



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

18th September 2016

Blue Mountain Academy

Call to Order at 1:30 PM

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing - won by Dave Woynarowski -- \$18.50 - donated back to club
2. Vote on New Members - Dave Woynarowski who was sponsored by John Messersmith was presented and unanimously voted in as a new member.
3. Treasurer's Report - Dennis Sell presented the treasurer's report and provided a financial update on the money which has been spent thus far on the BMA flying site.
 - a. Motion to accept by Bill O'Neill
 - b. Seconded by Ed Brazina
 - c. Vote to unanimously accept
4. Update on TCWS/Zimmerman Flying Field
 - a. After review and discussion with lawyer - decided to walk away - no chance to win an appeal
 - b. We can always go back if necessary and start the process of compliance
 - c. Jack has made the township aware
 - d. Cliff has made Mr. Zimmerman aware
 - e. This item will be removed from future discussion

5. Update / Issues on BMA site

- a. Current about 1.5 months through the Trial Period of August through November - then hopefully a (2) year Agreement
- b. Recommendations to be included in new lease discussions included the ability to move the TCWS operations to the east of current location to better facilitate the parking/pits/flight line relationship.
 - i. Jack advised this was already discussed preliminarily with BMA and looks like it will be possible.
 - ii. A preliminary site plan showing our proposed utilization of the soy bean area will be presented for discussion at the October meeting and then used for discussions with BMA.
- c. Field Flight Safety Rules
 - i. Missing signed copies from ± (6) members
 - ii. Recent changes - light stand cages being stored near the lights in cutouts made in the soybeans.
 - iii. Someone was reported to JDH by BMA (Tom) of flying alone and directly out of the pit area - not using the runway.
 1. Believed to NOT be a TCWS member
 2. Ways of BMA staff being able to identify a TCWS member vs. Non-Member was discussed.
 - a. TCWS stickers to put on flight boxes, bumpers and/or auto windows - Cliff will check the old shed to try to find the available TCWS stickers
 - b. A placard to hang from the mirror (like a handicap placard. - Jack will handle this.
- d. Other BMA issues discussed:
 - i. Jack made a motion to induct Tom Sittler (BMA) as an Honorary Member to TCWS
 1. Seconded by Nanci Messersmith
 2. Vote to unanimously accept
 3. JDH presented the card to Tom after the meeting and he was very appreciative.

- ii. Jack made a motion to change the field rules to allow gas/glow flying to start at 10:00 AM on Sundays in lieu of NOON.
 1. Seconded by John Messersmith
 2. Vote to unanimously accept
 3. Jack will incorporate this provision into the next round of discussions with BMA and try to incorporate into next lease.
 4. George Bond indicated that many years ago - when TCWS flew at a nearby site - there were complaints of noise on Sunday flying. Being heard at the church to the south of the current site.
 - a. Post meeting discussions with Tom indicated he does not believe that would be an issue today.
 - b. Jack/Cliff will check noise levels at various locations to have factual information available for discussion at future meeting.
 5. This item will be discussed again at future meetings.
6. Venue change for indoor Monthly Membership Meetings and Christmas Party. - Kutztown Fire Company (KFC)
 - a. October is last Outdoor meeting at BMA
 - b. Nanci Messersmith provided the details about using KFC for November (2016) through March (2017) for indoor meetings
 - c. Christmas Party - follows the December meeting at KFC - Nanci is the party coordinator and will discuss the details at the October and November meeting
 - d. Directions to KFC will be printed and available at the October meeting and will be posted on the TCWS web site.
7. Swap Meet season is starting
 - a. Kutztown - 24 Sept at Kutztown Fairgrounds
 - b. AMA Magazine lists all events well in advance
 - c. TCWS - Hamburg Swap Meet -- March 2017
 - i. We will start discussing details and primary assignments at October meeting

8. 2017 Officer Nominations and Elections
 - a. No nominations were presented at the September meeting.
 - i. The current officers and BOD members are willing to serve another year
 - ii. Opportunity to make nominations for new additional candidates will be made at the October meeting as well
 - b. Elections will be held at the November meeting
 - c. New Officers Take Over in January of 2017

9. New Business -
 - a. TCWS Mower was damaged in a fire which recently took place at the BMA facility.
 - i. The tractor is currently at Kistler's (Lynnville) being assessed for repair parts / labor costs.
 - ii. Insurance claims being filed via BMA / Farmer are expected to cover our repair parts costs but likely not the labor.
 - iii. In the interim - member mowing with personal lawn tractors is necessary - please coordinate member availability with Cliff Nash.

 - b. In an effort to attract additional new members to TCWS:
 - i. Starting in October - a new member fee of \$65.00 will cover the remaining months of 2016 AND all of 2017.
 - ii. The new member initiation fee will be waived for 2017

 - c. Walt Gladney made a motion to have TCWS sponsor a subscription to have the monthly AMA magazine sent to the BMA library.
 - i. Seconded by Dale Davis
 - ii. Unanimously accepted
 - iii. Jack to discuss details with BMA

 - d. Electric Indoor Flying at BMA
 - i. Ed Brazina suggested we pursue a formal plan to utilize the BMA gymnasium for indoor electric flying during the winter months and when the weather does not cooperate for flying as part of our monthly outdoor meeting schedule.
 - ii. Jack will review this issue with BMA and report back to the membership.

Next Meeting:

16th October -- at BMA Pavilion - 1:30 PM

Close Meeting:

1. George Bond made a motion to close meeting
2. Seconded by damn near everyone
3. Vote to unanimously accept