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Minutes of the SMAC meeting May 1, 2007

Place: SMAC FIELD

Time: 7-7:15 PM

Members present: 26

Secretary's report read by Bob Levy. Accepted as read.
Treasurer's report read by Joe Ferrara. Accepted as read.

Old Business:

1. President Barch thanked the members who turned out for Field Opening Day.
2. The Porta-john has arrived at the field.

New Business:

1. The club authorized Bill Cline to look into the purchase of a Replacement riding mower.
2. Rich Barch won the 50/50.

Upcoming Events

5 June 2007 SMAC club meeting 7:00 P.M.
Location: SMAC Flying Field, North Hampton, Ohio

From the President:

Members of Springfield Model Airplane Club,

It has been my pleasure to serve you for the past 5 months and a heartfelt thank you to all that have assisted in making this year a success so far. We are fortunate to have a beautiful facility and very supportive membership making our club the envy of all that come to fly here.

It has recently been brought to my attention that some preventative measures are necessary for us to continue enjoying the field and structures we have grown accustomed to seeing whenever we want to fly or socialize with other members.

At my direction, our treasurer was requested to perform an analysis of the projected budget for the coming two years and we recently discussed the results at the last board meeting. With the costs involved with maintaining the facility growing each season and of course the inevitable decline of present equipment used for that purpose, we are facing the realization that something has to be done to offset this trend. We have recently taken steps to update the mowing equipment and did take advantage of an opportunity to acquire a new commercial type mower at a substantially reduced cost which will aid in cutting mowing time down for our generous volunteers performing that duty. Thank you again Don and Betty Barnes. In the next two years we will have to purchase a second mower to replace the Scag which has served us well for the last few seasons. Thank you Steve Kianka, master mechanic. With that in mind and the cost of fuel rising again, I feel now is the time to start finding a solution before we get to the point of being faced with a negative income situation in the future.

As a club, we have not had a dues increase in over twenty years and that would certainly help for the 2008 season. The attempts at having a field event to raise capital have broken even at best in spite of excellent club participation. The only source that has generated income has been the swap meet and I feel we are at the maximum that can be expected from the venue presently being utilized. The board also discussed asking for voluntary donations from members and businesses or possibly annual field maintenance fees to offset the increasing costs.

These previously listed solutions all have merit but AS A CLUB, we need to decide the course of action necessary to make sure that SMAC survives into the future and is able to maintain the standards we have all worked and struggled to see it become.

So what I am asking is that the June meeting will be a special occasion that we can all attend and discuss where and how do we go on from here along with what steps will the membership take to insure our future. We are fine for approximately two years but as your 2007 President, I would like to deal with the situation now. Please plan on attending.

Thank you.

Richard Barch
President