

Barnstormers Minutes for August 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM on August 6 2009 by President Doug Van Orman. There were 41 members present.

Doug acknowledged three guests.

The July minutes were accepted by the members.

Doug mentioned that the field looked really good and thanked the field crew for their hard work.

Doug told the members that he has asked Larry Bonnette as the club secretary until a new one can be elected in a few months. Larry agreed to do it.

Larry reported that he will post the Meeting minutes on the "PropWash" button on the web as soon as he completes them each month. When he gets the PropWash from Allen he will replace the minutes with the PropWash (which contains the minutes).

Eric reported that the field crew which included JP, Mike, Eric and Max spread the 18 yards of fill onto the entry road. But what they now need is rain in order for the material to set itself into the road. Doug asked if our water well was alright. Max answered that it was OK as far as he knew.

Dick reported that the treasury was in decent shape especially at this time of the year when members begin to pay their dues. Dick reported that more that 50% of the members have paid their dues and more members had paid him that evening.

Dick also reported that the Boy Scout event was a success. Gary Baumgartner and he were able to fly each Scout at least once but because the wind picked up he was not able to run them through a second time. The Scout troop is from the Kingwood area. Prior to the flights Dick visited them at one of their meetings and provided them with balsa models and a flight training school.

Dick mentioned that he was asked to be on the "club spending" planning committee. He said that the committee will solicit input from club members about what the club should be spending. money on. In other words. "An asphalt road ?" "An asphalt runway ?" or ????. He said, if you have input (for or against) or other Ideas. Please send E-mail to him (rwpursley@tri-countybarnstormers.com) and he will add it to the list. Larry was asked to post this on the web site.

A new member was voted into the club by members present. His name is Robert Daffin. Welcome Robert !!

Bart stood up and told the members that this was the third and final installment of hardware from Jack. He said that the three installments had raised \$XXX for the club and he turned it over to the treasurer.

Doug asked if there was any more information on the "BEST". Kirk said that he needs volunteers and that anyone interested in helping out should send him E-mail (sales@newcreations-rc.com) . Larry was asked to add this request for help to the web site.

Doug mentioned that Kevin Fotorny's ashes will be spread over the field on Saturday August 8 at 5:00 PM.

Kirk was asked about the material used by paper mills that could be used in place of concrete. Kirk said he could not find any info on it.

Doug will get an estimate on concrete for the two strips of concrete 8 feet wide and 15 feet long on the west side of the runway in front of the flight line to accommodate aircraft with small wheels that constantly get caught in the grass during takeoff.

Jim Porter made a motion to have the club contribute \$500 to our neighbor to the north of the field to help them with the fence repairs / replacement as discussed at last month's meeting. The club members present approved the proposal.

A member mentioned that he has come to the field in the morning and found our gate open. Another member also said that sometimes the combination is left on the lock. Doug asked that Larry post a reminder on the web site to the members to please lock all buildings and gates if they are the last one out. And please spin the lock after you open it.

Doug told the members that he had looked at our books to see if the club would be able to apply for credit at a financial institution. He said that he was not saying that anyone was doing anything wrong but he said that the way in which the books are kept. He didn't think that we could get a loan based on information in them. Doug recommended a process be put in place for standard book keeping procedures. These lead to many comments from the members present.

Dick Pursley was asked to speak about our clubs financial health. Dick said he has been keeping the books for about 20 months. He said the clubs financial health was very good. He said that the club takes in about \$XXXXX/month and spends about \$XXXXX/month. The numbers he quoted included all of the new work that was completed and paid for in the last year. The club could afford to take on some debt if necessary and he reminded the club of the committee for "recommended spending" and urged everyone to send him E-mail on projects that the members feel would benefit the club. Larry mentioned that he thought the committee was a

good idea but the costs of things go up as we continue to push out spending decisions month to month. His example was the road. The road was quoted at \$16000 in June. It is now August and we still have not made a decision. If we finally make a decision about it at the September meeting that would make the quote four months old. And, the chances are that the cost will go up.

More discussion ensued. A member mentioned that after hearing the numbers from Dick that the club could easily pay off a \$16000 loan in three years.

Doug mentioned that he would like to see our finances posted somewhere on the web site for all to see. The comment was answered by the members present with a loud NO! When asked why, some members said that our finances are no one's business but club members. And that if anyone wants to see our books they can come to the meeting and the treasurer will show it to them.

Doug wound the discussion down with a final comment. He would like to see the books and our methods of payments to vendors be assembled in a more standard format. He said that doing so would allow a banker to look at them and be sure that is the club could afford a loan.

Eric suggested that we hire a professional to do our books. Members present didn't think so. Some comments included " We have the talent in our club to do this. We don't need to hire anyone from outside."

Doug mentioned that he has appointed Robert Coker, Mike Walker and Terry Foote as the "Officer nomination committee " Doug said that the President, Vice President and Secretary positions will be open. Dick said he would like to stay on as Treasurer.

Max won the fuel for his model of the month entry

Carl Steck won the name tag award

George Terry was drawn to win the cash prize but since he was not there the prize went back into the pot for next month's drawing.

The rest of the meeting was spent drawing numbers for the rest of Jacks stuff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted
by Larry Bonnette