

August 6 2020

Present: 28 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:31 PM

The August 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 are 28 meeting participants in the meeting room.

The President mentioned that the club had not held a meeting since March due to the Covid-19 virus.

The President asked members to vote on accepting the March minutes. Using the raise hands function on Zoom we counted 14 for and Ray asked if there were any members against. Since there were none against the minutes were accepted.

The club Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that the club is in the middle of collecting dues and that as of this date there were 70 members who have paid their dues. Sam also told members that the gate code would be changed on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ray asked Sam how we are handling new members without voting them into the club. Sam said that we as a club at a future meeting will have to vote all of the new members that we have accumulated since March. Sam also said most of the new members have been coming from New Creations. In the mean time the new members having paid their dues are granted access to the field.

Larry Bonnette told members that the Weather station was having a little problem with its batteries and that He would fix it.

Ray asked Sam if a new battery for the defibrillator had arrived yet. Sam said yes and that it has been installed. Ray informed members (incase they didn't know) that there is a defibrillator in the pump house that can be used in an emergency if needed.

Vice president Dick Jones presented his field report. He told members that tomorrow (August 7 2020) he has to mow and would "love, love, love" if he had some help.

Ray asked Sam how many members we had. Sam said 158. Ray told members that we have a lot of members who fly at the field and use the field but don't participate in the upkeep of the field. He asked members. "What do we have to do to get these members to help?" He further said. "We can't continue to rely on the same five or six people do all of the work". Members discussed the issue but nothing was settled.

Kirk Jensen was asked about a discussion of having a "Semi-BEST". Kirk said that the person who would like to have an event at the field was Lee Ray. He is looking to have a get together of people who normally go to BEST. He doesn't want the field closed for normal flying; he would just like to be able to invite a group of people to join him in a "Fly-In". Since Lee is not a club member Max suggested that the club have a non-AMA sanctioned event to accommodate Lee's request. Nothing was decided.

Jay Wright volunteered to take over the "New Member Chairman" position at the club in place of Kirk Massey who is the current New Member Chairman.

Larry was asked if he could put something on the website that indicates what a new member needs to do upon joining the club. Larry said yes and he will discuss this with the other officers and Jay to determine what that might be.

Members discussed the new member voting process and talked about a hypothetical problem with a potentially troublesome member and how the club would handle that. Charlie Barrera suggested that new club members be admitted to the club for a probationary period of perhaps ninety days and then after that period he be voted in. Charlie further suggested that an active club member be assigned as a mentor to help the new member get used to the club and its rules.

Ray reported that the lady in the trailer is moving out. Someone else bought the property.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM