



# THE PROP WASH

## Club Officers

- **President - Kirk Jensen**
- **Vice President - Steve Sartor**
- **Secretary - Joe Marquardt**
- **Treasurer - Sam Barrett**
- **Editor - Max Taylor**
- **Webmaster - Larry Bonnette**



**Kirk Jensen**

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello barnstormers!

I am happy and proud to be serving as president of the club for another term. We have sure had an interesting year in 2020 with many issues both in our personal lives and with the club. The club is strong and it seems like all the members are doing what is needed to get by all issues. For 2021 the plan is to have BEST again early October, and we will see if the members want to have other events such as a big bird or warbird. And for 2021 the plan is to never hear a bad word from our neighbor! :)

As usual please keep your flight depth in mind and the club noise limits in check to make this happen.

I look forward to many flying sessions this year and having the most fun possible. That's what it is all about.

Kirk Jensen

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**Meetings are at the Conroe Friendship Center (Meals on Wheels building) on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM**

**We hope to see you there.**

**Steve Sartor**

Steve Sartor  
Vice President

## Words from the VP

As some of you know, consideration is being made to contract the mowing at the field. I am contacting last year's team leaders to get their input, and if enough enthusiasm still exists to mow ourselves, so be it. If you are interested in being a team leader or have input on the subject, please give me (Steve Sartor) a call at 281-455-4718.

And / or, if you are interested in bidding on the mowing contract yourself, please let me know that also. The mowing contract would involve using your own equipment, mowing the normal areas, edging all the concrete and blowing those areas clean.

Again, this is just something we are looking at. Nothing has been chiseled in stone and again, if you have any input, please let me know.

# Meeting Minutes



**Joe Marquardt**

December 3 2020

Present: 19 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:30 PM

The December 2020 meeting of the Tri-County Barnstormers was called to order by President Ray Mathis.

The meeting was held virtually using the Zoom web meeting platform. There were 19 meeting participants in the meeting room.

Ray asked members to vote on accepting the November meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the treasury is in good shape. Sam also reported that he was audited by Steve Tomlinson and Lowell Babb and Sam turned it over to Steve to report on the results. Steve read their report to club members and will send the document to Larry Bonnette so he can add it to the archives. Steve and Lowell also commended Sam for his work and dedication to the office of the Treasury.

Secretary Larry Bonnette reported that the weather station is working much better now that it is plugged into the wall. Larry also thanked Helcio Trindade for his work on the project.

Dick Jones reported that the field is in good shape and that he needs volunteers for the mowing crew.

Max reported that he replaced the bush hog blades.

Our neighbor to the east sent the club an email asking us to watch for her lost cat.

Aaron Vice was introduced to the club as a new member. Sam made a motion to accept Aaron to the club and the club voted unanimously to accept him as a new club member.

Ray asked the new club officers if they would accept their duties as club officers and that they will uphold the club rules and constitution. The officers present (Kirk Jensen, Joe Marquardt and Max Taylor) said they would. With that said, Ray turned the club over to them.

President Kirk Jensen thanked all of the outgoing officers for their work.

Kirk mentioned that our new Vice President Steve Sartor may be looking into getting an outside company to do the mowing of our field.

Jay Wright volunteered to be part of the mowing team.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

# Meeting Minutes (Continued)

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Sam Barrett

## The Treasurers Report

It's December and the Treasury is in good shape. Our audit for Fiscal Year 2020 was completed and announced at our December meeting. Steve Tomlinson and Lowell Babb conducted the audit. I am currently working on some recommendations for improvements which I accepted and also to complete that position guide for my eventual successor. Thanks again to Steve and Lowell for stepping up and volunteering to perform this necessary audit as required by our By-Laws; it's completed. Now we can file our IRS and Texas Franchise Tax reports using the audited results. We file the IRS form this month and the Texas franchise tax filing is required by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will pay our Walker County property taxes in early January as we have until the end of January to pay without penalty.

As of December 3<sup>rd</sup> we have 137 members. We lost around 30 members who did not renew this year, going into FY2021. Some moved away and others just declined to renew for unknown reasons. While our decrease in revenues could be offset by an increase in annual dues, it might result in further loss of renewals. This issue might be a topic for business in our coming meetings and an updated cash flow analysis will need to be done to ensure our financial position remains strong enough to keep up with expenses, based on the outcome on spending expectations.

The option of paying a contractor to handle mowing the field will consume slightly more than half of our current dues income at the amount mentioned in our November meeting. If this field maintenance option is adopted, a dues increase might need to be considered as well.

Let's hope we can schedule our meetings in person as the 2021 meetings will return on February 4<sup>th</sup> and we have much to discuss. The Executive Committee will meet sometime in January to discuss new business, events, AMA topics and agenda items for the February meeting.

As ever, keep that AMA up to date. This time of year all AMA used to expire but now member's AMA memberships expire throughout the year. Check yours and make sure you don't fly with an expired AMA card. It's your financial responsibility to ensure you won't be bankrupted by a hobby incident causing bodily injury or property damage by an accident at the field. Fly covered and enjoy life!



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# DON'T FORGET

TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER  
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING IS

February 4th