

Highland Lakes Flyers Club

Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics
UNAPPROVED PRELIMINARY DRAFT
Minutes of the Club's Meeting on May 19, 2009



Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Kingsland Library, Kingsland, Texas, eighteen members present, President Mike McDougall presiding.

Recognize New Members: Ryan Morlino was recognized as the club's newest member.

Member Items: It was reported that Bob Thilleman died on April 24th, and that Carl Gassoway has remarried.

Presentation of Solo Qualification Certificate: Mike McDougall presented Ryan Morlino a certificate for completion of pilot training.

Review Minutes From March 17, 2009 Meeting: Minutes from the club's previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve by Bob Holmes, seconded by Rusty Nefford, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A year-to-date financial report was reviewed by members. The operating account experienced income of \$778.88, and expense of \$1,579.02, with an ending balance of \$5,529.73. The runway escrow account experienced income of \$125.37, and no expense, with an ending balance of \$4,370.39. Total club cash resources were reported to be \$9,900.12. A motion to approve by John Krumbeck, seconded by Lynn Atkins, passed unanimously. Treasurer George Brugnoli discussed the need to keep outside income at a level less than 35% of gross proceeds in order to avoid loss of tax exempt status.

Safety Officer's Report: Bill Autrey discussed options to improve flight line notification for takeoffs and landings. The consensus appeared to be that the best resolution of the issue would be for all flyers and observers to assure that everyone on the flight line is well aware when these activities transpire.

Social Chairman's Report: Bill Autrey highlighted the annual picnic held on Sunday, May 17th which had been postponed one day because of bad weather. Thirty six attendees were present. As usual the food was outstanding, and the flying was good in spite of some breezy conditions. Bill thanked Howard Hilton for grilling the burgers, sausage, and hotdogs.

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Extension Proposal: Mike McDougall reported that Llano County Judge Wayne Brascom temporarily postponed any action on the club's request to extend HLF's lease an additional ten years. Llano County Attorney Cheryl Mabree appears to be the only official opposed to the club's proposal.

Storage Building Proposal: George Brugnoli discussed acquisition of a 10 ft X 14 ft metal storage building. The cost would be approximately \$500.00 for the building and \$600.00 for the base and incidentals. A motion to approve funds of \$1,1150.00 for the project by George Brugnoli, seconded by John Krumbeck, passed with fourteen in favor and four opposed.

Flights of Fancy Planning: Mike McDougall discussed the upcoming June 27th event at Hank Nilsen Field. It was decided to offer hotdogs, chips, and drinks for a nominal charge, in addition to the usual flying activities. New signs are in the construction process and will be placed along the roadways directing traffic to the field. For the first time, HLF has been included in Aqua Boom's publicity and programming.

Aqua Boom Parade Entry Planning: Mike McDougall discussed the club's parade float which will be constructed by Rusty Nefford on Larry Stephens' trailer. The parade takes place in Kingsland at 10:00 AM, July 4th.

Cans For Kids Project: Ed Bullock advised that the proceeds of this project are intended for any Junior Member who cares to participate. Any member who is interested should contact Ed.

Meeting Incentives Committee: Jim Archer reported that when he informally polled members, he discovered most are not in favor of door prizes at the club's meetings. A motion by Jim Archer, seconded by Bob Holmes, to discontinue this practice, passed with seventeen in favor, and one opposed. Jim mentioned the possibility that members might be interested in conducting some mini swap meets following the close of business at club meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

IRS Tax Return: George Brugnoli reported he had filed a 990-EZ IRS tax return for the club, this being the first time.

Temporary Non-Voting Member Category: A motion to suspend use of the special non-voting membership category by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Bob Holmes, passed unanimously. Now, quorums will be determined by attendance of the entire Adult and Honorary Membership categories.

August 15th Swap Meet: Mike McDougall reported that an ad will be placed on Model Aviation to advertise the event.

Field Maintenance: It was announced that a work session would take place at Hank Nilsen Field on May 20th, including picking up trash on the roadways and removing rocks from the field area to facilitate mowing. There was discussion about preparing an area designated for control line flying.

Other New Business: Mike McDougall discussed helicopter flying. He reminded members that helicopters can fly over the runway area providing they subscribe to the same flight pattern as fixed wing aircraft, or they can fly in the area east of Lyle Sievers Drive.

Door Prizes: Grand Prize was an E Flight Ultra Stick 25E Electric ARF, value \$180.00, won by Jesse Webb.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Dave Schaefer, HLF Secretary