

Tri County Wing Snappers
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
21 July 2019

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Agenda Items

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 - a. No corrections or modifications were necessary
 - b. Motion to accept by Dale Davis
 - c. Seconded by Walt Gladney
 - d. Unanimous vote to approve
3. Field Maintenance update was presented by Bill O'Neill
 - a. The necessary mower repairs have been made
 - b. The grass cutting schedule has now been officially reduced to once per week unless deemed necessary.
4. Field Safety Update
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 - c. Once contractor bids are received and a choice is made – site construction is expected to begin.
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 - b. A high-level summary of the proposed changes were presented at the meeting.
 - c. Attached with these minutes are PDF copies of the following documents with the proposed changes shown.
 - i. By-Laws
 - ii. New Membership Policy
 - iii. Site Field Safety Rules
 - d. Copies of the proposed changes will also be posted on the TCWS website, www.TCWS.org
 - e. Please review and send any comments via email or phone to Jack or come to the August meeting prepared to discuss / vote to accept the proposed changes.

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 - a. Mowing crew has kept the grounds looking great
 - b. Benches still need a coat of paint

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 - a. Nanci Messersmith is coordinating the event
 - b. RSVP card will be sent to each member very shortly for establishing an estimated headcount of the attendance
 - c. Final details will be presented at the August meeting

5. Proposed Christmas Party date – 15th Dec 2019
 - a. Nanci Messersmith is coordinating the event
 - a. Location will be Hoss Steak & Seafood – Pottsville, PA
 - b. Each member and guest planning to attend will pay a \$10.00 co-pay– balance of the cost including gratuity will be paid by the club.
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 - a. Mark's visit to the TCWS site on 8th July went very well and he was very impressed with our facility and our membership's enthusiasm.
 - b. THANK YOU to all of you who came out to the field to meet Mark and share in the pride we have in our club membership and flying facility.
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3. Potential Combat Event with Cocalico Prop Busters- (CPB)
 - a. CPB have indicated they would be interested in a RC Combat event with TCWS in Fall.
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4. RC Aircraft Location Technology
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- c. Jeff Shriver mentioned that the popular TILE locating device is also being used by RC pilots and work conjunction with a cell phone as the receiver to accomplish the same function at a significantly lower cost.
- d. At this time, TCWS's position is that the decision to use any of the individual available technologies is a personal decision and expense.
- e. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the information presented by Ed – drop Jack an e-mail or leave a phone message and he will send a copy to you.

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- 2. Next Meeting, 18th August – 1:30 PM – TCWS Field
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Motion to Adjourn:

- 1. Motion to adjourn by Bill O'Neill
- 2. Seconded by everyone
- 3. Unanimous vote to approve

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