June 2024 Tri-County Barnstormer Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm Jun 6th 2024 at the Conroe Senior Center with 18 members and no visitors present.

Secretary report: May minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

<u>Treasury report:</u> Bank balance is healthy with all major bills covered till after our next member renewal cycle. Current roster is 131 members however the contact for many club members has become inaccurate. Please reach out to the treasurer at treasurer@tri-countbarnstormers.com to update or fill out a form located in the clubhouse to update your information. Big Bird had 18 pilots registered. Final invoices have not cleared but is expected that the club will net about \$1k in proceeds.

<u>Vice President report:</u> The mowing is active at the field. Mowing captains are listed on the website and a replacement is needed for Jordan who went off to college, Please volunteer to assist the captains with the weekly efforts at keeping the field in top shape. Use the signup sheet and email the VP with your work activities. The edge of the runway should only be trimmed using the weed whacker at an angle. Using the edger is causing a divot that plane wheels are being caught in.

Old business:

2 of the remaining events this year are:

War Bird June 29th & 30th sanctioned with AMA CD Chris Thomas BEST October 4th-6th to be sanctioned with AMA CD Kirk Jennsen

New Business:

A vote was held and passed unanimously to replace the two garage doors at a cost not to exceed \$2k.

Wood decking repairs have been ongoing and a vote was held to remove the wood decking which passed unanimously. The VP will be soliciting bids to have a new slab poured in its place which can be used as additional flying prep space. Additional discussions held about improving bathroom access by expanding the concrete pad by the entrance.

Volunteers needed for the Warbird event. Please contact Chris 7602774680.

Two models were presented. The first was a 3D printed Boeing 727 made by Dean. This took 70hrs to print using foaming line. Plan is to maiden the single 50mm ducted fan (In the APU spot) using a 4S battery. Total weight is 2#.

The second was a custom built "flying flag" presented by Lowell. This is essentially a flying led screen that can project many different images using the 1651 leds that were hand assembled. This unit is a little heavier than the first model coming in at 6#. USING A 4s battery it needs the full runway length to take off.

Attendance jackpot won by Jose Vargas (not present) so it roles over to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.