



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

16th October 2016

Blue Mountain Academy

Call to Order at 1:30 PM

(17) Members and (4) membership candidates in attendance

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing - won by John McLaughlin - won \$20.00 and donated \$10.00 back to TCWS
2. Four new members were presented and unanimously voted in as a new member.
 - a. Mark Wiktor sponsored by Cliff Nash
 - b. Angel Dejesus sponsored by Jack Hilbert
 - c. George Bond sponsored by Jack Hilbert
 - d. Michael Correll sponsored by Walt Gladney
 - e. We have taken on approximately (13) new/returning members since we established a new flying site and our membership is now at 50 active members and (1) honorary member.
3. Treasurer's Report - Dennis Sell presented the treasurer's report.
 - a. Motion to accept as read by Nelson Gould
 - b. Seconded by John Messersmith
 - c. Vote to unanimously accept

Old Business

1. Update / Issues on BMA site and extended lease
 - a. Current about 2.5 months through the Trial Period of August through November.
 - b. Preliminary discussions with BMA have given us a provisional agreement, subject to final BMA Executive Committee approval) for a (2) year agreement @ \$2,400 per year (paid quarterly in advance) including electric to our shed. (we pay cost of installation and materials)
 - i. New Agreement will be effective Jan 2017.
 - ii. We would owe \$200.00 for December 2016
 - iii. A preliminary site plan showing a proposed utilization of the soy bean area was presented for discussions and comments.
 1. The proposed plan is based on what BMA has been willing to agree to relative to giving up some of the soy bean area thus far and presents a challenge with two issues:
 - a. Vehicle access to the parking/pit area
 - b. Ability to have our shed and pavilion because of FAA mandatory setback requirements from the runway for structures.
 2. Tom Sitler - our BMA honorary member has offered to speak to the BMA board to try and get TCWS a less challenging arrangement.
 3. Updates will be provided as new information is received
2. In order for BMA staff members and TCWS members can identify vehicles parking at the flying field or at the pavilion - a TCWS Parking Permit placard to hang from your rear view mirror is now available for all members.
 - a. (27) permits were handed out at the meeting
 - b. The rest will be mailed to the members
 - c. **This item is now complete.**

3. At the September meeting, a motion was made to change the field rules to allow gas/glow flying to start at 10:00 AM on Sundays in lieu of NOON.
 - a. Vote to unanimously accept was taken at the meeting however subsequent discussion tabled the actual implementation until potential noise level issues can be investigated and addressed.
 - i. No action was taken before the October meeting
 - ii. Noise investigation will be completed as soon as possible - action by Jack and Cliff.
 - iii. Jack will incorporate this provision into the next round of discussions with BMA and try to incorporate into next lease.

4. Venue change for indoor Monthly Membership Meetings and Christmas Party. - Kutztown Fire Company (KFC) have all been completed.
 - a. November 2016 through March 2017 at KFC
 - b. Christmas Party - follows the December meeting at KFC - Nanci is the party coordinator and will discuss the details.
 - c. Directions to KFC have been linked on the TCWS website to the KFC website, maps have been emailed to all members who receive emails, and limited hard copies are available.
 - d. **This item is now complete.**

5. TCWS 2017 Hamburg Swap Meet Update
 - a. 25 March 2017
 - b. CD / Vendor Table Sales - Jack Hilbert
 - c. Front Door Operations - Dennis Sell
 - d. Kitchen Operations - Rich Kratzer
 - e. Friday Night Set-Up Coordinator - TBD
 - f. Door Security Coordinator - Sat morning -- TBD
 - g. Post event clean-up -- all help is appreciated
 - h. Advertising / Publications - Cliff Nash

6. 2017 Officer Nominations and Elections
 - a. Ed Brazina nominated Nanci Messersmith for the position of secretary.
 - b. There were no other nominations made.
 - c. Last opportunity to make nominations for new additional candidates will be made at the November meeting prior to taking the vote.
 - d. Elections will be held at the November meeting
 - e. New Officers Take Over in January of 2017

7. TCWS Mower was damaged in a fire which recently took place at the BMA facility.
 - a. The tractor is currently at Kistler's (Lynnville) being repaired.
 - b. Insurance claims being filed via BMA / Farmer are expected to cover our repair parts costs but likely not the labor.
 - c. We believe parts are \$1500 and labor is \$600.

8. Walt Gladney made a motion at Sept meeting to have TCWS sponsor a subscription to have the monthly AMA magazine sent to the BMA library.
 - a. BMA preferred a subscription to Smithsonian Air & Space
 - b. Subscription was made and will start with the Jan 2017 issue being delivered in December of 2016.
 - c. BMA was VERY appreciative.
 - d. Member personal copies of AMA or other aviation related magazines can be donated to the BMA library.
 - e. **This item is now complete.**

New Business

1. Indoor Flying - BMA Gymnasium -- \$35.00 per hour up to a maximum charge of \$175.00.
 - a. A suggestion was made to hold indoor flying the 2nd Sunday of January, February, February and March 2017.
 - b. Jack will make provisional reservations with BMA for the gym those days from 10 AM to 6 PM
 1. Other clubs can be invited to help offset the costs
 2. TCWS sells food / drinks as a fund raising opportunity.
 3. **Need Indoor Flying Event Coordinator**

2. Float Flying Activity
 - a. Internal club flying events and activity.
 - b. Invite other clubs?
 - c. George Bond as volunteered to be our Float Fly Coordinator and will set up the rules/ regulations and plan a venue of activities.

3. Club apparel -- Members have an interest in obtaining new club shirts / jackets / sweat shirts with TCWS logo.
 - a. Ed Brazina volunteered to be coordinator of this activity.
 - i. Matt Hilbert will work with Ed as well

4. A question was raised as to whether or not TCWS should offer BMA to fertilize the runway in the area where we have been using it and mowing it lower than usual.
 - a. Tom Sitler said the runway is in great shape and fertilizing in fall is not required.
 - b. Tom said he rolled the runway earlier this year and we can discuss additional rolling in spring as a possibility.

Next Meeting:

20th November -- at KFC - 1:30 PM

Close Meeting:

1. Ed Koch made a motion to close meeting
2. Seconded by Bill O'Neill
3. Vote to unanimously accept