

October 1 2020

Present: 23 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:35 PM

The October 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 23 meeting participants in the meeting room.

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

Larry reported that the problem with the weather station today is the fact that there is not enough sun to keep the batteries charged. Larry asked if there was an electrician in the club. We could ask him to place an electrical outlet near the weather station so we can just plug the weather station in. Helcio Trindade volunteered to do that. Larry and Helcio will get together to discuss it.

Dick Jones reported that the hay is being cut this week. Dick and Ray discussed the club work day that is this Saturday (10/3) Dick said we should wait to mow until 10/3 so more members can help with the mowing. Other members chimed in to volunteer to help on Saturday starting at 9:00 AM.

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported the treasury is humming along pretty good.

Ray stated that he has received a "Helping Hands" application for next year.

Dick reported that he went and visited our neighbor to the East to discuss the issues with noise and over flight of her property. Dick said he gave her a fog horn that she can blow when she has issues with our members. This is so that members at the field during the time of infraction can stop and investigate who and what is creating the infraction. This neighbor has been sending e-mails to us to complain about noise and over flight of her property for many months. The horn will help us as a club try and determine who is committing these infractions. Larry asked members to listen for the horn and when you hear it, take note of who is in the air at the time. This way we can narrow it down.

A member warned the club of what could possibly happen if the club is forced to hire a lawyer to defend the club and its property. Many agreed that it is best to figure out how to fix the problem in a friendly manner rather than losing the club due to bankruptcy. The bottom line is that if you hear the horn. Please take note of who is flying and report it to the club officers.

Ray told club members that we need nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary. Additionally, we need a Newsletter editor. Elections are next meeting (November meeting). Nominations are due now until the vote at the November meeting. If you have a person to nominate for any of the officer positions please send email to one of the current officers. Kirk Jensen volunteered at the September meeting to run for President.

The Treasurer needs to be audited in November. We need a two-person committee. Steve Tomlinson volunteered to be one of the committee members.

A member asked if anyone had considered forgiving the yearly dues for anyone serving as a club officer.

Keith Jarvis asked the club to consider providing free membership to children who do not have any family members already in the club. After much discussion it was decided that the club will have to do quite a bit of work to modify our rules and constitution to accommodate this class of member. Keith Jarvis will speak with someone from the AMA to see how they would suggest we handle it and get back to us at the November meeting.

A question was asked "How many Intro Pilots does the club have ?" and "How do we become an intro pilot ?"

Is there going to be an un-sanctioned BEST ? Dick says no. There will not.

Ray reminded members to fly safely. Please pay more attention to our rules. Please don't wander around on the runway while flying. Don't fly between the runway and pavilion. Stay away from our neighbor's boundary.

Jay Wright explained how our new DB meter works and explained to members how our aircraft makes noise.

No attendance drawing

No name tag drawing

No model of the month

Meeting adjourned 8:48 PM