

# Highland Lakes Flyers Club

## Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics

### Unapproved Minutes, January 18, 2011



**Convene Meeting at 7:00 PM:** President Bill Autrey presiding. Required quorum was ten Adult / Honorary members. Total attendance was nineteen, including one non-voting Associate Member.

**Past President Recognition:** Bill Autrey presented past president Mike McDougall with a certificate and gift recognizing him for his leadership and many accomplishments during his four year tenure as club president from 2007 to 2010.

**Member Concerns:** B.C. Gersch, and wife Barbara, are recovering from serious injuries as the result of a recent traffic accident. Mike McDougall mentioned the need to add the names of Bob Thilleman and Joel Green to the plaque honoring deceased members.

**Minutes From November 16, 2010 Meeting:** After reviewing the minutes, a motion to approve by Rusty Nefford, seconded by Jesse Webb, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Autrey reviewed two financial reports.

**Report 1 – November 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010:** General Fund beginning balance of \$2922.34, ending balance of \$4,638.59. Income - \$1,941.50, Expense - \$225.25. Runway Fund beginning balance of \$8,624.56, ending balance of \$8,625.28. Income \$0.72.

**Report 2 – Annual – January 1 to December 31, 2010:** General Fund beginning balance of \$6,931.70, ending balance of \$4,638.59. Income - \$5,782.42, Expense - \$8,075.53. Runway Fund beginning balance of \$4,571.95, ending balance of \$8,625.28. Income \$4,053.33.

**Safety Officer's Report:** Rusty Nefford cautioned members to exercise great care around the propeller end of model aircraft to avoid injury. In concern for new pilots safe flying activities, it was suggested that coaches / spotters be present when necessary to aid in the transition from novice solo flyer to experienced.

**New Pilot Certificate Award:** Bill Autrey presented Jack Steward with a certificate attesting that Jack had recently completed flight training and was fully qualified for solo flying.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Discussion of Llano County Lease Renewal Project:** Bill Autrey appointed Mike McDougall as project leader to coordinate the lease renewal process. The club's flying site was leased from Llano County for a ten year period beginning December 10, 2001, running through December 10, 2011. The lease includes an option to renew for an additional five years. All aspects of the re-leasing process will be coordinated by Mike, and club members were informed that unilateral actions or contacts with county authorities are to be avoided.

**Recap, Christmas Dinner Party, December 4<sup>th</sup> at River City Grill in Marble Falls:** Bill Autrey recapped the party's activities, reporting some dissatisfaction with the facilities staff.

**Liability Protection Options for Officers and Members:** There has been no progress since the November 16, 2010 meeting. The project remains ongoing.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Financial Audit Results:** An audit team chaired by Jim Archer, with members Tom Langley and Lon Ward, early this year, reviewed the club's 2010 financial records without discovering any notable discrepancies or irregularities.

**Appointment of Social Chairman:** Bill Autrey discussed the need for one of the club's members to volunteer to serve as HLF's Social Chairman. The function would be to coordinate the club's social affairs. In response to Bill's call for a volunteer, there were no responses.

**Approve Transfer of \$600.00 From Checking to Savings:** A motion by Rusty Nefford to approve the transfer, seconded by Young Scarborough, passed unanimously.

**Planning For 2011 Field Improvement Projects:** Dave Schaefer discussed the process of accomplishing beneficial projects for the coming year, and welcomed suggestions from the membership as the year progresses. The following are those currently on the list.

- Hook up electric power to small mower shed.
- Additional power converter (120 V AC to 12 V DC) – completed January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Repaint flight stands.

Jeff Ellis mention the need for one or more flight stands to accommodate large, scale model airplanes. After discussion, Jeff was asked to provide specifications. Lon Ward offered his services to do the construction.

**Scheduling of 2011 Activities and Events:** Bill Autrey discussed planning for the 2011 calendar year and set tentative dates for the following –

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Annual Picnic at Hank Nilsen Field.

June 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Flights of Fancy at Hank Nilsen Field.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday – Aqua Boom Parade Entry.

August 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Annual Swap Meet, location undetermined.

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Burnet – Kid's Day Out.

October 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Annual Float Fly / Shrimp Boil at Robinson Park in Llano.

Christmas Party – Bill recommended that the club forego this event. No one disagreed.

**Member Issue:** Member Ryan Morlino addressed the meeting with a concern relating to the "New Member Fee" as prescribed in HLF's bylaws. After discussion, Morlino proposed the following motion summarized as follows: "Club members who allow their membership to lapse at year end and later rejoin the club no later than June 30th shall not be subject to a New Member Fee, but shall pay 100% of the existing non-prorated annual dues rate." Bob Holmes seconded the motion. There was one vote in favor cast by Morlino. There were seventeen votes cast against (the Associate Member present did not have voting privileges). The motion failed.

**Following the Meeting:** Members brought with them blankets and winter wear for donation to a local charity. These were collected and removed from the meeting room.

**Adjourn:** At 8:25 PM