

April 7th 2022 Tri-County Barnstormers meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with 15 members, 1 prospective member, and 1 visitor in attendance at the Friendship Center in Conroe. Club vice president Gabriel Virene was absent due to a conflict so, Jay Wright provided the field report.

Field report: Weekly mowing has restarted. Please volunteer to be a mowing captain or assist the weekly captain with the mowing on their week. The mowing schedule is posted on the website. Jay reported that, and treatment needs to be applied to the numerous mounds around the infield and runway. It was also reported that the DC supply has been found unplugged numerous times in the last few weeks. It was suggested the timer may not be working and should be replaced. As a reminder, here is a field workday scheduled every Saturday at 9am after the monthly meeting. Please attend the workday each month to meet your fellow members for fellowship and activities matched to physical capabilities.

Treasury Report: There are currently 128 members in the club. The club continues to maintain healthy bank balances and the next large expense will be the insurance policy for the field.

Old business: Still requesting/asking for volunteers to step up and be a contest director (for AMA sanction events) or chairs to run a Big Bird, drone, or fun fly at the field this year. Kirk reported he has submitted a request sent in to have AMA sanction the TBS BEST for October 1st & 2nd.

New business:

Jay proposed that the club reconsider hiring a mowing company and revise the dues to cover the costs or increase the dues and give some form of rebate to those that perform the weekly mowing. Lengthy discussion ensued with the request that a written proposal be submitted for the May meeting.

Jeremiah Langlois presented a request to allow MOCSAR to use the field for training. MOCAR is the Montgomery County Search and Rescue which uses drones while searching for lost individuals. It was agreed the MOCAR may use the field if the pilot has AMA membership and is invited by Jeremiah.

Dean Marcott discussed an interesting Space and Aviation going on at Montgomery High. This class is building a donated RV12 while under the supervision of AMP/CFI advisors. In addition to building the real plane the students are building foam RC model planes to gain basic flight and mechanical skills. It was noted the students could apply for AMA student membership and TBS student membership to fly at the field.

Also discussed was the Civil Air Patrol cadet program that would like to potentially use the field for drone flight training on May 7th or 14th.

4 new members presented at the meeting for consideration and were accepted into the club by an affirmative voice vote at the meeting by the voting members. The four are listed below

Robert Curtis (reinstated), Daniel Griffiths, Charles Parker, and Gene Wiggin.

Prizes and Models:

Chips, cookies, and drinks were available to the meeting attendees.

Attendance drawing winner was Donald Beam (not present).

Name tag drawing winner was Brian Hurtt "Dusty".

Steve Sartor won model of the month after presenting his electrified SIG Something Extra.

Next meeting May 5th at 7:30 PM will be conducted in person (at the Conroe Community Senior Center@ 1202 Candy Cane Lane (formerly The Friendship Center)).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Happy flying in 2022 and look forward to seeing you at the field!