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NEXT MEMBER MEETING:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH @ 1:30 PM
TCWS CLUB FIELD

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
Lenhartsville, PA 19534

Tri-County Wingsnappers, Inc.
c/o David Kilmer
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President's Message...

Dear TCWS Members,

Elections are coming up in October, and nominations for officers and board seats are due in by September, according to our by-laws.

We need some members to step up and run for President and Secretary for 2008. Dave Kilmer and I have served in these positions for two years, and we are ready for a break! Jack Hilbert is running for Vice-President, and Don Umbenhauer is running for Treasurer again, if nobody else wants to run.

Best Regards,

Paul Hartley

Editor's Two Cents

This summer is flying by (no pun intended!) and we've had some fairly hot days, but many good opportunities to fly with not too many rained-out weekends. All in all, a good summer so far! I hear some of you have lost some planes this season, for which I offer my deepest sympathies....I guess the only way to avoid losing them is to not fly them...and where's the fun in that? Here's hoping your favorite plane is still flyable, and that you're getting lots of time to enjoy the fine flying weather and the camaraderie of your fellow club members. Until next time....

Happy Flying!

David Kilmer

Club Secretary

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Unofficial Meeting Minutes...15 July

Vice-President Terry Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30pm at the TCWS Club field. (19) members and (2) associate members were present.

The 50-50 drawing was won by <someone whose name I apparently forgot to write down...little help here?> who graciously donated his winnings (\$15.50) back to the club.

David Kilmer read the minutes from the May meeting, and no additions or corrections were made. Motion was made to approve by George Case, seconded by Rich Kratzer, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Donald Umbenhauer read the treasurer's report.. Jim Pauley moved to accept, Iggy Sakasitz seconded, and the club voted unanimously to accept the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Care: George Case reported that beetle traps have been put out. Terry Miller added that there are treatments available to control the grubs and beetles for next year. Terry will call a vendor to get a price and also George will check with Dennis Christman to see if he can apply something. In addition, Walt suggested a dandelion killer should be added to the treatment. Jack Hilbert moved to release up to \$750 to get this done, and John Messersmith seconded. All present voted unanimously to approve the expenditure. Rick Boyer also mentioned that he had rented equipment to roll the Farview field this year, and that if TCWS wants to share that rental next season, we could use the equipment at our field as well. This subject will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Union Fire Company Lawsuit: No news since last report.

2007 Bulk Fuel Buy – Terry reported that there was still around 4 gallons of fuel left for sale for \$12/gal. First come, first served!

TCWS/Farview Giant Scale Fun Fly Event August 24th – 26th – Terry reminded the club that we need as many members as we can get to help out with this event. He also reminded us that our field will be closed for the duration of the event to allow 72mhz frequencies to be used. The plan is to block off the TCWS driveway to ensure nobody inadvertently flies on those frequencies. Rick Boyer asked if Farview could borrow the TCWS pilot stands for the event.

Terry thanked Jack Hilbert and John Messersmith for buying and setting up the new grill, as well as buying new folding tables for the club's use at future events.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for club officers: The time for elections is fast approaching, and several current officers will not be running for re-election this year, including Paul, Terry, and myself. Rick Boyer nominated Jack Hilbert for the position of Vice President, and Paul Hartley will be running for Jack's board seat. Donald has stated that he will run for treasurer again if nobody else wants the job. Nominations are still needed for the positions of club president and club secretary. The election will take place as always during the October meeting.

Proposal for another joint TCWS.Farview event - Farview would like to host a Jet Rally on October 19th – 21st. The event would be held from 9am until 4pm, with open flying from 4pm to dusk. Both clubs will split the revenue from the event 50/50 (admission fees, food, etc.). Once again, we'd need to shut down the TCWS field for those three days, however, TCWS members would be able to fly at the Farview field during the open flying periods. Rich Kratzer made a motion to approve this event and Mike Renzi seconded. All present voted to approve TCWS participation in the event.

John Messersmith proposed that DSS tags should no longer be required at the TCWS field – George Case seconded the motion and all present were in favor of the proposal.

George Case proposed that a handicapped parking space be designated close to the pavilion (in the first space) – Everyone present agreed that the club should acquire an appropriate sign to designate this space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be Sunday, August 19th, at 1:30pm.

Motion was made by Bud Wunder to adjourn the meeting. Ray Lucas seconded, and all present voted to close the meeting.

UPCOMING R/C EVENTS

August 24th -26th – *Giant Scale Fun Fly at Farview RC Flyers' field (Grim's). The TCWS field will be closed for the duration of this event to prevent frequency interference, since 72mhz and HAM bands will be used during the event.*

September 8th – *Hobbytown of Reading will host a Hobby Connection Day at their store. TCWS members are encouraged to attend to promote the club, and the store will even provide several park flyers-type planes for us to fly demos in the grass area next to the parking lot. It's a good chance to promote the club and the hobby!*

October 6th - 7th - *Golden Age Model Meet sponsored by Tri-County Sky Barons (tricotyskybarons.com) in Mifflintown, PA. Contact Mike Warner (mikewarner@nmax.net) for further details or check their web site.*

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