

Jan 1st 2010 Regular Meeting Notes

In attendance were:

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| Larry Smith | Frank Purcell |
| Doug Smith | Roger Russell |
| Joe Kapraun | Burl Life |
| Steve Wigal | Joe Blosser |
| Ed Beikirch | Randy Mitchell |
| Don Tanner | Greg Cunningham |
| Craig Cunningham | Butch Lemon |
| Jon Bennett | Nathan Long |

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Joe Kapraun briefly read minutes from November's Board meeting since no regular club meetings were held in the months of October through December.

Doug Smith read the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- **New runway for small electrics:**
This runway is to be used by small electrics only. It should not be used to land on but only to take off on. No take off should be done while others are in the flight stations as the small runway is too close and could cause an accident during a take off.

New Business:

Larry discussed the following programs/events for the upcoming 2010 year.

- **Gold Leader:**
Larry has put together the necessary documentation for our club's Gold Leader Status. We have been approved and Larry read the congratulatory letter sent by Aaron Dobbs at AMA.
- **Instructor Pilot Meeting:**
There will be an Instructor Pilots meeting this spring. All pilots that are "Intro Pilot" instructors must fill out the "Intro Pilot" form for each student that they work with. These forms must be then given to Joe Kapraun so that he can copy them and send them into AMA. A folder for these forms will be left in the trailer so that completed forms can be picked up periodically.
- **Mall Show:**
Larry has been checking into the possibility and cost of having our club setup a display in the Mall on a Saturday. We would display our models as well as setup some lap tops for flight simulation. We would also have the necessary club brochure, AMA membership forms, etc available for any new prospective members. Larry is waiting on Mall management to call him back with details on availability and cost.
- **Site Improvements:**
It was mentioned that we replace the orange fencing. It was discussed to check into the cost of replacing this fencing and the poles to put up the fencing.
- **Club Dues:**
As a reminder to all club members, club dues will be due by Mar 31. Any member paying after this time will pay an additional \$25.00 late fee. Also, all the combinations down at the field will change on April 1st.
- **TAG and Spring Fly In:**
The club had in depth discussions on holding the **T**ake off **A**nd **G**row event and also having the Spring Fly In. There were many ideas about these two events:
Do we hold both the TAG event in May and then the Spring Fly In in June?
Do we focus on just having the TAG event this year and not have the sanctioned Spring Fly In
Do we have the a two day event with the TAG one day and sanctioned Fly In the next day.
After much discussion, Steve Wigal made a motion to focus on doing the TAG event this year and just apply for the June date. If our club is not awarded the TAG event by the AMA, then we will still be able to do the sanctioned Spring Fly In the first weekend in June. If our club is awarded the TAG event, then we will not also hold the June sanctioned event. Randy Mitchell 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Therefore, the club formed a committee to put the necessary documentation together for the TAG event to submit to AMA.

The committee is as follows: Larry Smith, Frank Purcell, Jon Bennett and Steve Wigal. The TAG event documentation needs submitted to AMA by Feb 1st.

The TAG event would be held for one day for the general public. During this event our club would be responsible for holding a ground school with different booths or areas of education and flight training/simulators. An individual would go through each area and would end with the student actually flying a trainer type RC aircraft with an instructor.

If our club is awarded the TAG event, we will be awarded \$1000.00 cash that we can use however we choose. We would have to prepare a report to the AMA about the TAG event, and how we used the monetary award.

Randy Mitchell will check on having the Boy Scouts participate in the TAG event.

- **Fall Fly In:**

We discussed the possibility of having a Fall Fly-In. Doug Smith made a motion to have the Fall Fly In on the last Saturday in August. Craig Cunningham 2nd the motion. There was one opposed and the rest were in favor. The motion passed.

- **WV Expo in Charleston**

Larry will be attending the WV Expo on Feb 27th. During this Expo, he will attend a meeting with other club presidents and will apply for our fly In dates so that as clubs, we do not conflict with each others fly in dates.

The dates that Larry will apply for are as follows:

Spring Fly In (reserve date only): first weekend in June

Fall Fly In: Last Saturday in August.

Motion to adjourn: Jon Bennett, 2nd by Doug Smith

The meeting came to a close.