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WINGSNAPPERS



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REMINDER - Meetings are now on the third Sunday of the month at the Hamburg Moose Lodge, starting at 1:30 PM.

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2006 @ 1:30 PM
HAMBURG MOOSE LODGE**

DIRECTIONS TO MOOSE LODGE:

Hamburg Exit from Route 22
2nd Floor, 12 South 3rd Street, Hamburg, PA

OFFICIAL FIELD LOCATION ADDRESS:

Tri-County Wingsnappers, Inc.
329 Balthaser Road
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

We had a pretty nice turnout for the Polar Bear fly on New Year's Day, this year. Thanks again to Jack Hilbert for providing some hot food for the event! I hope all of you can get in a few good flights this winter... at least on some of the warmer/calmer winter days!

I was pleased to see a large member turnout for the runway relocation discussion at January's meeting. Unfortunately, since one of our neighbors has refused to give us fly-over rights to his farmland, this issue is dead... we will give it no further consideration. I would like to thank Lee Buskirk for all of the time and effort that he put into this proposal. I would also like to thank the "Runway Relocation Committee" for their time and effort as well.

Over the next couple of months, I'd like to bring up some other topics of discussion at our club meetings. I think most of us will agree that our club has a few areas that could use some improvement... the two things that stand out the most in my mind are (1) increasing our event turnouts (both pilots and spectators), and (2) increasing our club treasury to a more comfortable level. The issue of a new shed also needs to be addressed. I have a number of suggestions that I would like to discuss with you at our club meetings over the next couple of months. I would also like to hear from any of you that have suggestions for improvements to our club and it's events and fundraisers. I'd like to encourage you to attend the monthly meetings to be part of these discussions.

One final note... at the end of this newsletter, you will find an up-to-date copy of our by-laws, including the amendments. I've typed up the original by-laws from the 1995 TCWS handbook, and added the amendments that were approved over the past few years. I believe this is the first time a copy of our by-laws has been published with the amendments. I am going to suggest that our by-laws & amendments be published in a newsletter about once a year (especially if we have passed new amendments in that year), to be certain that even new members get an up-to-date copy of the by-laws.

Best Regards,

Paul Hartley

UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES... 15 JANUARY

President, Paul Hartley called the meeting to order at 1:30PM at the Hamburg Moose Lodge (22) Members were present.

David Kilmer requested to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. A motion to accept was made by Eric Rudjord, seconded by Dale Loop and approved by a majority vote.

Dale Loop read the Treasurer's report as of 15 January. A motion to accept was made by Bud Wunder, seconded by Rudjord and approved by a majority vote.

Old Business

1. Field Care

- a. Nothing new to report

2. Union Fire Co Lawsuit

- a. Nothing new to report since last month.

3. 2006 Events

- a. Swap Meet
 - 1.) Dave Renninger reported that almost all the tables are sold except for a few wall tables.
- b. Giant Scale Event
 - 1.)Walt Gladney reported that no action is expected until the Lebanon Swap Meet, at which time we'll be handing out flyers advertising the event.

4. Lifetime Membership

- a. No changes were made to the wording approved at last months meeting. The criteria for lifetime membership is as follows:
 - i. Any current member, reaching the age of 80 years will automatically receive a lifetime membership.
 - ii. Any current member may recommend to the BOD that another current member be granted Lifetime Membership in recognition of exemplary service to the club.
- b. Since the wording hasn't changed, this is now the THIRD posting of the newly proposed amendment, and the amendment was sent to a vote. Jim Pauley moved to accept the amendment as written, and George Case seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the change was unanimous, and the amendment will now be added to the club's bylaws.

5. 2006 Berks County TV Show

- a. Bud Wunder reported that the club will egt at least 30 days free advertising as a result of the show. As of the meeting, there were three available dates for the taping, and Paul was to talk with Bud to determine the best arrangement.

6. New shed and storage

- a. It was decided to table this discussion until a future meeting.

7. Field Lease

- a. John Messersmith reported that the club's lease has been extended for (2) more years, with a minimal increase in cost to the club.

There was no other old business at this time.

New Business.

1. Runway Relocation Proposal

- a. Lee Buskirk was scheduled to give the club a complete presentation outlining the pro's and con's of the proposed change to our runway direction. However, despite earlier indications that the proposed changes would be acceptable, Mr. Stufflet advised Lee the day before the meeting that he wasn't interested in approving the overflight of his property. While this change of heart was discouraging, and Lee was understandably reluctant to go ahead with the his full "show and tell", he was kind enough to walk us through the short version of the proposal anyway, in the event Mr. Stufflet can be persuaded to change his mind.
- b. Lee passed out copies of diagrams showing the existing field layout with the proposed changes superimposed on the drawing. Changes involve re-aligning the runway from its present orientation (basically East/West) to a Northwest/Southeast direction, as well as relocating the parking lot to a more appropriate location (basically south of the existing pavilion). The phases of the project wer shown as follows:

PHASE I – Fill and/or cut southeast end of field to grade and seed. Rough cut new driveway.

- Completion, early Spring of '06. Est. cost: \$3000
 PHASE II – Fill and/or cut northwest end of field to grade and seed.
 Completion, late Spring to early Summer of '06. Est. cost: \$300
 PHASE III – Finish field and install new parking lot.
 Completion, Fall of '06. Est. cost: \$1500
 PHASE IV – Repair any damage to field caused by winter weather.
 Completion, Spring of '07. Est. cost: \$200

Total cost projection would be approx. \$5000, plus the cost of permits.

- c. Lee ran down a list of potential benefits to the members and opened the floor to objections and discussion. While nothing can be decided unless Mr. Stufflets reverses his position on overflight of his property, the club appreciates the work that has been done so far by Lee, Dave Renninger, Dennis Christman, and others to get the proposal this far. Hopefully, we'll have more positive news to report at the next meeting!
- d. To wrap things up, Paul Hartley explained the voting procedure for this proposal if circumstances permit. For the moment, we're at the mercy of Mr. Stufflets.

Announcements:

Don't forget that the Allentown Hobbytown USA store (where Jack Hilbert works p/t) will match Tower Hobby prices if you present your TCWS member card. Also, if you buy a complete airplane, they will give you an additional 5% discount off Tower Hobby's price for the same setup (ask Jack for specifics as to what constitutes a "complete airplane"!)

Meeting adjourned – Bud Wunder made the motion, Karen Loop seconded, and the club voted unanimously to adjourn.

Upcoming Events

March 11, 2006 – Central Penn Aeromodelers 24th Annual R/C Flea Market @ the Lebanon Expo
 March 25, 2006 - 13th Annual TCWS Swap Meet at the Hamburg Field House




WEB SITES...

1. www.modelaircraft.org/templates/ama/-1-4news.asp – The AMA *National Newsletter* can be found on this website.
2. <http://www.flyinggiants.com/> - Flying Giants (formerly The Flying Cirkus). Lots of cool video of some crazy guys flying some big planes with no fear!

Editor note: If anyone has a web site to share – please let me know - thanks

CLUB OFFICERS...2006

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TCWSI BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME, LOCATION, and INCORPORATION

SECTION 1. The NAME of this organization shall be the “Tri-County WingSnappers, Inc.” which hereinafter shall be referred to as TCWSI. The use of the NAME in the form of “Tri-County WingSnappers” is unofficial but acceptable.

SECTION 2. The LOCATION or principle address of TCWSI shall be the address of the Secretary Officer of TCWSI unless otherwise specified by the TCWSI Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. The INCORPORATION of TCWSI has been provided for and is under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Non-profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

SECTION 1. Subject to the limitations set forth in the TCWSI Articles of Incorporation, the primary objective of this organization is to promote and foster educational and scientific advancements in model aeronautics, to give recognition to modeling leadership and also to provide guidance and direction for local and national model aeronautic affairs by those individuals, who through their accomplishments in the model field, have demonstrated their qualifications for such responsibility. Some particulars are listed below but shall not be considered exclusive:

- a) to encourage the study and discussion of scientific and technical problems of model aviation;
- b) to encourage, through recognition, leadership in model aviation;
- c) to conduct local and national model contests held within the United States and to act through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) as an insurer and aeromodeling representative;
- d) to direct local and national model activities to the end that model aviation may be advanced in the United States in a manner that will best serve aviation as a whole;
- e) to encourage and support all types of safe aviation.

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The affairs of the TCWSI shall be vested in the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) which consists of four (4) Officers and three (3) Board Members. The BOD shall have the authority to establish and supervise all TCWSI affairs consistent with these BY-LAWS.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the BOD shall be the President Officer.

SECTION 3. All decisions and conclusions by the BOD must be by at least a 2/3 majority vote and shall not be at variance with these BY-LAWS.

SECTION 4. The BOD shall be responsible for carrying out all business transaction on behalf of the TCWSI but is limited to less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) disbursement without membership approval – i.e. a majority vote by all members of TCWSI (except the President Officer) attending any publicized TCWSI meeting.

SECTION 5. A vacancy on the BOD must be filled within thirty (30) days by Presidential appointment and membership approval.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS of TCWSI shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

SECTION 2. The term of OFFICERS shall be one (1) calendar year and shall begin the first of January following the elections.

SECTION 3. The PRESIDENT shall preside over all TCWSI meetings and shall ex-officio, be a member of all regular or special committees. Also, the PRESIDENT shall have authority to establish and dissolve any committee that is not BOD instituted. Also, the PRESIDENT may appoint/remove any committee chairman of any committee that is not BOD instituted.

SECTION 4. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall temporarily fill in for the PRESIDENT with full capacities when requested by the PRESIDENT.

SECTION 5. The TREASURER shall be the officer in charge of all TCWSI financial transactions and as such shall be responsible for monitoring and recording all these affairs. The TREASURER shall present an accurate and up to date financial report to the membership at each monthly meeting for their approval.

SECTION 6. The SECRETARY shall take minutes and keep records for all types of TCWSI meetings for administrative reasons. Minutes of monthly meetings must be presented to the membership for approval at the “next” monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V: BOARD MEMBERS

SECTION 1. There shall be three (3) elected BOARD MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. The term of BOARD MEMBERS shall be three (3) calendar years and shall begin the first of January following the elections.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEMBERS shall be available for BOD meetings where the affairs of TCWSI are vested.

SECTION 4. An UNEXPECTED VACANCY shall be filled according to (Article III, Sec. 5).

ARTICLE VI: CONTEST DIRECTOR

SECTION 1. The term of CONTEST DIRECTOR shall be one (1) calendar year and shall begin the first of January following elections.

- a) CD’s REINSTATEMENT is contingent upon rules set forth by the AMA.

SECTION 2. The CONTEST DIRECTOR shall have the charge and responsibility of all model contests as set forth in the latest “Official Model Aircraft Regulations” of the AMA.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. An individual who indicates a desire to build and/or fly model aircraft, demonstrates an interest in aviation or wishes to further the purpose of TCWSI shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2. The categories of MEMBERSHIP shall fall into the three (3) broad classifications of the AMA:

- a) CLUB MEMBER – active AMA and dues paying;
- b) HONORARY MEMBER – does not participate regularly and does not pay dues;
- c) ASSOCIATE MEMBER – active but does not operate models and does not pay dues

Other classes of MEMBERSHIP may be authorized by the BOD but they must be within the scope of a, b, or c above.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION process shall require that any applicant must complete the TCWSI application form which requires one (1) member in good standing as a sponsor; the applicant must attend at least (1) club meeting before the general membership votes on his application and the applicant must agree to and sign the statements on the application.

SECTION 4. Maintaining MEMBERSHIP requires compliance to the Articles of Incorporation, Official Model Aircraft Regulations of the AMA, TCWSI Field Safety Rules, these BY-LAWS and decisions of the TCWSI's BOD. Also, maintaining MEMBERSHIP requires that dues are paid to date in the case of a CLUB MEMBER.

SECTION 5. The privileges of MEMBERSHIP shall be as follows:

- a) The CLUB MEMBER has all privileges
- b) The HONORARY MEMBER has all privileges including limited flying (twice per year) but cannot hold office;
- c) The ASSOCIATE MEMBER cannot fly, hold office or vote.

ARTICLE VIII: RE-CLASSIFICATION, TERMINATION and REINSTATEMENT

SECTION 1. All such matters in this ARTICLE shall be considered on an individual basis by the BOD and their decision shall be conclusive.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION can occur if said member violates any AMA requirement; AMA or TCWSI Safety Rule. In the case of VIOLATORS, these steps shall be taken:

- a) First offense shall prompt a verbal corrective which shall be given by an officer BOD member or field marshal; stating what rule has been violated;
- b) Second offense shall prompt sending a letter to the violator, warning that his/her actions could result in thirty (30) days suspension of all membership privileges and that the third offense results in termination of membership;
- c) Third offense – TERMINATION of membership.

SECTION 3. In the case of TERMINATION, the member shall have notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the BOD addressing such action. The member is also invited to attend such TERMINATION portion of the BOD meeting and present causes as to why membership status should not be revoked.

ARTICLE IX: NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Any CLUB MEMBER can be NOMINATED for office (i.e. any position on the BOD) by any other CLUB MEMBER or HONORARY MEMBER. This also applies to the position of CONTEST DIRECTOR.

SECTION 2. All NOMINATIONS must be a matter of TCWSI record prior to ELECTIONS, therefore, NOMINATIONS should be final at a TCWSI meeting during the month of October.

SECTION 3. A NOMINEE must accept NOMINATION before it becomes a matter of record.

SECTION 4. ELECTIONS shall be held during the month of November and shall be conducted by written ballot. Only CLUB MEMBERS and HONORARY MEMBERS may vote and a simple majority of those present at the ELECTION will carry. However, in the case of the CONTEST DIRECTOR, this position is not final until approved by AMA.

SECTION 5. Any number of special NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS can be called by the PRESIDENT in order to fill the position of CONTEST DIRECTOR which will be satisfactory to AMA.

SECTION 6. Once a CONTEST DIRECTOR is approved by AMA, TCWSI will assume approval in all subsequent years unless notified by AMA in writing.

ARTICLE X: REPLACEMENT and IMPEACHMENT

SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT due to death, incapacity, inactivity, resignation or transfer out-of-district for filling remainder of term, shall be by the following procedure:

- a) PRESIDENT shall be replaced by the VICE-PRESIDENT;
- b) VICE-PRESIDENT shall be replaced by a BOARD MEMBER voted in by a simple majority within the BOD. This is the only exception to (Article III, Sec. 5).
- c) The PRESIDENT shall appoint replacements for TREASURER, SECRETARY, and BOARD MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. IMPEACHMENT of any BOD or CONTEST DIRECTOR can be accomplished by either a 2/3 majority BOD vote or 2/3 majority MEMBERSHIP vote of those attending the proceedings. The BOD or CONTEST DIRECTOR in question shall have, in both cases, a thirty (30) day notice so cause as to why status should not be revoked can be prepared.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The three (3) types of MEETINGS shall be the MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and the BOD MEETING.

SECTION 2. MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS shall be held monthly as implied unless as simple majority of the MEMBERSHIP votes to suspend the MEETING. Only one MEETING at a time can be suspended.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS shall be called at the written request of fifteen (15) percent of the MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. BOD MEETINGS shall be called any time when deemed necessary by the PRESIDENT or at least two (2) members of the BOD.

SECTION 5. All MEETINGS shall be advertised at least three (3) days in advance to those involved.

SECTION 6. MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP and SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS shall be open to all members (CLUB, HONORARY, and ASSOCIATE) and guests. BOD MEETINGS shall be open to OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, CONTEST DIRECTORS and those invited.

SECTION 7. A quorum for the MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP and SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS shall be at least ten (10) percent of the MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 8. No BOD person can preside over a MEETING of any kind if that person is the subject of an IMPEACHMENT proceeding.

ARTICLE XII: ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS shall be determined by the PRESIDENT. However, at least once, the floor must be yielded to those present.

SECTION 2. The PRESIDENT as CHAIRMAN of all MEETINGS may call for vote taking on any issues. At the MONTHLY or SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, the votes of CLUB and HONORARY MEMBERS are considered as inputs to the BOD, unless the BOD agrees by 2/3 that a simple majority vote by these members will be the acceptable policies of the TCWSI.

SECTION 3. Only one (1) vote per qualified voter can be cast for each issue on the floor.

ARTICLE XIII: RECORDS

SECTION 1. The BOD and its members shall be responsible for keeping correct and accurate RECORDS on all types of TCWSI meetings and transactions.

SECTION 2. Presentation at MONTHLY MEETINGS of TCWSI Club minutes and the treasury report for MEMBERSHIP approval are mandatory. The minutes and report are the official RECORDS of the TCWSI.

ARTICLE XIV: DUES

SECTION 1. The TCWSI has the authority to set and collect DUES and impose penalties when DUES are in arrears.

SECTION 2. The TCWSI can also issue discounts on DUES if paid before a deadline.

SECTION 3. Failure to pay DUES is grounds for having CLUB MEMBER status revoked.

ARTICLE XV: PUBLICATION

SECTION 1. The official PUBLICATION of TCWSI shall be a newsletter called "THE CONTROL TOWER" and shall be published monthly.

SECTION 2. The editor shall be the PRESIDENT or appointment and distribution shall be the responsibility of the SECRETARY or Newsletter Editor.

SECTION 3. The purpose of this PUBLICATION is to serve as a vehicle to accomplish the goals of TCWSI and disseminate information to the MEMBERSHIP and friends of TCWSI.

ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These TCWSI BY-LAWS shall be effective when adopted by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire membership eligible to vote.

SECTION 2. Proposed AMENDMENTS to these TCWSI BY-LAWS may be introduced by any member eligible to vote. The procedure requires presenting, in writing, the proposed AMENDMENT to a BOD member. The BOD member shall have it published in THE CONTROL TOWER for the entire membership to review.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS to these TCWSI BY-LAWS may be made by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the eligible membership voters present at the meeting advertised with the published AMENDMENT.

I, the undersigned, agree to accept these TCWSI BY-LAWS as an eligible TCWSI member in this month of December, 1995:

(Signatures of charter members follow in the original copy of the BY-LAWS)

AMENDMENTS to the BY-LAWS

AMENDMENT I: INCREASED DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR BOD DISPERSEMENT

SECTION 1. The dollar amount specified in (Article III, Section 4), that the BOD can disperse without membership approval by majority vote, shall be increased from \$50.00 to \$250.00.

changed from October to September, one month before the election.

AMENDMENT II: ESTABLISHMENT OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP will allow all members of an immediate family (e.g. father, mother, sons and daughters) to obtain the status of CLUB MEMBER at a discounted price.

SECTION 2. AMA membership is required for all persons in the FAMILY MEMBERSHIP that wish to be considered CLUB MEMBERS.

SECTION 3. Any persons in the FAMILY MEMBERSHIP that do not have a current AMA membership will have the status of ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

AMENDMENT IV: ESTABLISHMENT OF HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any current CLUB MEMBER reaching the age of 80 years old will automatically receive an HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 2. Any current CLUB MEMBER can recommend to the BOD that any other current CLUB MEMBER be granted an HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 3. The HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP will provide CLUB MEMBER status for the life of the person to which it is awarded. The HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS will not be required to pay TCWSI club dues.

SECTION 4. HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS must maintain their AMA membership to continue to have CLUB MEMBER status.

SECTION 5. Any HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER that does not have a current AMA membership will have the status of ASSOCIATE MEMBER, but will also have voting privileges.

AMENDMENT III: CHANGE OF ELECTION MONTH

SECTION 1. The ELECTION time specified in (Article IX, Section 4) shall be changed from the month of November to the month of October in an effort to get more member turnout for the vote.

SECTION 2. Since the election is now in October, the deadline to publish the list of nominees in (Article IX, Section 2) will be

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