



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

19th Nov 2017

Kutztown Fire Company

Call to Order

Cliff Nash called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM

- (12) members and (1) guest present

Agenda Items

- 50/50 drawing raised \$7.00 for TCWS and \$7.00 for winning ticket purchased by Jack Hilbert

Reading of the Treasurer's Report

- Report was given by Dennis Sell
- Motion to accept by Ed Brazina
- Motion seconded by George Bond
- Unanimously approved

Old Business

1. Field cleanup day- Thanks to all who came out to prepare the site for winter and cleaning out of the shed. Special thanks to Dale for giving the officers a special table to sit at next summer.
2. Thanks to Ed Brazina for taking on the task of organizing the dates and times for our indoor flying, as well as filling the open BOD position, in addition to accepting position of the club safety officer.
3. Date and time was decided for the club Christmas party to be held at Hoss's Restaurant on Route 61 in Leesport.
 - Dec 17th from 12:30- 3:30 pm.
 - There will be (3) entrees offered and members are welcome to BYOB.
 - No TCWS meeting will be scheduled for December.
 - Thank you to Nancy for making all the arrangements, and for serving as our secretary despite the trying times.
 - Please be sure to send back the RSVP card received in the mail as soon as possible so the final head count can be confirmed.

4. Final call for nominations and for the following club officer positions, President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - Final nominations were confirmed as follows:
 - i. President - Cliff Nash
 - ii. VP/ Secretary - Jack Hilbert
 - iii. Treasurer - Dennis Sell

Motion to accept nominations was made by Dale Davis and seconded by George Andrews
Membership unanimously approved the nominations

New Business

1. Elections

- All nominations were unanimously approved with no dissenting votes made.

2. TCWS Hamburg Swap Meet Update - 24 March 2018.

- Responsible positions were confirmed as follows:
 - i. Contest Director / Table Vendor Relations - Jack Hilbert
 - ii. Front door ticket sales / admissions - Dennis Sell
 - iii. Hall door security on morning of the event - Dale Davis
 - iv. Table set-up Friday night - whole bunch of volunteers to share the responsibility.
 - v. Kitchen coordinator - still open - key role as TCWS gets a good income from the food sale profits. - We NEED a Kitchen Coordinator or a named team of two people to share the responsibility.
 - vi. More discussion at the January meeting.

3. Indoor flying update- Ed Brazina

- Angel DeJesus is assisting Ed Brazina as Indoor Event Coordinator
- Following dates are currently being planned:
 - i. 22 November - 5 to 8 PM
 - ii. 10 December - 1 to 4 PM
 - iii. 1 January (Part of Polar Bear Fly In) - 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM
 - iv. 7 January - 1 to 4 PM - (This date is tentative as of right now)
 - v. 18 February - Noon to 3 PM
 - vi. 4 March - Noon to 3 PM
 - vii. 8 April - 1 to 4 PM

- All events will have a \$10.00 per flyer participation fee - except for the Polar Bear Fly-In.
- Events in which include outside club members - "should" be considered as AMA sanctioned events and the necessary paper work and documentation required be completed as a protection for TCWS against claims.
- J. Howley will email to E. Brazina some recommendations concerning the structuring of an indoor event which has proven to be very successful.

4. Membership Renewals and Growth

- Cliff Nash tabled the following questions for the membership to consider
 - How do we retain members, and how do we grow membership?*
 - What if we continue to lose members, how do we keep going?*
 - Dues increase. What would be a reasonable amount? How will it affect membership if we raise them?*
- A good discussion followed with several members presenting rational ideas which have substance but require a focused action plan being formulated.
- Cliff asks that ALL members offer their comments - if not in person at the January meeting - at least by email so everyone's input can be heard.

5. Community Service

- Cliff brought up the two following points as well:
 - How can we promote ourselves by giving back?*
 - BMA events and interaction?*
- Another good discussion followed with several members presenting rational ideas which have substance but require a focused action plan being formulated.
- Cliff asks that ALL members offer their comments - if not in person at the January meeting - at least by email so everyone's input can be heard.

6. Updates to TCWS Membership Handbook

- Jack Hilbert prepared red-lined mark-ups of proposed changes to the following TCWS documents:
 - By-Laws
 - Membership Requirements
 - Field Safety Rules

- The proposed changes include all the items which have changed, been added or deleted since relocating from the Christman property to the BMA property.
 - i. The mark-ups need to be reviewed by the TCWS Officers and BOD members and once agreed - be presented to the membership.
 - ii. Once finalized - the new documents will form the basis of the revised membership handbook
- In addition, a marked up copy of the current membership handbook was given to Cliff with proposed changes for consideration.
- Hopefully the proposed changes can have Officer and BOD review and agreement in time to present the new documents to the membership at the January meeting.

Call to Adjourn.

- Motion to close the meeting by George Bond
- Seconded by Bill O'Neill
- Unanimously approved

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next Meeting - 21 January - Kutztown Fire Company - 1:30 PM