



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.  
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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
*April 9, 2017*  
*TCWS Field, BMA Pavilion*

President Jack Hilbert called Meeting to Order at 1:30 PM

20 Members and 2 Guests Present

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing
  - a. \$8.00 won by C.J. Sasso generously donated back to the Club.
  - b. \$16.00 total to TCWS.
  
2. Candidate presented for Membership
  - a. Jeffrey Arentz
    - i. Sponsored by Mike Correll.
    - ii. Approved by the Membership.
  
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Dennis Sell presented the April Treasurer's Report and Swap Meet Results.
  - b. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read by Bill O'Neill.
    - i. Seconded by Dale Davis.
    - ii. Approved by the Membership.
  - c. Dennis presented the Swap Meet Results.
    - i. This year's costs and profits were comparable to previous 4 years.
  - d. With a waiting list for tables this year, we added 10 more tables.
  
4. Field / Flying Safety Issues
  - a. Steve King - TCWS Safety Officer reviewed the AMA Safety Rules as well as our TCWS site specific safety rules.
    - i. AMA Safety Rules - include no flying above 400 feet, no impaired flying, no flying with rockets, fireworks etc., no flying over people, animals, etc., no flying within 25 feet of an individual, (we will need to

set up an area for spectators at the field), registration with AMA is required to fly, registration with FAA is not required, but is encouraged by AMA.

- ii. TCWS Safety Rules - include no smoking, beginners have to be with an experienced flier, no flying alone, spotter needed, if full scale plane comes in you have to get out of their way, have to use container for fuel overflow so grass won't be ruined, Eric from BMA has given us permission to leave our cages over the runway lights, (we are looking into ways to secure them), we have no power at field yet to charge batteries, no turbines allowed, no gas planes above 62 ccs, no Saturday flying (sundown Friday thru sundown Saturday), electric ducted fan planes allowed, no more than 5 planes in the air at one time, no gas/glow flying before 11AM on Sunday, (looking into changing to 10AM), parking on side of road only, with parking tag, in case of emergency BMA would like us to call Troy in Hamburg first (number posted on shed) and if unable to get ahold of him, then call 911.

## Old Business

### 1. BMA Site Update

- a. Sheds are located at the field on the pad.
- b. Picnic tables up and placed on pad.
- c. We have 3 benches left to refurbish.
- d. Contractor will be back with grass seed when ground is dry.

### 2. Noise Level Plan

- a. We will be testing when more people are flying and measure sounds at various distances and with 1-5 planes in the air and report results to the AMA and Tilden Twp.

### 3. TCWS 2017 Hamburg Swap Meet Close Out

- a. Good comments from vendors, especially those who were allowed in Friday night to set up. Everyone enjoyed themselves.
- b. Waiting list vendors were happy with our extra 10 tables so next year we will try to add 2 more rows of tables.
- c. Walt Gladney stated we need to have more applications and maps to our field at the Swap Meet next year.

4. Indoor Flying Update
  - a. Gym is reserved for April 30th from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
  - b. There will once again be a \$10.00 landing fee.
  
5. Float Flying Activity Update
  - a. George Bond will be setting up rules as the Float Flying Coordinator.
  - b. Anyone going back to pond needs to be very careful of mud in parking area.
  - c. Please wear a life vest if going out in the canoe.
  - d. George recommends getting a fishing pole and putting a tennis ball on it to retrieve your plane.
  - e. Cliff donated 2 oars to the Float Fliers.
  - f. George reminded the membership he lives 10 miles from the field and to give him a call if anyone wants to fly.
  
6. Club Apparel Update
  - a. All printed orders have been filled and paid.
  - b. Ed Brazina stated there will be no embroidery orders filled until after the Joe Nall event in May.
  
7. Watts Up Update
  - a. Nothing to report.
  
8. AMA Site Improvement Grant Update
  - a. Everything was accepted and approved for submission. AMA will announce the winners on May 1, 2017.
  
9. TCWS Club Events Update
  - a. BMA Event at the BMA Site on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Static Display and RC flight demonstration. There will be a meeting for the volunteers for this event on April 30<sup>th</sup> before the indoor event at TCWS.

## New Business

1. BMA Site New Hangar Issue
  - a. Nobody knows exactly where the 60 X 60 hangar is to be built. The land is in Clean and Green so that is making it difficult to build.

## 2. TCWS Site Development Plan

- a. Now that the Swap Meet is over and with profits from there and estimates for expenditures for the rest of the year, there was a discussion about what to do next. Do we want a kitchen shed or canopy first at the field? After exploring the pros and cons of both, a motion was made by Ed Brazina to take a vote to decide which to get first. Seconded by Bill O'Neill, and passed by membership. Votes taken for kitchen shed and canopy with a unanimous vote for the canopy.
- b. Jack will now get prices for a canopy for the field.

## 3. Upcoming Local Events

- a. BMA Alumni Weekend - April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. TCWS flying welcomed on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. TCWS will have lunch for sale both days and a pasta dinner for sale on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Details later via email.
- b. Indoor Flying at the BMA Gym - April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30. This is our last indoor flying event until fall.
- c. BMA Event at BMA site - May 7<sup>th</sup> 10AM until 2PM. Don't forget those volunteering for this event will meet at the field on April 30 before the indoor event.
- d. Annual TCWS Picnic at BMA Site - September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- e. Need 2-3 people to volunteer for organizing this event.

### Next Meeting:

- a. June 18, 2017 at BMA.
- b. May meeting cancelled due to TCWS membership attendance at the Joe Nall Event.

### Close Meeting

- a. Motion made by John Messersmith at 2:40PM to adjourn meeting.
  - i. Seconded by Dale Davis.
  - ii. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Messersmith, TCWS Secretary