

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/23/15 Meeting Started At: 7:05PM Meeting Ended At: 8:40PM

Attendance : Ten club members attended this month's meeting.

Guests: Tony Rajkovich attended the meeting as a guest of Dave Cameron's. Tony has an interested in small quadcopters. His father, Mike, was a Sky Knight several years ago. Tony is interested in joining the club in the near future.

Rick Christian attended the meeting. He was a guest at the February meeting. Rick joined the club during this meeting.

Roll Call:

President: Jon Earley (Y) Vice President: Dave Stritter (N)

Secretary: Rich Granitz (Y) Treasurer: John Losch (Y)

2 Year Directors: Ralph Warner (Y)

1 Year Directors: Al Parshall (Y)

Treasurer's Report (John Losch): for February 2015

Opening Balance: \$3122.34

Income: \$ 00.00

Expense: \$ 0.00 AMA Charter renewal \$90.00

Closing Balance: \$ 3032.32

Paid members : 14

The treasurer report was accepted.

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

The 2015 AMA charter renewal documentation was processed. Verification was received that a hard copy of the insurance certificate will be sent to Marge. The AMA official club roster was updated to reflect current membership.

Safety Report (Al Parshall):

There were no Safety Incidents or concerns for the month.

Field Report:

Dave C. and Darren W. have been flying at the field this early spring. The field is reported to be dry and in good condition with little spring cleanup work anticipated. The spikes for the runway

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fabric were reset. The parking area should be used with caution until the field has completely settled in for the season.

Web Report: (John Clauson)

The web slow down that was discussed last month have been resolved. The web site was migrated to a new server. A new service agreement that will save money and improve site performance was implemented. The password for "members only" access was recently changed.

Old Business:

- Night Flights begin in early April. Check the web site for dates and times.
- Jon is considering contacting expired members in the near future.
- The process to update the Field Rules and Guidelines is underway. They will be updated to include developments in new technology and current AMA thinking.

New Business:

- Elections for the 2015 Club Board was held. All previous nominations were accepted. A vote was held and the following officials were elected -

President – John Clauson
Vice President – Jon Earley
Treasurer – John Losch
Secretary – Rich Granitz
2 Year Director - Ralph Warner
1 Year Director - Al Parshall

Voting was closed and accepted. The new board will begin it's one year term in April.

- John Clauson discussed the AMA "Know before you Fly" program . John also discussed the FAA's sUAS NPRM and how it applies to and affects the club and model aircraft community. He also provided a demonstration on how to use the AMA website to respond and voice your opinion to the FAA. Unless extended, the deadline for submitting comments is 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015.
- A FPV racing course along with special field events was proposed by Dave Cameron. The following items were discussed regarding the proposal:

FPV racing - continued:

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- i. The necessity for the club to follow current trends in model aviation to attract and retain new members.
- ii. The recent explosion of FPV interest and equipment.
- iii. The proposed course and layout.
- iv. Field / property capacity and impact.
- v. AMA membership requirements for use of the Club field.
- vi. Landing fees for non-members vs. membership requirements.
- vii. Rules - formal / informal / impact to current.
- viii. Safety
- ix. Rain dates / rescheduling / communications
- x. Event scheduling, size and frequency.

Ralph Warner initiated a proposal to motion for a onetime FPV racing event. Dave Cameron would run the initial single event and a Board Meeting would follow shortly after to review, discuss and decide on next steps. The proposed motion for FPV Racing was tailored by the attending club members to include 6 events this season on a trial basis. The events will be scheduled on the Saturday prior to the scheduled club meeting for review and discussion. Jon to e-mail details.

A motion to accept and approve was passed by unanimous club vote.

- o Field Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at 10:00AM. The rain date will be the following Sunday. Feel free to bring to bring your aircraft!

Additional Notes and Reminders:

- o The April meeting will be held at the library. Meetings will resume at the field beginning in May.
- o Flying is underway at the field. Regular Monday flying to begin as weather permits.

Show and Tell:

- o Ralph gave the club a synopsis of the recent 2015 WRAM show.
- o Jon showed and demonstrated 2 of his tri-copters along with his ground station.
- o John Clauson provided a slide show of his recent trip to the CAF Museum in Phoenix. John also entertained the club with an account of his recent flight in a SNJ/T-6 Texan.

Meeting was called to end.