

PMAC August 2007 Business Meeting Minutes

President Shaun German called the August 1st meeting at the PMAC field to order at 7:35 p.m. with 18 members present.

The August business meeting minutes were read by Secretary John Zonneveld and accepted as read.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Dave McDonald read the August Treasurer's report:

- ❑ Checking - \$8043.46, Petty Cash - \$20.36 with \$135.00 ready for deposit, Total Funds - \$8,198.31
- ❑ Dave told the group that the raffle isn't bringing in enough moneys to purchase the kits. He proposed discontinuing unless the membership feels differently. General consensus was that the raffle is a valuable benefit and deserved by those that attend the meetings and is a worthwhile use of the club treasury.

Communications:

- ❑ Shaun told the group that Skymasters is having a Warbird and Scale Fly In on Sunday, August 5th at the Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field.
- ❑ Greg announced that there will be a glider and sail plane event also held on August 5th at Lyon Oaks in South Lyon. He wasn't sure which club was throwing the event.
- ❑ Shaun reported to the members that on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th, Skymasters is holding its Midwest Regional Float Fly at the Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, MI. Check-in will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- ❑ Smitty asked for volunteers to help with the August 19th Fly-In. Members can check the web site for details.
- ❑ Ed told the group that the Holly Cloud Hoppers Fly-In and Picnic is being held on Saturday, August 4th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ❑ Dave reported that we received a forth and final renewal of our lease from the State of Michigan. We need to start contacting them towards the end of this summer to begin the process and urge them to prepare a new lease.

Only the lease addendum was sent this time and will not be renewed as is. It needed to be signed by the president, notarized and sent back to the state. Dave raised the fact that we are not in compliance with all of the requirements in the lease and it would not be difficult to rectify that fact. He pointed out that we are jeopardizing our lease renewal if we don't comply.

Reports:

- ❑ Ed read the monthly training report. Our newest solo pilot is Danny Wert who had soloed just 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Scott Manville and Richard Schwarzingler also recently soloed and two new instructors have been added to Ed's team.

- ❑ Ed also reported regarding the AMA's under-18 instructor restriction. Ed and Bill Oberdieck managed to get that rule changed. Bill sent an e-mail the night Ed contacted him and by the next day, Mike was registered with the AMA.
- ❑ Jim Wert reported that he talked to the township supervisor at the boat races and invited him out to the field. He has been spotted at the field since. Jim also talked to a couple of White Lake police officers and asked if they were restricted from going on state property. Jim invited them out to check out the field and see what we're doing.
- ❑ Al Johnson hasn't received an approval from the Oakland County Parks for the requested reduction in rates for the swap meet. He couldn't wait for a response prior to sending the paperwork to the AMA. If we can't get the reduced rate for the meet location, it will be \$300 instead of \$150 to run the event. The proposed date is currently October 21st.

Al motioned that the club pay the full rate if we don't get the reduced rate approval from the county. Al said we would still do better than breaking even if we had to pay the full amount. Jim Wert seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion on the matter. A vote was taken and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business:

- ❑ Shaun raised the Boy Scout events and clarified that there are two separate days and two separate events. Rich's event is first on August 20th and he has distributed the AMA sign up forms to insure the kids. Dave asked if we are keeping an archive of our community involvement. He suggested a book or calendar that we could use to demonstrate our community involvement in chronological order. The road clean-up, hours worked should all be included. Ed suggested creating a web page and just continuously add events as they happen.
- ❑ Smitty said that he let Karis Floyd into the field to take pictures. Karis didn't have the new combination. The gate combination has been communicated to the police, the state and several other offices.
- ❑ The flight instructors will be at the field before 6:00 for the August 20th Boy Scout event. Rich is anticipating between 15 and 20 kids to show up
- ❑ Dale reviewed the Boy Scout merit badge day. He met with Steve Brown from the Clinton Valley Boy Scouts. They provided us with a package on how to conduct the merit badge day.

Of the 5 requirements, the first requirement is the mechanics of airplanes. The Boy Scouts will handle all of the registration and the first requirement will be done prior to them showing up.

The second requirement has 2 elements. The first can be satisfied using simulators. The second can be satisfied using trainers and buddy boxes.

The third requirement is to make a paper airplane from a Styrofoam plate.

The fourth is to attend an air show. We can demo our planes to satisfy this requirement.

The fifth is to review career opportunities in aviation. Dale has come up with a list of things we could do including interviewing our pilots and some local hobby shop owners. Dale is also going to contact the airport about having a controller or administrator come out and spend the day with us. This would also be good for club-airport relations.

Dale took the approach used for the TAG day to put together the work team using committees each with a lead. All paperwork will be taken care of by the Boy Scouts.

We will have an air boss, head for the simulator flight school, crew chief for taking care of the planes, a flight instructor and someone to organize the building of the paper planes. John Glenn will provide the food. Several merit badge counselors will be on hand for the event as well.

The date will be September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 6th.

Dale asked if the club will provide hot dogs and drinks to the Boy Scouts and the ground crew. The maximum cost would be about \$150. The maximum number of Boy Scouts allowed to register on their web site will be 100 not including parents and scout leaders.

Every scout must have at least one parent present to fly. We can cover a good portion of the food cost by charging for the food. John suggested we provide food to everyone and we provide a donation jar for those that choose to donate.

Smitty motioned we proceed with providing food for everyone at the event and use a donation jar. Ron Leake seconded the motion, a vote was taken and passed by unanimous vote.

Door prize donations are also being made. Carlton's will sell us any items at cost. Dale suggested purchasing a few Cox electric planes as door prizes as they are only \$80 a piece.

Dave reminded the club that by signing up with the PMAC, the scouts are in the 60 day intro pilot program and will belong to the club for 60 days. They can come out to the field and use our trainers and instructors on Thursday nights.

Smitty expressed concern that the door prizes were unnecessary and the 60 day membership is generous enough.

Dale countered that it would be worthwhile to have legitimate door prizes. He proposed setting a \$150 ceiling for the gifts and only using club funds if we can't cover the rest by donations. Smitty suggested we proceed with trying to capture donations for one more month and vote on whether we need to add money to fund up the door prizes at the September meeting.

Ed told the group that the next AMA magazine will have 2 articles on our club. We will be inviting Bill Oberdieck to the merit badge day. Dale is still planning on having the Oakland Press cover the event.

Ed made a motion that the club spend up to \$200 on door prizes in addition to what we can capture in donations. Dick Schaeffer seconded the motion, a vote was taken and passed by majority.

Nick Zorka asked if we could do the same type of event for Girl Scouts. The idea was positively received but tabled until a future date.

- Rich asked about providing hot dogs for the scout event on August 20th. He was o.k. with charging the parents or taking donations. Smitty said that they will probably be too busy to eat. John Glenn said it would be a good way to use up any left-overs from the Electric Fly event the day before. John asked if the club would give him a copy of the key for

future access to the cooking equipment in the pole barn to setup for future events. The members agreed to that John should have a key to the pole barn.

Dale made a motion that we buy the hot dogs and drinks for the August 20th event. The motion was seconded by Al Johnson. A vote was taken and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

- ❑ Dave MacDonald moved that we amend the rule 10 of the field rules as follows: Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to dusk for glow powered aircraft and dawn to dusk for electric aircraft. Hank Wildeman seconded the motion. Our rules are part of the constitution so the new wording will be distributed to the membership and a vote will be taken at the next business meeting.
- ❑ Dave made another motion that our Shaun call a safety committee meeting before our next business meeting to review the safety items that need to be addressed in the lease addendum.

For example, we're supposed to have a sign about not flying over 400 feet and we currently do not. We must post the DNR park rules and the field crew should issue a safety inspection report to be sent to the DNR in October.

Shaun seconded the motion and it was passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 at Billy's Tippin' Inn.

Announcements:

- ❑ There were no announcements.

Prizes:

Danny Wert won \$21 in the 50/50 raffle. No airplane raffle was held.

The next business meeting will be Wednesday, September 5th, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the PMAC field.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Zonneveld – 2007 PMAC Recording Secretary