

Tri County Wing Snappers
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2018
TCWS / BMA Facility

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM with (13) members and (1) guest in attendance.

Agenda Items

50/50 drawing was won by Ed Smith (\$13.00) and donated winnings back to the club treasury.

Reading of the Treasurer's report by Dennis Sell

- Motion to accept by Dale Davis
- Seconded by Angel DeJesus
- Unanimously approved

Field Maintenance.

- Nothing specific to report
- Keeping up with the mowing
- Small plastic shed needs a through cleaning

New Member Introduction

- Robert Stockholm was introduced and voted in as our newest member = WELCOME to Robert

Old Business

1. In the past the club has tried to have a time set aside during the week for electric only flying. With the additional bonus of now having a pond suitable for float flying would the members like to see a time set aside for float flying? If no specific time for float flying only is wanted, then there would need to be some rules put in place for when pilots who are float flying while other pilots are using the normal field and flyover area in order to prevent collisions and accidents.

Meeting Response:

While there was some level of interest shown, no one was willing to make such a motion or take responsibility to organize an event.

2. BMA has begun preparing for construction of a new hanger off the southwest corner of the runway. A firm date for completion has not been provided but is believed to be before the summer is out. The officers have had conversation with Eric Engen, BMA's airport manager about any possible impact with the clubs operation. The location of the hanger will mean that take offs and landings from the western end of the field potentially would be flying right over the hanger. This would be in conflict with AMA guidelines that aircraft should not be flown over occupied buildings or people. At this time, we will have to wait and see what if any other conflicts or issues arise once construction has begun.

Meeting Response:

In general, the membership took a "wait and see approach" as to what challenges will ultimately be presented when the hangar is built.

Secretary note: TCWS took a proactive approach last fall when the news of the hangar first broke by mowing an additional 200' of runway to the east of the original 400' we had been mowing. A few members have used that incremental area to the east to get use to flying on that part of the runway which would eliminate any concern of the new hangar location.

3. For several months now there has been discussion and research on how to provide a suitable source of electric power for charging of aircraft batteries and for other needs such as lights and the operation of small power tools in the shed. 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, and that would be est. to be \$200.00. The other alternative would be to purchase a generator and install it semi permanently. The cost for a generator that would provide the same kind of wattage and amps would range in price from \$500-\$1000 for an inverter. At this time I would like to open the subject for comments and a vote on which option to pursue.

Meeting Response

A motion was made by Pete Barbour to approve an expenditure up to \$3,000.00
Seconded by Bill O'Neill
Unanimously approved.

Cliff Nash will proceed to finalize details with supplier (Ed Larson) and report on progress and notify members as installation assistance is required.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BMA has invited the club to once again take part in their annual Summer Fun Fest on June 10th, from 10AM -1:30 PM. Jack Hilbert has offered to take the lead on preparing for this event. As a Gold Leader Club, we need to be sure we are taking every opportunity to introduce young people to our hobby and educate the public on the importance of supporting clubs like ours.

Anyone interested in participating in any of the scheduled events – please note the following schedule:

- Sunday – 10 June – 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM – Static Display Under Canopy near BMA Pavilion Area
- Sunday – 10 June – 2:00 PM until??? - flying demonstrations of aircraft which were on display and others as available
- Tuesday - 12 June – 1:30 PM until 4:30 – Delta Dart Model Building, Flight Demonstrations and Buddy Box Training for campers at TCWS field
- Friday – 15 June – 1:30 until 4:30 - Delta Dart Model Building, Flight Demonstrations and Buddy Box Training for campers at TCWS field

Jack Hilbert will be coordinating this activity and would appreciate any member assistance if available.

2. With all the rain we have been having it has become difficult to always find time to mow the field. Hopefully we will see a more normal weather pattern soon. If anyone would like to help with the mowing, please see one of the club officers or Bill O’Neil for a quick lesson on using the mower.
3. Cliff confirmed the TCWS club picnic would once again be held on the 3rd Sunday in September.
 - More details to be discussed at the July and August meetings
 - Guests are invited to attend with TCWS members - please advise headcount so enough food is available
 - Bud Wunder has offered to bring (36) chicken drum sticks as part of the meal options.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Ed Brazina at 2:30 PM

Seconded by Bud Wunder

Unanimously approved

Next Meeting – 17th June 2018th

1:30 PM @ TCWS/BMA field