

THE PROP WASH

Club Officers

- President-Ray Mathis
- Vice President -Dick Jones
- Secretary -Larry Bonnette
- Treasurer Sam Barrett
- Editor/Webmaster-Larry Bonnette



Ray Mathis

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Barnstormers

November is here, the field is in good shape and the weather is cooperating with cooler days. Be sure to social distance while at the field to protect yourself from the virus. If you are traveling for the holidays be careful.

November is the time of the year we elect new officers and this year we have four new officers to install at the December meeting.

The new officers are:

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President: Kirk Jensen

Vice-President : Steve Sartor Secretary : Joe Marquardt

Editor: Max Taylor

Thanks to these members for taking a turn, some have been officers before. Also an audit of the club books needs to be done with two members volunteering for this, Lowell Babb and Steve Tomlinson, we will hear from them at the next meeting.

See you at the field

Meetings are at the Conroe Friendship Center (Meals on Wheels building) on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

We hope to see you there.



Dick Jones

Words from the VP

Well , I am ending the hardest part of being an officer; Writing for Propwash! We are into the fall/winter season where we will only have to mow and edge every 2 or 3 weeks. Sure is nice to land a fast airplane on that smooth grass. Yall don't forget to renew your "Drone License" Its easy and 5 bucks. I was reading the new regs for applying the N number to aircraft. Looks like 1 5/8X 5/8 Per Letter! Ain't gonna happen! Look forward to flying with you!

Keep your tail pointed rearward; Dick

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Meeting Minutes

November 5 2020

Present: 18 (in Zoom meeting)

Start: 7:32 PM

The November 2020 meeting of the Tri-County Barnstormers was called to order by President Ray Mathis.

The meeting was held virtually using the Zoom web meeting platform. There are 18 meeting participants in the meeting room.

Ray asked members to vote on accepting the October meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted unanimously by a voice vote.



Larry Bonnette

Treasurer Sam Barrett reported that he received the property tax invoice and will be paying it. He also stated that the treasury is in good shape. Sam also asked for one more person to volunteer to be part of the audit committee. Lowell Babb volunteered. So, the audit committee will be Steve Tomlinson and Lowell Babb.

Secretary Larry Bonnette reported that Helcio Trindade installed an electrical outlet near the weather station. Larry is unable to climb a ladder to plug the weather station in and Helcio volunteered to do that. Larry will leave an extension cord at the field.

Dick Jones was not at the meeting so Ray gave the field report. Ray reported that the field is in good shape and that because of that he didn't feel it was necessary to mow on this coming weekend. Ray asked Max if there was anything that needed attention at the field. Max said that the blades need to be changed or modified on the bush hog so that the cutting would be in balance. and the oil needs changing on the John Deere tractor. However, these tasks can wait so there is no need for a workday this week. So, Ray declared "No workday this weekend"

A member asked about the name tags. Sam said he would look into it.

Ray asked the members if there were any new nominations for club officers. Kirk Jensen was nominated for President. A motion was made to accept Kirk Jensen as the 2021 President. The motion was seconded and Kirk Jensen was voted in as President with a unanimous voice vote.

Brandon Phillips was nominated for Vice President. Brandon declined the nomination. Steve Sartor volunteered for the Vice President position. A motion was made to nominate Steve Sartor for Vice President for 2021. The motion was seconded and Steve Sartor was voted in as Vice President with a unanimous voice vote.

Joe Marquardt volunteered to take on the responsibilities of club Secretary. A motion was made to nominate Joe Marquardt for club Secretary for 2021. The motion was seconded and Joe Marquardt was voted in as Secretary with a unanimous voice vote.

Max Taylor volunteered to take the newsletter editor position. A motion was made to nominate Max Taylor for newsletter editor for 2021. The motion was seconded and Max Taylor was voted in as newsletter editor with a unanimous voice vote.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued)

The December meeting was discussed. One member suggested that we have a get together at the field that includes a swap meet and some food. Kirk Jensen suggested a night fly. A suggestion was made to have the December meeting in place of the December work day. There was nothing decided.

A member asked about our neighbor. Ray said he has not gotten any e-mails from her since Dick visited her and gave her the air horn.

Steve Sartor asked if anyone at the meeting would oppose contracting out our mowing to an outside mowing service. No one was opposed.

No attendance drawing
No name tag drawing
No model of the month
Meeting adjourned 8:08 PM

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Sam Barrett

The Treasurers Report

It's November and the Treasury is in good shape. Our audit for Fiscal Year 2020 has been completed and will be announced at our December meeting. Steve Tomlinson and Lowell Babb conducted the audit. Steve and Lowell have some recommendations for improvements which I accept. And, also to complete a position guide for my eventual successor. With that thought I might never have to answer the phone or check my email again, I will get to work on that guide. (Humor) I have a Treasurer Guide in progress but I am thinking it might be a multi-volume document by the time it is finished. Thanks to Steve and Lowell for stepping up and volunteering to perform this necessary audit as required by our By-Laws; it's completed. It is dry work but we managed to get through it and now we

can file our IRS and Texas Franchise Tax reports using the audited results. It's all fun and giggles as we embark on FY2021 and do it all over again.

As of November we have 136 members. FY2020 had two events in late 2019 which brought in event revenues. And, thanks to Dick Jones, Jay Wright, Keith Jarvis and their family and helping members for their valuable work. FY2021 has had no events and therefore our revenues are down to dues only. Although our expenses have decreased due to no in-person meetings, our net income is expected to decrease due to the lower revenue expectations. We lost around 30 members going into FY2021, who did not renew this year. Some moved away and others just declined to renew for unknown reasons. While our decrease in revenues could be offset by an increase in annual dues, it might result in further loss of renewals. This issue might be a topic for business in our coming meetings and an updated cash flow analysis will need to be done to ensure our financial position remains strong enough to keep up with expenses, based on the outcome on spending expectations.

As ever, keep that AMA up to date. This time of year all AMA used to expire but now member's AMA memberships expire throughout the year. Check yours and make sure you don't fly with an expired AMA card. It's your financial responsibility to ensure you won't be bankrupted by a hobby incident causing bodily injury or property damage by an accident at the field.

Fly covered and enjoy life!



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DON'T FORGET

TRI-COUNTY BARNSTORMER
CLUB MEETINGS ON THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.
NEXT MEETING IS

December 3rd