

Tri County Wing Snappers
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Feb 18, 2018
Kutztown Fire Co.

Call to Order

- (13) Members and (1) guest were present

Agenda Items

50/50 drawing was won by George Bond - \$12.00 and graciously donated winnings back to TCWS

Reading of the Treasurer's report - Dennis Sell read the report

- Motion to accept by Bud Wunder
- Seconded by Ed Smith
- Unanimously approved

Any Field / Indoor Safety Issues to Report

- Ed Brazina reported the indoor events are gaining momentum

Field Maintenance Issues to Report?

- Bill O'Neil reported he recently ran the tractor and it is fine
- Jack Hilbert is handling the top seeding of grass around the pavilion and organic fertilizer. Looking for an organic friendly weed killer product.

Old Business

1. 2018 Hamburg Swap Meet - Jack Hilbert advised that approximately 81% of the tables have been sold/reserved so far. Volunteers to help with the Field House setup on 23 March should meet at the TCWS field at 3:00 PM. Work is usually completed by 7:00 PM at the Field House with pizza being served around 6:30 PM. WE ALL NEED TO PROMOTE THE EVENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO BE SURE WE GET THE MAXIMUM PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AS WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE TABLE VENDORS WHO SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL EVENT.
2. Trainer Radio Replacement - Ed Brazina reported TCWS has received a donation of a new DX7 TX package from LVRCS and likely will receive additional equipment, including an electric trainer plane as well. Still need two new student TX's. Anyone with reliable DX 5's who might wish to donate them to the club should contact any of the club officers.
3. 2018 - Lebanon Swap Meet - Walt Gladney said all the tables for the club have been secured and will be available for members use. Please let Walt know if you are planning on bring any items to go onto the club tables.

4. TCWS Membership Documents Update - Changes to the By-Laws, Membership Policy and Field Safety Rules were tabled and reviewed.

	Motion to Accept	Seconded	Acceptance
By-Laws	Dale Davis	Ed Brazina	unanimous
Membership Policy	Bud Wunder	George Bond	unanimous
Field Safety Rules	Bill O'Neill	George Andrews	unanimous

Updated versions will be presented at the March meeting and ultimately will be incorporated into the new TCWS Members Handbook

5. Liability insurance renewal- Cliff Nash contacted the Insurance Agent and made the necessary revisions to the policy to include coverage of the new canopy and update the coverage on the small plastic shed to reflect the replacement cost. The new policy has been signed and the current cost is approximately \$40 less than last year.

Motion to accept updates - Motion by Ed Brazina, seconded by Dale Davis, unanimously accepted.

New Business

1. **Indoor Flying Update** - Our last event was an enormous success, with over 20 attendees. Very positive feedback was received by members of the Lehigh Valley club who attended, and they are very impressed by how well the event was run as well as our hospitality. Many expressed a desire to join our club when they learned of the float flying opportunity. ***Thanks to Ed Brazina for the job he is doing as the Indoor Event Coordinator.***

Next Event is scheduled for 25 February 2018.

2. **New Member Drive** - To help drive an increase in new members the officers proposed the initiation fee of \$25 be waived this year. In addition, the requirement of a sponsor be removed from the requirement of applying for membership, and instead, rely on the current membership rules which provide for disciplinary actions and potential revoking of membership rights if necessary should a new member not be able to meet the requirements of TCWS membership.

	Motion to Accept	Seconded	Acceptance
2018 Initiation Fee Waiver	Dale Davis	Ed Brazina	unanimous
Elimination of TCWS Sponsor	Bud Wunder	George Bond	unanimous

a. Necessary changes to the Membership Rules will be made for review at the March meeting

3. Electrical Power at TCWS -BMA Field - Last summer the club was provided a quote to install a solar power system which would power a charging station and a refrigerator. It was decided at that time to shelve the idea until a later date. With the anticipation of a successful swap meet this year - Cliff Nash proposed the membership revisits the problem of not having a more permanent source of power. Since it is not a necessity to have a refrigerator on site a system designed to provide power suitable for charging flight batteries could be installed at a much lower cost. Consideration to include running normal lights and maybe a few 110 outlets in the big shed, tractor section and under the canopy as well would be included.

a. Membership consensus was favorable to revisit a formal proposal with updated cost estimates once the swap meet results have been finalized.

Call to Adjourn. - 3:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Walt Gladney; seconded by everyone, unanimously approved

Next Meeting: 18 March 2018; 1:30 PM at Kutztown Fire House - last scheduled indoor meeting unless weather dictates otherwise.