



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

20th November 2016

Kutztown Fire Company

Call to Order at 1:30 PM

(20) Members, (1) Guests and (0) Membership Candidates in attendance

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing - won by Nanci Messersmith- won \$10.00 -- \$10.00 to TCWS as well.
2. (0) Candidates were presented in as new members.
3. Treasurer's Report - Dennis Sell presented the treasurer's report.
 - a. Motion to accept as read by Ron Martin
 - b. Seconded by John Messersmith
 - c. Vote to unanimously accept
4. 2017 Officer Nominations and Elections
 - a. No new nominations were received
 - b. Nanci Messersmith has been elected for the position of secretary to replace Matt Hilbert. Thanks to Matt on his past year of service to the club.
 - c. These incumbent officers will serve an additional term in 2017.
 - a. Dennis Sell - Treasurer
 - b. Cliff Nash - Vice President
 - c. Jack Hilbert - President
 - d. The following Board of Directors will continue to serve in 2017
 - a. Walt Gladney
 - b. Jeff Shriver
 - c. Mark Bresler

Old Business

1. Update / Issues on BMA site and extended lease
 - a. The damaged runway light has been repaired and BMA is fine with the way TCWS responded to the incident.
 - b. BMA BOD did not have a quorum present at the 6 Nov meeting so a vote to accept our proposed (2) year lease agreement will be on the Dec BOD meeting.
 - c. An extension to the original provisional agreement has been signed for the month of Dec at no additional cost to TCWS.
 - d. A preliminary site plan showing a proposed utilization of the soy bean area was presented for discussions and comments.
 - i. The proposed plan was discussed and the primary issue of concern is parking area.
 - ii. The agreement was to prepare two plans - one showing parking to the south and one showing with parking to the north of the shed/pavilion area.
 - iii. Both plans will be presented to BMA for their approval when the long term lease is signed.
 - iv. Following the BMA approval - both plans will be reviewed with the township and PA DOT/Aviation Dept. for their approval.
 - e. It is doubtful we will get much of the land development accomplished before spring unless we have good weather and the excavating contractor is able to accomplish the work.
 - f. A motion was made to accept the proposed plan and course of action as outlined above:
 - i. Motion to accept as presented by Ron Martin
 - ii. Seconded by Dale Davis
 - iii. Vote to unanimously accept

2. 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.
 - iv. No action was taken before the October meeting
 - v. Minimal action was completed before the November meeting.
 - vi. This item will now be deferred until regular flying starts in spring of 2017.

3. 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/Dennis Sell

4. Lebanon Swap Meet
 - a. 11 March 2017
 - b. Walt Gladney is TCWS coordinator
 - c. Club has purchased (4) tables for TCWS member use
 - d. Dale Davis has offered to make advance purchase of general admission tickets - for those interested.

5. TCWS Mower repair update.
 - a. Lawn mower is back in service
 - b. Final bill was:
 - vii. Parts \$1,335.41
 - viii. Labor \$827.00
 - ix. Tax \$129.75
 - x. Total \$2,292.16
 - c. We are waiting to hear from BMA regarding insurance reimbursement.

6. Indoor Flying - BMA Gymnasium
 - a. Tentative indoor flying dates have been reserved as follows:
 - i. 8 Jan
 - ii. 26 Feb
 - iii. 26 March
 - iv. 23 April
 - b. The club all agreed to make the 8 Jan and 26 Feb sessions ONLY for TCWS members and possible invited guests to be sure we understand all of the "issues" with holding such an event.
 - c. The 26 March and 23 April sessions will be considered as open events for other club participants as well.

- d. Reservations have been made with BMA for the gym on all days indicated from 10 AM to 6 PM. - This can be modified at the December meeting or beyond if necessary,
 - i. These will need to be individual AMA sanctioned events - JDH will submit sanctioning requests
 - ii. Still Looking for an Indoor Flying Event Coordinator
 - e. A meeting will be scheduled AT THE GYM - after Thanksgiving for those who want to participate in the planning and coordinating of the indoor events. This meeting will address all of the issues and concerns raised at the Nov. meeting.
7. Float Flying Activity
- a. George Bond as volunteered to be our Float Fly Coordinator
 - b. Nothing new to report except to be careful when walking by the pond - lots of goose chips.
8. 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
 - f. Nothing new to report - Ed will have more information available at the next meeting.
 - g. FYI --- BMA has an apparel printing/supply business as part of their operations. They may be a source of printing /supply for consideration.

New Business

1. Field Safety Review
- a. Steve King has agreed to serve as our Field Safety Officer for another year.
 - b. A review of any safety issues / concerns will be a fixed agenda item at each meeting just like the 50/50 drawing and treasurer's report.
 - c. The new field layout will include safety considerations based on AMA guidelines and our own experience.
2. Watts Up
- a. Steve King is organizing a group of members who are interested in learning more about electric flying.
 - i. All aspects of the subject will be addressed
 - ii. Let Steve know if you are interested in participating

3. AMA Leader Club Program
 - a. AMA has a program to recognize sanctioned clubs who meet different levels of criteria involving their activities related to the hobby, education, community services and safety.
 - b. Three levels are achievable - Gold, Silver and Bronze.
 - c. TCWS is in a good position to participate
 - d. JDH will submit the necessary paperwork to see how our club ranks and where we need to improve to achieve the highest level.

4. 2017 Club Events - start the thought process for next year!
 - a. Polar Bear Fly In - 1 Jan -- It is a Sunday!!
 - b. Indoor Flying - looking for an event coordinator
 - c. Hamburg Swap Meet - Jack is CD
 - d. Club Picnic - date / location?
 - e. Learn 2 Fly Days - looking for an event coordinator
 - f. BMA - Appreciation Day - looking for an event coordinator
 - g. Float Fly Event -- George Bond
 - h. Local Club Invite -- TBD
 - i. Reading TC presentation -- Bud Wunder to investigate and coordinate -- Thanks Bud

No additional new business was discussed

Next Meeting:

18th December -- at KFC - 1:30 PM

Christmas Party Follows the Meeting

Close Meeting:

1. Cliff Nash made a motion to close meeting
2. Seconded by ALL
3. Vote to unanimously accept