type of birds.

We also were reminded that the event was meant to be a "family affair" and to make sure to bring your significant other and your children, it will be FUNNNNNNNNN. Watch your E-Mail for more information, the exact date and time will be communicated via this method.

New members: We had two new applications

Mark Mullins – not present

Neels Van Schalkwyk - present

After presentation to the attending members, both new members were voted in.

Richard Arnold announced that he would like to resign the position of safety officer for the coming year, due to conflicts with his activities.

Eric then began the process to swear in the new board members for 2010, and as per voting last month, the following members were sworn in:

President: Gary Baumgartner

Vice President: Max Taylor

Treasurer: Richard "Dick" Pursley

Secretary: not present, will be sworn in on the February 2010 meeting.

First order by the new board was to award the \$500.00 scholarship to Megan Jensen, who was under the weather. Her father our esteemed member Kirk Jensen, accepted the award in Megan's name, his daughter and told the audience, that she was very exited to receive such honor and was very thankful to the members of the Barnstormers.

In addition, Kirk mentioned that the B.E.S.T event of a few weeks back, even with a non-cooperating weather was just yet one more event that went well and the results of those attending, pilots, members and helpers significantly added to the event he presided.

Second our president moved to obtain acceptance of the maintenance fund for 2010 in the amount of \$3,500.00 Motion was made by Bart Massey and seconded by Eric DeSardi; approved by all membership.

Third, as authorized by the club statutes, the board made the following appointments:

Safety Officer: Adam Kaminskas

Assistant safety Officer: Robert Curtis

Grievance Committee: Bart Massey, Ken Bauske and Joe Berryman

New Member Chairman: Paul Langer

Community Relations: Harold [Bear] Hebert

Field Marshalls: Paul Langer and Eric DeSardi

AMA District 8 Liaison: Max Taylor

Introductory Pilots: Paul Langer, Bill Langer, Dick Pursley, Eric DeSaridi and Charlie Barrera.

Fourth: It was motioned that the meetings will be moving to a new location know as The Conroe Friendship Center at Candy Cane Park. The president will confirm the availability and secure the dates for 2010 as well as the price for one year. Membership was asked to be alert. Once the location is secured, it will be posted on the web-site, signage at the field as well as an email communication.

OLD & New Business:

Bud Brinkley, Don Menk and Mike Pane audited the Treasury Books, and no discrepancies or corrections were found, all was well and in order, thanking the treasurer for his good work.

Mike Wood mentioned, that since the "Fun Fly" was being postponed; he urged those interested to visit Conroe airport. A B-17 was going to be on the ground, and could be walked through. Availability to fly in such a big bird was there, for a price.

Reminder: THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

The official meeting was adjourned, and membership continued with the good fellowship and our annual Swap Meet. Some members suggested for a second swap meet, possibly at the airfield in mid summer. Those interested should think about this and bring it up to the board when ready to make a presentation.