

Highland Lakes Flyers Club

Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics

Minutes for the Club's Meeting on January 20, 2009



Convene meeting at 7:00 PM, Kingsland Library, Kingsland, Texas – 23 Members Present

Recognize New Members and Guests: Ryan Morlino was introduced as a guest.

Member Concerns: Mel Whitley & Carl Gassoway were mentioned as members with health concerns.

Review Minutes From November 10, 2008 Meeting: Motion to approve by Bob Holmes, seconded by Rusty Nefford, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Since November 1, 2008, the General Fund had income of \$.14, expense of \$751.07, and a balance of \$6,247.90. For the same period, the Social Fund had expense of \$134.62, with an ending balance of \$324.83. During 2008, the Runway Fund received deposits in the amount of \$1,200, and paid out \$795.65 for materials. On January 16th, the Operating Fund checking account balance was \$6,825.70, and The Runway Escrow checking account's balance was \$4,245.02. The combined accounts amount to \$11,070.72. A motion to approve by B.C. Gersch, seconded by Howard Hilton, passed unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Members were encouraged to carry their airplanes to the runway gate rather than taxiing from the flight stand. Members were cautioned to watch out for loose clothing when starting engines. Members were encouraged to use spinners instead of prop nuts for engine starting. Several members expressed reservations, and there was discussion about the importance of adhering to AMA regulations. Safety complaints were solicited. None were offered.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment of Bylaws: The second and final reading of an amendment to change ARTICLE VIII, Section 3 so that the quorum requirement will be one fourth of the membership rather than one third was not conducted because the Secretary forgot to mail out ballots two weeks in advance. This issue will be re-scheduled for the March 17th meeting.

Honorary Membership: Members voted unanimously in favor of approving Jim Foster's nomination at the November 10, 2008 meeting. The club now has four Honorary Members, all of whom were present.

Lease Extension Proposal: President McDougall reported that no progress had been achieved in obtaining an extension to the club's lease with Llano County. Commissioner Parker has been experiencing health problems and has been unable to pursue the matter in the club's behalf.

Memorial Plaque Honoring Deceased Members: George Brugnoli reported that no progress had been achieved, but the issue was ongoing.

Runway Improvement & Extension: Jim Archer reported that one roll of petromat had been purchased and stored at Gary Aldermans home. Staples were purchased and stored at Hank Nilsen Field. The project is currently on hold waiting on rain to soften the ground to facilitate staple driving.

Meeting Date Schedule for 2009: Owing to President McDougall's schedule, it was necessary to re-schedule the club's regular meetings to the third Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. A motion to approve by Ed Bullock, seconded by Bob Holmes, passed unanimously.

Plans For Additional Storage Building: George Brugnoli discussed five options for member's consideration, including costs for each. For the present, no further action will be taken pending outcome of the lease extension issue. B.C. Gersch suggested looking into acquisition of a used shipping container.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan & Schedule 2009 Club Events:

Annual Picnic, May 16th: A motion to approve by Ed Bullock, seconded by Adam White, passed unanimously.

July, Kingsland Aquaboom, Flights of Fancy: AMA sanctioned event. A motion by B.C. Gersch, seconded by Howard Hilton, for the club to enter a float in the parade passed unanimously. Members agreed that President McDougall would select a date for Flights of Fancy.

Swap Meet, Tentative Date August 15th: A motion to approve by Ed Bullock, seconded by Adam White, passed unanimously.

AMA Sanctioned Open Float Fly, Tentative Date September 12th & 13th: A motion to approve by John Krumbeck, seconded by Rusty Nefford, passed unanimously.

Shrimp Boil / Float Fly: October 17th: A motion to approve by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Adam White, passed unanimously.

Christmas Party, December 4th: A motion to approve by Bill Autrtey, seconded by Howard Hilton, passed unanimously.

Crawfish Festival in Llano: Members agreed to not participate in this event. Members voted against doing only a static display, 19 against to four in favor. Members voted against doing a combined static display and electric fly, 20 against to three in favor. Members voted against any participation, 22 against to one in favor. President McDougall will be exploring other opportunities to participate in activities supporting the city and county of Llano allowing for better crowd control and a better venue to showcase the club.

New Pilot Training Standards & Agreement: George Brugnoli discussed this issue describing the work accomplished by Safety Committee members. The objective was to provide comprehensive standards to aid in developing student pilot skills. A motion by George Brugnoli, seconded by Bill Autrey, to require a written agreement between student and club passed unanimously.

Work Projects At Field, January 20th: Trash pickup, fence repair, and runway repairs were accomplished.

Cans For Kids: A motion by Ed Bullock, seconded by Bob Holmes, to authorize a project for collecting aluminum cans passed unanimously. The objective of the program is to use the generated funds to support Junior Members in acquiring model airplanes.

Fuel Acquisition: President McDougall asked the club's secretary to poll members to determine fuel needs.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM