

Tri County Wing Snappers
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2018
Club Field

Call to Order

- Cliff Nash called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM
- (10) members and (2) new member candidates were present

Agenda Items

- 50/50 drawing was not held this month
- Reading of the Treasurer's report was basically a short summarized version by Cliff Nash.
 - Motion to accept by Ed Brazina
 - Seconded by Walt Gladney
 - Unanimously approved
- Field Maintenance
 - Field opening day was held on Friday the 13th
 - Runway rut damage repaired
 - Mower cleaned and ran – grass cut
 - All gas cans fully filled
 - Areas around sheds and pavilion were raked, seeded and fertilized
- No Field Safety items were discussed
 - Ed Brazina will give a refresher review of the AMA safety procedures at the May meeting
- Matt Stephens and his son Jason were accepted as new members – welcome to TCWS

Old Business

- The swap meet was a great success and positive comments were heard from many of the vendors. A big thank you goes out to all who helped with making this year's event another success story.
- With the anticipation of bad weather on Sunday, the field maintenance and opening were moved up to Friday and Cliff thanks all who came out to assist getting the field ready for a new season.
 - All members and their guests are encouraged to come out and fly and enjoy the arduous work of several members
- At last month's meeting Cliff suggested that the club might want to consider going to a bi-monthly meeting instead of monthly. The members present felt that this would not be something they wish to change, so it was decided to continue with the current schedule.

- A quote was received from Ed Larson for the installation of a solar power system to provide DC power for charging batteries and also to provide 120v AC power for light duty use.
 - The cost would be \$ 2300.00 to supply all the needed equipment and some labor to install.
 - Additional labor will be needed by club members to help with installation and to build a charging station.
 - There would be additional costs for the materials to complete the charging stations, which Cliff estimated to be \$200.00.
 - A healthy discussion followed and with the important nature of this issue to the club operation and treasury – it was decided that Cliff would issue a detailed summary to all club members via email and another discussion and review would be held at the May meeting and hopefully a final decision / vote would be conducted.

Motion to accept updates

- Motion made by George Bond
- Seconded by Bill O'Neill
- Unanimously approved

NEW BUSINESS

- For some time now there has been conversation that BMA has plans in the works to build a hangar and provide fuel service for aircraft using the BMA airstrip. Tom Sittler stopped by the field during the work day on 13th April and provided a summary as follows:
 - 60' x 60' Hangar and tarmac construction is expected to begin in a few weeks and be completed by end of May
 - New above ground fuel tanks and pumping station will likely not take place in 2018.
 - More details about the rumored conversion of BMA to a public airstrip to allow the general sales of fuel will hopefully be available by the next meeting.
- A discussion about the potential impact of the new hangar installation on TCWS flying activities was briefly discussed and in general – the plan will be to find a reasonable solution to move the primary flying activity further to the east
 - This is something several members started doing last summer on a trial basis in anticipation of the hangar being constructed on the west end of the runway.
 - Cliff is attempting to have discussions with BMA over this and will report at the next meeting.

- If construction does begin – TCWS members must remember the AMA safety rules with respect to flying over people and on-going activities at that end of the field.
- Cliff suggested at the March meeting that he would like to organize a TCWS picnic/open house at the field and invite the BMA youth to have trainer flight experience and potentially invite other outside guests as well.
 - Nothing firm has been arranged, but potential dates of 2 May and 20 May have been proposed to BMA.
 - Cliff will keep everyone advised accordingly as if either of those dates are agreed by BMA - there will be a lot of things to do and get ready in a short period of time – all before the next monthly meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

- George Bond made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 PM
- Ed Brazina seconded
- Unanimously approved

Next Meeting:

- Sunday, 20 May – 1:30 PM at the club field