

# Highland Lakes Flyers Club

## Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics

### Minutes of the Club's Meeting on September 8, 2008



Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, President Mike McDougall presiding. Twenty-one members were present.

**New Members:** Wayne Meredith and Young Scarborough were recognized.

**Minutes From Previous Meeting:** The July meeting did not convene because of insufficient attendance. Minutes from the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve without corrections by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Bob Thilleman, passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Howard Hilton reported on the success of the club's annual picnic held earlier this summer. Mike McDougall reported on the success of the Club's July 5<sup>th</sup> Flights of Fancy event where over thirty youngsters took a turn flying on buddy box, and the crowd was treated to some exceptional aerobatic flying by the club's experienced pilots.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**ITEM 1 – Appointment of Interim Officers & Audit Committee.** Owing to the resignation of the club's Secretary / Treasurer, several appointments were made to fill in officer terms through the end of the 2008 calendar year.

- **Dave Schaefer – Secretary:** A motion to approve by Joel Scholz, seconded by George Brugnoli, passed unanimously. (Schaefer resigned as Vice President).
- **Jim Archer – Vice President:** A motion to approve by Pat O'Grady, seconded by John Krumbeck, passed unanimously.
- **Bill Autrey – Treasurer:** A motion to approve by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Howard Hilton, passed unanimously.
- **Audit Committee –** Chm Jim Archer, Mbrs George Brugnoli & Bill Autrey. The committee will audit the former Secretary / Treasurer's financial records, and will provide a full report at the November meeting.

**ITEM 2 – Re-Define Associate Member category as follows.**

*Associate Memberships may be provided to adults whose primary membership is with another AMA chartered club. The membership will remain effective as long as the Associate Member pays HLF dues, maintains his / her active membership in the primary club and in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. To qualify, the applicant must furnish proof of ongoing primary club and AMA memberships. Associate Members shall be honor bound to ensure their use of HLF's facilities is secondary to their own primary club's facilities. HLF's Executive Committee shall be responsible for ensuring adherence to these requirements. Associate members shall pay one half of Adult member dues and New Member Fees. All other rules governing payment of Adult Member dues and fees shall apply.*

A motion to approve by Bob Holmes, seconded by Jim Archer, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3 – Create Non-Voting Adult Membership Category**

This new membership category has been devised as a way to temporarily alleviate the problem experienced this year in achieving a quorum in order to conduct business meetings which has negatively affected the club's ability to address some important issues, and conduct routine business matters. Inclusion in this category is to be voluntary on the part of club members. It is anticipated that the bylaws will be revised to change quorum requirements. When that occurs, this new category will be eliminated. Mike McDougall presented the proposal, discussed the reasons, and addressed questions and concerns.

#### DEFINITION

*HLF members who seldom, or only occasionally, attend regular club meetings can voluntarily request reclassification as Non-Voting Adult Members. Non-Voting Adult Members shall retain the same rights and privileges as Adult Members, excluding the right to vote on club issues, to hold a club office, or serve on a committee. Once classified as a Non-Voting Adult Member, that classification shall remain in effect until the member has attended a regular club meeting or the Executive Board has returned them to Adult Member status.*

A motion to approve by Howard Hilton, seconded by Bob Holmes, passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 4 – Appointment of Bylaw Review Committee**

President Mike McDougall established a committee to review the section of the bylaws concerning quorums and charged it with developing a recommendation to be presented at the November meeting. He appointed Ed Bullock, Lynn Atkins, and Dave Schaefer as committee members.

#### **ITEM 5 – Approval of Porta – Potty Donation, Including Ongoing Associated Expense**

A motion to approve by Bob Holmes, seconded by Adam White, passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 6 – Approval of Donation by Mike McDougall of a Used Riding Mower, Including Ongoing Expense**

A motion to approve by Ed Bullock, seconded by Adam White, passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 7 – Disposal of Walk Behind Push Power Mower**

George Brugnoli requested permission to remove the subject mower. No one objected. Adam White expressed interest in acquiring the mower. All appeared in agreement, and a vote seemed unnecessary.

#### **ITEM 8 – Memorial Plaque Honoring Deceased Club Members**

George Brugnoli proposed acquisition of the subject plaque with funding up to \$250.00. The plaque would be displayed under one of HLF's shelters. A motion to approve by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Bob Holmes, passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 9 – Driveway Repair**

The driveway from the street entrance toward the shelter area requires repair. Mike McDougall appointed Dave Schaefer to coordinate this effort, assisted by Adam White. Once repaired, the driveway would be named "**LYLE SIEVERS DRIVE**" in honor of member Lyle Sievers who passed away earlier this year. A sign would be placed along the drive with Lyle's name. A motion to approve an expenditure for this project of up to \$600.00 by George Brugnoli, seconded by Ed Bullock, passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 10 – Lease Extension**

A motion to amend the lease term between Highland Lakes Flyers and Llano County for an additional ten years at the same annual rental rate, proposed by Howard Hilton, seconded by Rusty Nefford, passed unanimously. HLF's Executive Board will pursue this matter with the county. To facilitate the approval process, only the lease term change will be requested. All other terms and conditions will remain exactly the same.

#### **ITEM 11 – Runway Improvements**

A tentative proposal to add a turnaround at the south end of the runway was discussed by Ed Bullock. Members received the idea favorably. Mike McDougall asked Ed Bullock and Jim Archer to look into the matter and return to the next meeting with a proposal and cost estimate.

#### **ITEM 12 – Safety Officer's Report**

Safety Officer George Brugnoli addressed the group asking for safety concerns among members. None being offered, George discussed the placement of a table on the flight line area intended for electric flyer use. He requested members use this table for arming their electrics and stop performing this operation under the shelter. He also discussed the possible hazards involved in taxing models from the taxiways to the flight stands, and vice versa. The Safety Officer recommended that models not be taxied between the flight stands and the orange fence. This is not a hard and fast rule, but rather a recommendation.

#### **ITEM 13 – Solo Wings**

Mike McDougall announced that Rusty Nefford and Adam White had successfully completed flight training and were qualified for solo flying.

#### **ITEM 14 – August 16<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet**

Ed Bullock reported on the success of the club's second swap meet held at the LCRA building at Buchanan Dam. There was a good attendance, and the meet netted a profit exceeding \$500.00.

#### **ITEM 15 – September 13 & 14 Open Float Fly**

Mike McDougall discussed the upcoming HLF hosted float fly to be held at Robinson Park in Llano on the Llano River.

#### **ITEM 16 – September 9<sup>th</sup> Trash Pickup and Field Work Party**

Members were reminded to participate before the day's flying.

**ITEM 17 – Change of Meeting Dates**

Bob Thilleman raised the issue of changing the established meeting dates from second Mondays in January, March, May, July, September & November, to a different evening with the aim of improving attendance during football season. Members seemed interested in discussing this, so Mike McDougall suggested placing the issue on the November meeting agenda for official consideration by the membership at that time.

**ITEM 18 – December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party**

Jim Archer reported on preparations for the club's annual Christmas party to be held at Buchanan Dam's LCRA Building. Arrangements will be the same as in past years with the club providing soft drinks, ice, paper goods, and members bringing seasonal food / snacks, as well as canned goods for donation to Share the Harvest.

**ITEM 19 – Field Maintenance Committee**

Mike McDougall authorized the formation of a Field Maintenance Committee, and appointed Rusty Nefford as Chairman and Bob Brolling as a member. Other volunteers will be sought to serve as committee members to participate in keeping the grounds in good shape.

**ITEM 20 – Drawing For Attendance Prize - 3DHS EBT ARF trainer kit valued at \$130**

Adam White won the drawing.

**ADJORNMENT at 8:30 PM**