

Barnstormers Minutes for July 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on July 2 2009 by President Doug Van Orman. There were 24 members present.

Doug acknowledged one guest, Andrew Focht.

The June minutes were accepted by the members.

Doug mentioned that Andy Rich of "Andy's hobbies" proposed a trade of fuel in place of dues if he were allowed to join the club. Members did not seem thrilled with the idea and the subject was dropped.

Larry Bonnette was acknowledged for his work on the web site.

The treasurer could not make the meeting but he sent word that funds were all in order and that the club was "in good shape".

No Safety Officer report.

Vice President Eric reported that the field looked in good shape. He has ordered 18 yards of material to be used to patch the road. The cost was approximately \$960.00.

A few members offered to use their equipment to spread the material. But, Eric said he had it under control.

Gary Baumgartner, our current secretary resigned. No reason was given. Larry Bonnette will fill in until a new secretary can be elected or appointed.

Kirt Massey reported that Kirk Jensen and he are looking for volunteers for the BEST event on October 10-11. If you would like to volunteer please send e-mail to either Kirk or Kirt. Their E-mail address is on the BEST flyer on the web site.

Old Business

Max reported that the material needed to repair the road was approximately 180 yards and the cost was approximately \$45 per yard. He said that the 18 yards that Eric ordered was a good start and that it will fix the areas that need it most.

Doug mentioned that a member volunteered to look into the cost of a new PA but was unable to do it because of illness. Andrew Focht told the club that he had a PA system that he would be willing to donate to the club. The club thanks him.

Doug and Terry acquired a price for fixing the road between the City street and the edge of the Pavilion. The material would be Asphalt 3 inches thick and 10 feet wide. The road bed would be prepared by the contractor prior laying the material down. The cost would be \$16,000.00. While the contractor was there he was asked to measure the runway and give the club a price. The runway is 40 feet wide and 570 feet long. The contractor would prepare the base and apply 3 inches of asphalt. The cost would be approximately \$40,000.00

The president commented that an asphalt runway would attract larger aircraft as well as jets. He said that in his opinion our club was too small for larger aircraft and jets that travel at speeds of 200 mph. Not to mention the fire risk. This is of course, an opinion, and club members are asked to weigh in.

New business

Doug proposed that the club create 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. He would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Some members mentioned that there is a material used by paper mills that could be used in place of concrete. Kirt Massey said he will try to find out more information.

A member commented that it would be nice to extend the pavilion another 16 or more feet in the direction of the road. Another member (Terry Foote ?) mentioned that the steel necessary to do that might be available from a site that is taking down a building.

A member expressed concern that we may be jumping into projects without exploring the pitfalls and without regard to what is most important to most members. He suggested that a committee be formed for that purpose. Many members agreed and a committee consisting of Eric DeSardi , Terry Foote, Jim Porter and ??? was formed. This committee will gather the proposals discussed tonight and at other club gatherings and make recommendations to the club at the next meeting.

The member volunteer list regarding field maintenance on the web is wrong. Larry was asked to fix the list of club members who have been mowing the field as well as adding a call of volunteers to help with field maintenance. Eric said he would send this information to Larry.

A member asked “Who mails out the news letters to members who don’t have web access ?”. No one seemed to know.

Jim Porter mentioned that our neighbor to the north of the field cut down brush and trees that were in the way of the north end of the runway. Additionally they are replacing the fence. Jim proposed that the club contribute \$500 to help them with the fence project and an additional

\$100 to put in a gate so that members can search for lost aircraft if necessary. Jim will handle all of the necessary communication with our neighbor. The club will vote on this at the next meeting.

Gary Baumgartner won the fuel with the only aircraft entry.

Taylor McMichael's name was drawn for the attendance prize. He was not present so it rolls over to next month.

The name tag prize was won by Bart Massey.

The raffle of Jack Evans hobby material continued with many members winning lots of good stuff.

A new member, Andrew Focht, was voted into the club.

Ralph Queener's ashes will be spread over the field on July 3rd.

Kyle Foote's ashes will be spread from an aircraft on July 11th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted for,
Gary Baumgartner
2009 Secretary
By Larry Bonnette