

Highland Lakes Flyers Club

Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics

Minutes from the Club's Meeting on March 17, 2009



Convene meeting at 7:00 PM, Kingsland Library, Kingsland, Texas President Mike McDougall presiding. Nineteen Adult Members and one Associate Member were present. Ten members were required for a quorum.

Recognize New Members and Guests: New members were Calvin Kehr and Bob Landstrom. Guests included Ryan Morlino, Tom Langley, and Frank Motycka.

Member Concerns: Mike McDougall reported that member Bob Thillemann was recovering from extensive surgery.

Review Minutes From January 20, 2009 Meeting: A motion to approve by Bob Holmes, seconded by Lynn Atkins, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: George Brugnoli reviewed his report which addressed the period January 2 to March 15, 2009. The checking account balance on January 2nd was \$6,572.73. After income of \$237.77, and expense of \$480.63, the ending balance on March 15th was \$6,329.87. The runway account for the same period started with \$4,245.02, accrued \$.06 in interest, and ended with \$4,245.08. Total cash available is \$10,574.95. George presented a new 2009 Budget which estimates income of \$5,462.50, and expense of \$5,265.00. A motion by Lynn Atkins to approve both the Treasurer's Report and 2009 Budget, seconded by Howard Hilton, passed unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Bill Autrey addressed the group about the importance of clearly notifying the flight line before takeoffs and landings. Different options were mentioned. George Brugnoli recommended that the Safety Committee look into the issue. Bill reminded members about the club's May 16th Annual Picnic.

Presentation of Solo Qualification Certificate: Mike McDougall presented Larry Stephens with a certificate recognizing his recent completion of flight training.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment of Bylaws: Mike McDougall read the text 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. Votes were tallied by Ed Bullock and Mitch Suthard. The amendment passed with nineteen votes in favor, and four against.

Lease Extension Proposal: Mike McDougall reported that no progress had been made. A meeting with Commissioner Henry Parker will be scheduled in the near future with the aim of moving this issue forward.

Storage Building Proposal: George Brugnoli discussed several options, including shipping containers, and an inexpensive shed available at Lowes, all contingent on extending the club's lease.

Memorial Plaque Honoring Deceased Members: George Brugnoli displayed a recently acquired plaque which has the names of sixteen deceased members. Members offered many complimentary remarks.

Flights of Fancy Event: Mike McDougall reported that the date would be June 27th at Hank Nilsen Field from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This will be an AMA sanctioned event. The club will enter a float in the parade to be held in Kingsland on July 4th.

Cans For Kids Project: Ed Bullock reported he is collecting cans donated by members. Ed discussed the need for a storage receptacle at Hank Nilsen Field.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Incentives: Jim Archer discussed the rationale and necessity of offering door prizes at each meeting. He also discussed conducting a raffle at meetings. A motion to conduct a raffle at the next bi-monthly meeting by Jim Archer, seconded by John Krumbeck, passed with eleven in favor, and three opposed. Several members abstained from voting. Mike McDougall appointed a committee to study the issue. Appointed members are Jim Archer, Young Scarborough, and Howard Hilton.

More Frequent Meetings: A motion to meet monthly instead of bi-monthly, by Mitch Suthard, seconded by Ed Bullock, received two votes in favor, and eighteen opposed. Prior to voting, during discussion on the motion, mention was made that the club could always call special meetings, providing three days notice is provided. The underlying rationale for increasing the frequency of the meeting schedule was that sometimes two months can impede progress on important issues.

Club Publicity: Ed Bullock discussed the need for club publicity. Volunteers were requested. None came forward.

Airplane Cradles: A motion to build three PVC airplane cradles at a cost of approximately \$12.00 each, for use at the field, by George Brugnoli, seconded by Ed Bullock, passed unanimously.

Gate Lock Combination: Mike McDougall announced that the combination had been changed because it was discovered Monday morning that both gates were open on arrival at the field.

Accident Report: Ed Bradley recounted the prop accident last year at his club in Michigan which severed his right thumb. To avoid a similar incident, HLF will take measures to anchor its flight stands.

Runway Extension Project: Jim Archer reported that on Monday, March 16th, the runway was extended twenty feet at the south end with 65' X 14' extensions on both sides of the south end. Eighteen volunteers worked on the project.

Door Prize Drawing: E Flight Ultra Stick 25E Electric ARF, Value \$180.00. Howard Hilton won and donated the prize back to the club.

Adjourn at 8:15 PM

A Mini Swap Meet took place immediately following the meeting.