

Minutes 2023 02-28

Meeting called to order 6:45 PM by President Glenn Ross

27 members present

NOTE: Before the meeting started, Glenn told the members that Tim Edwards had asked if he could hold a family “get together” on Saturday the 4th of March under the pavilion. He did not expect there would be any hindrance to anyone wanting to fly. The members present authorized Tim Edwards to have their family gathering.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES: Keith Nelson moved and Wayne Decosa seconded that the minutes be accepted. A voice vote was taken and the Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Anthony presented January Breakdown: Beginning Balance: \$7,996.05, Income \$479.00, Expenses \$409.01, Account balance \$8,105.94 plus \$5,000. CD. Bank balance is \$13,105.94.

The secretary reported concerning the Leadership Club application progress. He reported the items needed to qualify for the 3 different stages of Leadership. (Bronze, Silver, and Gold). Glenn noted that we had been a Leadership club in the past but it appears that sometime in the early 2000’s we let that lapse. No one knew a reason why it had lapsed. Dave Jones wanted to know if we got anything by being a Leader Club. Johnny Judd responded that in the Grant awarding process, Leader Clubs were awarded a higher score in the competition for the grant. Nick stated that if we moved forward he would be looking to club members to provide or point to where proof of club activities could be found for the submission. It was decided that the next step be deferred to March meeting.

Note: Due to health issue and personal problem, the Secretary will ask at the March Meeting to activate a committee to carry on with the application if the club feels it worthy of pursuing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) **PORTA-POTTY COMMITTEE:** Dave Burnette reported the cost of a porta potty would be \$754.80. Tax is \$106.00. Delivery set up \$333.19. Total cost \$1193.99. Cleaning is \$40.00 each time it is required. There were several points raised. These included Can we pick up and site the potty ourselves? Can we procure necessary chemicals from the supplier to have some on hand for when needed, and what is the cost? Can we site the potty in the woods for shade? What are the requirements for getting the current potty removed? Glenn asked David to get these and several other items answered and report back at the March Meeting. It was noted that after the initial purchase, every year we would save at least the cost of the potty (\$750.00) over what we spend now. Anthony was reminded that we need to determine what the club’s tax exempt number is so that the tax could be avoided on both this and other club expenses.

The motion to proceed was deferred to the March meeting.

2) **BY LAW CHANGES COMMITTEE:** Anthony Hall reported 12 questions were considered Anthony briefly discussed the items. Voting on The changes was deferred to next meeting. If all changes are complete at that time then motions to approve will be taken then.

3) **CALL FOR SPRING EVENT MANAGER:** Glenn asked for someone to volunteer to manage the Spring Event. No one volunteered so Glenn stated that the event would be cancelled. At this point, Eddie Cline volunteered to lead the event. Dewan Brooks volunteered to assist Eddie.

NOTE: Glenn announced that the safety officer wanted several items covered:

- There is a lack of fliers announcing their intentions. Taking off, landing, runway passes slow and fast (low passes over runway at landing speed, fast passed at or above 20 feet and over the grass area only at high speeds)
- Spotters- FAA does not require spotters for FPV flights, only lifting goggles to maintain line of sight with object.
- AMA understands the difficulty with the goggles and therefore because we have stated that we follow AMA's flight rules, our club fliers of FPV are required to have and use a spotter. The spotter should be within 6 ft. of flier (needs to communicate with flier. Spotter is required to pay attention to aircraft at all times. Glenn said AMA requires spotters so we will use them. Spotters may not use any electronic device while spotting. Also no spotter may use binoculars or other optical device.

NOTE: Glenn also discussed an "L" shaped airfield to accommodate other types of aircraft at our field. Discussion followed. Following rules was also discussed. Fliers of all aircraft need to follow the rules no matter what type of craft. Dave Jones reminded everyone that all visitors should remain in the pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SCHEDULE SPRING WORK DAY:** Eddie Cline reported there is \$800.00 for gravel the parking lot. Glenn reported the results of the questionnaire from Jan. Mtg. concerning completion order of items covered by budgeted monies. Eddie suggested an April date. Date will be given at March Meeting.
2. **DISCUSS CHILL & GRILL FOR 4TH JULY AND START & STOP DATES:** The club agreed to not have Chill and Grill on the evening of the 4th of July. Start and stop dates will be confirmed by Tim Edwards and Skip as soon as Possible. Skip will send an Email to Glenn Ross who will get with Craig to make sure the web site calendar is updated if needed.
3. **SET OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING DATE (24th):** It was decided since Halloween falls on Tuesday, the meeting date will be changed to October 24.
4. **DISCUSS REVENUE GENERATING IDEAS:** Glenn Ross stated that we estimate that we are about \$4,000 short of our planned revenue for 2023; not unexpected this early in the year. Currently the sources of our revenue are Membership, Chill and Grill and raffles/donations at events. How we get our revenue can impact our status as a tax exempt club and thus our AMA charter. Thus, he would like the club members to think of any ideas they might have that could be leveraged to generate some revenue. He then showed a new in box model of PB-Y airplane that was donated by Wayne Decosa. The model will be auctioned off at the March Meeting, \$50.00 starting bid. He opened then the floor for suggestions. Dewan Brooks suggested a yard sale sometime in April at the airfield. Each seller pays a set charge for a spot and sets up a table of items to sell. All revenues from sales go to the club. She also proposed Tim Edwards might want to set up a lunch. She suggested advertising as much as possible to draw people. Discussion took place. Glenn suggested a different date than the 29 April Fly-in and swap meet. Dewan suggested she could provide tables for the sale. Glenn asked for a motion to commit to a yard sale in May. Tony Ledford moved and Mitch Fowler seconded the club have a yard sale. A show of hands vote was taken. 13 for and 6 against. Motion carried. Glenn called for a second motion to make May 27 the Saturday date for the yard sale. Jeremy Brooks moved and Mitch Fowler seconded the motion. A show of hands vote was taken. 16 for and 0 against. Wayne Decosa suggested the club have a few fliers make demo flights while the sale progresses. Glenn thought the idea was excellent and asked Wayne to get a list for the event. Wayne agreed. Jeremy Brooks suggested a drag race for Sunday before fliers fly. After much discussion Glenn said any other activity besides flying has to be approved by Johnson City. A dirt track was suggested but vetoed due to Johnson City's lease and erosion concerns.

5. DISCUSS QUAD GROUND OBSTACLE COURSE: Glenn felt at this time a discussion was not necessary and several quad copter flying members agreed to discuss when more interested members joined the club.

Skip offered a framed airplane for sale. (Midwest Twin Stick) Eddie Cline bought the plane for \$15.00

MOTION TO ADJOURN: David Jones moved to adjourn and Skip Weller seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM