



AMA Charter 1605

October 2023

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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.**

Meeting Minutes



Patrick Mapston

October Tri-County Barnstormer Meeting minutes
Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm October 5th 2023 at the Friendship Center in Conroe TX with 21 members and 4 visitors present.

Secretary report: Minutes from September were approved by voice vote.

Treasury report: Current roster is 140 members but with the non-renewals expect to finish with a roster of 120 club members. A reminder, the club fiscal year is Aug 1 2023 to July 31 2024.

If a member has not renewed by the end of September, they are removed from the club membership and will have to rejoin the club. The account is healthy and will cover the annual expected expenses. Insurance has been renewed @\$1246.

Vice President report: Rain has finally come and the grass is growing again. The field is prepped for the BEST event on the 7 & 8th. Maintenance and volunteer activities are available at the field such as painting the parking markers, repairing the rotten wood on the clubhouse, splitting the wood, and assisting with the flying events. Talk with the contest directors to assist with gathering donations or working the events. Use the sign-up sheet and email the VP with your work activities.

Old business:

The September 23rd Fun Fly event was a success with 18 pilots (no pilot fees) and a net income over \$500 from the auction.

Upcoming events:

October 7 & 8th the BEST event will be held at the field. All electric flying for the weekend. Volunteers needed.

Big Bird May

Night Fly suggested for Midnight New Years Eve by Max Taylor.

Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business:

1 new member, Stacey Langlois was voted in with unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for the next board year are due in November. Voting for nominated members will occur at the regular November meeting.

Current nominations are

Treasurer: Stacey Langlois

President: Joe Marquardt

Secretary: open

Vice President: open

Attendance Jackpot: Shawn Cagle won for attendance but was not present.

Nametag: Gary Baumgartner won the name tag drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm



Jay Wright

Words from the VP



Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's October and this month our 2023 dues collection is concluded. While we have experienced a loss of a number of long time members, our treasury remains in good financial state. We currently have 120 members. As usual, we typically lose about 30 members at dues time as members enter and leave the R/C modeling hobby or time to engage in our hobby varies with pressures of other life commitments. It also appears that many members are seemingly unaware that our membership year starts and annual dues are payable in August. So, I will again cover this in my comments.

Our membership year begins on August 1st and ends on July 31st the following year. The current membership year ends July 31, 2024. In June or July, dues invoices will be sent out to current members and they have 60 days to pay dues before being dropped by the club. Our By-Laws require members who let dues lapse past the 60 day grace period to re-apply for membership and those who are past 90 days, pay another initiation fee to be re-accepted as a member. As usual, the officer team can waive this penalty for delinquency caused by illness or military deployment and such.

In 2023 an amendment to our By-Laws added an assessment to the basic dues to be levied on members who do not comply with the membership requirement to participate in club maintenance, field upkeep and event support. Members are required to complete at least 2 "work days" or other assistance and be recorded by the Vice President as having volunteered for the work day, event or task needed by the club. Members who do not wish to engage in the work days or other tasks can pay the assessment either at the beginning of the membership year or, when paying dues for following year. If you engage in any club work requirements, please ensure that your efforts are recorded so that your dues are billed correctly.

If you paid your dues in person, you should have received your member stickers and gate code at the monthly meeting. If you paid by mail you will have received your member stickers and gate code along with a copy of your dues invoice, mailed to you. If you have any change in email or mailing address, please send me the new information to ensure you receive all club notices and your member materials.

As ever, all Barnstormers who fly at our field is required to have a current AMA membership. We are an AMA chartered field and the AMA coverage protects you and the field in case of property damage or bodily injury while flying at our field or any other organized flying club. Always fly safe and covered by AMA and read our field flying rules before flying to help safety awareness.

means NO FLY. Check your AMA card and make sure it is current before you fly!



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DON'T FORGET

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

NEXT MEETING IS

November 2nd