

## **PMAC Business Meeting – February 7, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by President Shaun German, 24 members and no guests present.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

- Minutes of the January meeting were not available to read.
- Secretary John Zonneveld sent a message apologizing for not being able to be present and that the January minutes would be posted on the PMAC web site within the next few days.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Dave McDonald read treasurer's report, accepted as read.

### **Communications:**

- Ed Kincer received letter from Carl Maroney of AMA Special Services indicating that they received PMAC's application to host a TAG event. The AMA said that they will host only one such event in each district and the AMA District VP's will participate in the selection. The letter states that a decision should be communicated to all applicants by mid March. Ed Kincer emailed AMA D-VII VP Bill Oberdieck indicating that PMAC was still very much interested in hosting a TAG event asking Bill to contact us if he has any questions about our ability to do so.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Dale Matteson reported on the DNR zoning meeting that he and Greg Smithson attended in January where Pontiac Lake Recreation Area asked for public input on the park site plans. Many attendees stated they want the entire north side of the park including our area and camp grounds returned to a primitive setting with little to no human contact. The DNR stated that the subject land was now considered "recreational" and will remain such. The park land north of White Lake Rd is currently primitive and will remain as well. It was further stated that hunters have use priority because the DNR is heavily funded with hunting fees.

The state plans to reopen the prison on White Lake Road west of our field. The DNR has asked us to complete a questionnaire concerning park management and its direction. Dale and Greg to develop response, PMAC members should contact Dale or Greg if they have an opinion. Short discussion followed.

## Unfinished Business:

- Tabled during January meeting was motion to revise our constitution changing the day of our monthly tech meeting. Note that a mailing went to all PMAC members of record in mid January stating motion and that it would be debated & voted up or down at February meeting.
  - Article 7 now reads "...Technical meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month."
  - Article 7 proposed language "...Technical meeting will be held in the third week of each month."
  - Shaun opened discussion which followed.
  - Vote: 14 Yes, 7 No, 4 Abstain
  - Motion Failed as it did not achieve 2/3's majority as required in our constitution
  
- Keith Brown along with Dale Matteson and Dave Taulbee researched lawn mowing equipment as directed at the January meeting. Dale and Keith reported that after studying new & used lawn tractors and used zero turn machines, 3 out of the 4 field committee members recommends purchasing a used International Low Boy Model 154 which can mow the parking area and trim areas as well as be a back up for the runway. Dale reports that this Low Boy is a good standard garden tractor which should serve us well. It comes with a front blade, chains and aerator and has a three point hitch with live PTO on the rear at a cost of approximately \$2300. Dale noted that both Keith and Dave have experience maintaining similar equipment. Dale and Keith noted that although at approximately \$4500 the used zero turn was a good value and an outstanding mower, the zero turn machine did not provide the flexibility of the Low Boy nor does our committee have the experience required to maintain the zero turn.

After a membership discussion, Shaun tabled this issue until March meeting.

- Ed Kincer read the highlights of the DNR lease addendum that must be signed, notarized and returned to the DNR. A full copy was passed around for member to review. Addendum highlights:
  - DNR management of our field pushed up to DNR District level
  - Field spotter required at all times when model aircraft are flying watching for full scale traffic
  - During competitions, an additional spotter to watch for model aircraft traffic
  - CD must notify the DNR & airport before all special events
  - Maximum flying height not to exceed 400 feet as dictated by FAA Advisory Circular
  - Flight Log documenting the dates of flights and pilot name
  - Schedule for routine inspection of property and equipment
  - Annual written safety report submitted to DNR each October

- Post all State, DNR, AMA and club rules and post signs stating "No Flying Without Spotter"

Membership discussion followed with emphasis on new 400 ft restriction and enforcement of spotter and altitude requirements. It is expected that DNR and/or airport personnel will audit PMAC for compliance. It was stated that existing language in our constitution can deal with any member who chooses not to follow these new restrictions.

#### **New Business:**

- George Dzahristos moved and Pat Chapman seconded a motion to form a standing committee to examine long term field availability and examine possible new field locations.
  - Discussion followed.
  - Vote: Yes – unanimous
  - Motion passed
- Don Hines asked if we are having an Ice Fly this year. Don will check with the Boat Club Sunday, Feb 11, asking if PMAC can hold event later in February. Don to notify Shaun who can do mass email to members stating date and time of event.

#### **Announcements:**

- Greg Smithson: February Tech meeting will be held on third Wednesday (2/21) at 7:30 pm at Mason Middle School, it will be continuation of video from last month.

#### **Prizes:**

- 50/50: Keith Brown who donated it back to club
- Airplane Raffle: Bob Fowler

The next meeting will be held at Mason Middle School on March 7, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Kincer