



Tri-County Wing Snappers Inc.

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

18 December 2016

Kutztown Fire Company

Call to Order at 1:30 PM

1. (20) Members and (3) Guest were in attendance

Agenda Items

1. 50/50 Drawing
 - a. \$28.00 won by Zack Hilbert and donated back to TCWS
 - b. \$27.00 - TCWS share
2. Candidates being presented for membership
 - a. No NEW candidates were presented but several past members renewed their 2017 membership
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. In Dennis's absence, Jack presented the December report
 - b. Motion to Accept as presented by Walt Gladney
 - c. Seconded by Bud Wunder
 - d. Accepted by unanimous show of hands
4. Field / Flying Safety Issues
 - a. Nothing new to report

Old Business

1. BMA site and lease issues
 - a. BMA had their December BOD meeting on 13 Dec and accepted the TCWS proposed (2) year agreement without exception or comment.
 - b. We now have a secured lease agreement in place for 2017 and 2018
 - c. Jack will now meet with Tilden Township to receive their approval for the shed location plan and acquire the permit(s) as deemed necessary for relocating the TCWS shed and installation of a new pavilion cover.

- d. Once the Tilden Township approval is received, Jack and George Bond will meet with the PA DOT/Aviation Dept. to secure their approval for our plans as well.
- e. Once all approvals are received, we can proceed to have the soy bean area graded and the stone base laid - which then will allow us to move the TCWS shed and picnic tables to the BMA site.
- f. As long as the weather is amenable - progress will be made as quickly as possible.

2. Noise Level Plan

- a. The noise level study and evaluation was started but hampered by Jack's inability to be at the field as much as needed.
- b. The noise study will be reinitiated in spring of 2017 when the outdoor flying will be active once again.

3. TCWS 2017 Hamburg Swap Meet Update

- a. Early registration invites were mailed out to all 2016 vendors with the opportunity to reserve their same tables for 2017.
- b. General table sales will begin on 15 January
- c. Reservations and payments have already been received from several annual vendors.

4. Lebanon Swap Meet

- a. Dale Davis will be placing an order for advance ticket sales in January - anyone wishing to get an advanced ticket needs to reply to the email distributed by Dale Davis to all members on email distribution.

5. TCWS Mower repair update

- a. BMA is continuing to have final negotiations with their insurance carrier and as such - we have not yet received reimbursement for the damage to our tractor.
- b. We expect payment shortly.

6. Indoor Flying Update

- a. Several of TCWS members have had the opportunity to experience the thrill of indoor flying as well as the challenges it presents inside the BMA gymnasium.
- b. After hearing their respective opinions and comments - the club membership at the meeting have agreed on the following plan for moving forward:

- i. The indoor flying event scheduled for 8 January will be for TCWS members only and a landing fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged.
 - 1. The event will be from 1 PM to 5 PM on the 8th of January
 - 2. Advanced flying reservations and prepayment are requested but landing fees will also be collected at the door.
 - 3. Spectators are welcome.
- ii. The event on 26 February will also be for primarily TCWS members but a selected number of guests from other clubs may be invited to observe and participate and then discuss their experience with their respective clubs to gauge the level of interest in participating in the March and April events.
 - 1. At present, the reserved time for the February event is from 10:00 AM to 6 PM.
- iii. The details for the March and April events will be planned based on the experiences of the Jan and Feb events.

7. Float Flying Activity

- a. Nothing New to Report

8. Club Apparel

- a. Matt Hilbert has pictures of the T-Shirts, Long Sleeve Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies which are available for ordering. These have screen printing of the TCWS logo and options for your name on the clothing as well for ordering.
 - i. An email to all members with an order form will be sent out shortly
 - ii. Orders will be taken via email; on 1 Jan at the Polar Bear Fly-In; on 8 Jan at the indoor electric fly-in and at the Jan meeting on 15 Jan.
 - iii. Payments are required at time of order placement.
 - iv. Clothing ordered by the 13th of January will be available at the February meeting or possibly sooner.
- b. Ed Brazina is handling the jackets, hats, etc. with embroidered logos and names.
 - i. As soon as he has the options available for review - they will be made available to the club.

9. Watts Up Update
 - a. Nothing new to report

10. 2017 Club Event Planning
 - a. Current Events Planned for 2017 include:
 - i. Polar Bear Fly In - 1 Jan @ BMA - indoor and outdoor flying
 - ii. 8 Jan - indoor flying at BMA - TCWS members ONLY
 - iii. 26 Feb - indoor flying at BMA - TCWS members and selected guests ONLY
 - iv. 26 March - indoor flying @ BMA - details TBD
 - v. 23 April - indoor flying @ BMA - details TBD
 - vi. 17 September - Club Picnic @ BMA - details TBD
 - vii. Other events to be discussed in future meetings

11. AMA Leadership Program Update
 - a. TCWS currently meets the requirements for the lowest tier of AMA recognition however we are not far from qualifying for a higher level.
 - b. Plans are in place to meet the higher level of achievement and Jack will update at the January meeting.

New Business

1. BMA replacement landing light - TCWS reimbursed BMA \$216.50 for parts and shipping. Issue is now closed.

2. Polar Bear Fly-In is scheduled for 1 January @ BMA
 - a. Gym is available from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for indoor flying
 - b. Outdoor flying is per normal club rules regarding flying times.
 - c. TCWS sponsors the cost of the Polar Bear event as a club activity - all members are invited to participate.
 - d. All Beef Hotdogs and Sauerkraut along with coffee and soda will be provided.

3. Change of Venue for Indoor Winter Meetings
 - a. Bud Wunder raised the issue of moving the winter indoor meetings back to the Hamburg Moose Lodge.
 - b. The understanding when originally moving the meeting location to KFC was that the topic of staying at KFC or moving elsewhere for next year's indoor meetings would be discussed at the March 2017 meeting.
 - c. Any and all suggestions for relocating the indoor meetings will be considered and put to a membership vote.

Next Meeting:

- 15 January 2017
- Kutztown Fire Company
- 1:30 PM

Close Meeting:

- Motion to close meeting by Cliff Nash
- Seconded by John Messersmith
- Unanimous show of hands

TCWS Christmas Party followed the meeting with 47 Members and Guests in Attendance

Thanks to Nanci Messersmith for a job well done planning and orchestrating the party.