

Highland Lakes Flyers, Inc. Chartered Club 2317, Academy of Model Aeronautics Minutes July 19, 2016



Convene Meeting: Twelve Adult & one Junior Member were present. The required quorum of nine Adult & Honorary members was exceeded.

Member Concerns: Ronnie Kirkpatrick, Howard & Mary Hilton, Al & Patty Campbell.

Minutes from Meeting on March 15, 2016: Members having previous to the meeting received the minutes, a motion to approve by Mike McDougall, seconded by Leif Erickson, passed unanimously.

Bi-Monthly Financial Reports From May & July: Since the May 10th meeting did not convene because the quorum of nine was not met, Mike McDougall presented a Financial Report for April 26th and one for June 24th.

The April 26th report showed a General Fund Starting balance of \$2,120.50 & an ending balance of \$1,537.93. There was \$582.57 expense & no income. The Capital Improvement Fund starting balance was \$7,012.50 with an ending balance of \$7,021.85. There was \$.35 interest income & no expense.

The June 24th report showed a General Fund Starting balance of \$1,537.93 & an ending balance of \$1,108.28. There was \$429.65 expense & no income. The Capital Improvement Fund starting balance was \$7,021.85 with an ending balance of \$7,022.19. There was \$.34 interest income & no expense.

A motion by Lee Kinard to approve both reports, seconded by Young Scarborough, passed unanimously.

Safety Officer's Report: Al Campbell reported on a recent incident where the throttle stick accidentally was pushed forward by an experienced individual while another person was holding his EP airplane & the prop inflicted two minor arm cuts. The prop was undamaged. Then, Al offered words of appreciation for all who participated in the July 2nd Flights Of Fancy event.

Recap - June 11th Picnic: Bill Autrey declared the picnic at Hank Nilsen Field to have been successful & fun for all who attended. The weather was good, there was lots of flying activity, and the picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Recap - Flights Of Fancy, July 2nd: Mike McDougall described this year's event as very successful with the largest attendance in the club's history. Over forty individuals, including thirty youth, experienced buddy box flying. In between buddy box sessions, the crowd was treated to some awesome fixed wing aerobatics by club members and some spectacular helicopter exhibitions generating applause & cheers from the audience. For the first time, a snow cone vendor was onsite which proved to be a benefit for attendees, although the club did not profit. The club did sell drinks for a small profit and provided lunch for all members who participated.

Schedule Float Fly: After discussion, Bill Autrey scheduled a float fly at Llano's Robinson Park for Tuesday, July 26th.

Schedule Competitive Event: Richard Nichols was tasked with arranging a competitive fun fly within the next two weeks.

Field Improvements: Mike McDougall reported on the acquisition of a twelve volt power supply which will be installed in the newest (northernmost) pavilion. The other power supplies will be repositioned so each pavilion is equipped for battery charging. He also mentioned the ongoing need for installation of sides on the large flight stand's tail piece. Jesse Webb reported he and wife Sheila are continuing to upgrade the field signs. Jesse also mentioned the possibility of placing a large sign on the empty frame at the corner of Limestone St. & RR 2545. Members were in favor of this suggestion.

The issue was raised about ongoing damage to the long outer gate by careless people entering & exiting Brad Shaw's property. All previous remedies to this problem have failed over time. It was decided to install a new replacement gate which would only open outward, thus keeping the gate's end away from traffic making the sharp right turn into Shaw's entryway. A motion by Mike McDougall, seconded by Lee Kinard, to approve \$250.00 for this project passed unanimously.

Another issue, this one concerning helicopter protocols was discussed. However, since there are currently no problems, and since helicopter flying is a rare occurrence, it was decided that the best course of action would be to postpone any actions until the need might arise.

LiPo Battery Care, Maintenance & Safety: Mike McDougall gave an excellent ten minute presentation followed by lengthy discussion and Q & A. Mike provided a two page tech sheet for email distribution to the membership.

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