



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.  
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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
*January 15, 2017*  
*Kutztown Fire Company*

Vice President Cliff Nash Called Meeting to Order at 1:30 PM

1. 18 Members and 2 Guests in Attendance.

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing
  - a. \$15 won by Terry Miller.
  - b. \$14 TCWS share.
2. Candidates being presented for membership
  - a. John Howley.
  - b. Sponsored by Dale Davis.
  - c. Approved by the membership.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Dennis Sell presented the January report.
  - b. Motion to accept as presented by Bud Wunder.
  - c. Seconded by Rich Kratzer.
  - d. Approved by the membership.
4. Field / Flying Safety Issues
  - a. Steve King reported no current issues.
  - b. Cliff noted that there is a tentative agreement that the light guards could remain over the lights.
  - c. John Messersmith mentioned that they should be fastened to avoid being blown away or blown onto the runway in high winds.
  - d. Cliff will look in to it.

Old Business

1. BMA site and lease
  - a. Formal copies of the approved 2-year lease have been signed by BMA and TCWS. To be reviewed at the end of the lease.

- b. Tilden Township zoning and building permits have been received for our site development plan which the membership approved at the November meeting.
- c. The paperwork has been completed and submitted to the PA DOT/Airport people for their approval.
  - i. We expect they will rule that the flight tables will need to be back farther than we currently have them - maybe another 15 to 20 feet.
- d. We have authorized the same contractor who does all of BMA's civil work to start leveling the site and installing the stoned pad we need to place our sheds and pavilions on - all per the site plan previously approved by the membership.
- e. BMA has advised TCWS that we must carry liability insurance for our sheds, equipment and personal property kept at the BMA site.
  - i. Jack has contacted numerous insurance carriers and other RC clubs to see what is available.
  - ii. One company has been found and an application has been completed and submitted.
  - iii. We are awaiting a response.
  - iv. We MAY be required to NOT move our shed to the site until we have the insurance in place.

## 2. Noise Level Plan

- a. Jack is working on this but activity is deferred to Spring flying for measuring noise levels.

## 3. TCWS 2017 Hamburg Swap Meet Update.

- a. Table sales underway, prior vendors signing up quickly.
- b. Approximately 45% have been reserved and paid.
- c. Rich Kratzer asked for an inventory of usable paper items to avoid buying excess items for the swap meet. Cliff will check the sheds.
- d. Rich Kratzer needs volunteers for the kitchen at the swap meet he currently has 3. Needs at least 10. Contact Rich if you can help.
- e. Bud Wunder is donating Coffee and Cups for the swap meet.
- f. Anyone wishing to donate food (ie Soup, Chili, etc.) please contact Rich ASAP so the item can be priced and added to the menu.
- g. Menu will be basic as we have no place at this time to store excess food.

#### 4. Lebanon Swap Meet Updates

- a. Walt needs to know by the February meeting if anyone is bringing swap meet items to sell from the club tables.

#### 5. Indoor Flying Update

- a. Review of results of indoor flying on January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Everything went pretty well. Suggested we watch interval times closer. Should have a designated time keeper.
- c. Decided we will invite other club's officers and members as guests on a selected basis. Invitations will be e-mailed. E-mail will request RSVP. All guests must have current AMA membership.
- d. Gym is currently reserved next for Feb 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 5 PM, There will once again be a \$10.00 landing fee.
- e. Discussion on whether AMA sanctioning will be required when other clubs participate. Who will be designated Contest Director?

#### 6. Float Flying Activity Update

- a. No update.

#### 7. Club apparel

- a. New logo was presented to the membership
  - i. John Messersmith made the motion to accept.
  - ii. Dale Davis seconded motion.
  - iii. Approved as new logo for all TCWS uses.
- b. Orders for printed apparel are all being held up pending the development of a new logo file using the newly adopted TCWS logo and club approval of the printed logo as it will look different than the embroidered logo.
- c. Status of embroidered apparel
  - i. Ed Brazina has gotten prices and some samples. Showed to membership.
  - ii. Dennis has order forms for embroidered hats and jackets.

#### 8. Watts Up Update

- a. Steve King stated no meetings to date. Would like to set up meeting, will ask Jack if BMA has a meeting room that could be used.
- b. Exchanging e-mails at this point.
- c. Gift plane for Tom is unsuitable, Committee is looking for a suitable replacement.

## 9. AMA Leadership Program Update

- a. Jack is continuing to prepare the formal documentation which substantiates TCWS being qualified for recognition as an AMA Leadership Club.

## New Business

1. Now that we have finalized a long-term agreement with BMA - some of our TCWS club documents which had issues specifically relating to the Christman location and/or our interim agreement with BMA may need to be revised to reflect the current situation at the BMA site.
  - a. Jack is preparing modified versions to be reviewed by the TCWS BOD at the upcoming BOD meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - b. Modified documents will be distributed to all members for comment and review at the February 19<sup>th</sup> monthly membership meeting.
  - c. If there are any members who have suggested modifications to any of the TCWS By-Laws, Membership Requirements, or Field Safety Rules, please submit them in writing to any of the club officers or BOD members ASAP for consideration at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> BOD meeting.
  
2. Moving the field has and will continue to incur considerable expense to TCWS. Please do not hesitate to promote membership in our club!

## Next Meeting:

February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 ---1:30 PM  
Kutztown Fire Company

## Close Meeting:

1. Motion made by Steve King.
2. Seconded by John Messersmith.
3. Unanimously approved!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Messersmith, TCWS Secretary