

## **PMAC Minutes – Business Meeting - October 3, 2007**

President Shaun German called meeting to order at 7:30pm, 17 members present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Read by VP Greg Smithson and accepted by members present. Specifics available from treasurer.

### **Communication**

- Swap meet Oct 20 in Taylor, MI (details not presented)
- Swap meet Nov 4 hosted by Midwest (details not presented)

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Merit Badge Day Report – Dale Matteson**

- 75 scouts from 24 different troops attended and completed requirements of BSA Aviation Merit Badge
- By all accounts, event was highly successful. BSA event director Steve Brown reported that “more merit badges were earned in one day than is typical for one year”
- Total club cost to date is approximately \$26.00
- Door prizes for scouts all from donations, none were purchased by PMAC. Seven planes (6 from members) plus 4 gift certificates all donated and awarded to scouts as door prizes.
- Carltons Hobbies was only hobby shop willing to support our merit badge day, other hobby shops refused support. Discussion followed and all agreed we should support Carlton with our purchases.
- Special thanks to Dick Schaeffer of McDonalds for his generous donation of hamburgers for the event.
- Motion by Greg Smithson to purchase plaques for Carltons and McDonalds for their support. Alvin Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously. Dale to purchase and present plaques.
- Lunch was provided “free” to scouts but John Glenn put out donation jar for scout leaders and other attendees. Lunch donations approx \$260 from scout leaders and other visitors.
- A total of three club trainers were “lost” during training, two in mid-air and one in a fly-away. One trainer lost was on loan by Jim Wert.
- Dale Matteson moved, Al Wesley 2<sup>nd</sup>, to replace Jim’s plane. Approved unanimously. Jim to see treasurer for reimbursement.
- Jim Wert donated new-in-box Hobbico Hobbistar 60 ARF as replacement for one of lost trainers. ARF given to Bill Schaeffer for assembly.
- Ed Kincer reported that after the club lost 2 trainers on Saturday, we still have 5 trainers but two are only in fair shape. Three are in great condition. Of the two in

- fair condition, one has a broken fire wall, the other is a SPAD that doesn't fly all that well.
- Bill Ridenour moved, Bill Schaeffer 2<sup>nd</sup>, to purchase replacement kit for "big" trainer, Approved unanimously. Bill Schaeffer to follow-up and purchase & build kit.
  - Smitty read email from Steve Demster addressed to Dale Matteson. Note that Steve is very active with scouting.

*Hi Dale,*

*Everyone at PMAC owes you a huge THANK YOU for the excellent job YOU did in organizing last Saturday's Merit Badge Day.*

*I have attended literally hundreds of BSA events in my lifetime and this was one of the best organized and interesting I've ever attended. I have never seen so many boys so deeply involved in what the days activity was supposed to be (as opposed to wandering around.)*

*This is a huge credit to you and your team.*

*Steve Demster, Aviation MB Counselor*

#### Training Report – Ed Kincer

- 35 students earned solo certificates since last presented, certificates have been printed by Don Hines. Ed Kincer presented to those in attendance at family picnic.
- Training Night - last day tomorrow, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, due to early darkness. Ed will make notation on web site.
- Training will continue as arranged between student and instructor.

#### Swap Meet Report - Alvin Johnson

- All ok to plan.
- Notification post cards to go out to members (Alvin to contact John Z)
- Alvin needs volunteers to support swap meet, several members came forward and were identified.
- Set up scheduled for 7:15 am day of swap meet, if set-up is moved to Saturday evening Alvin will contact members.
- Keith Brown to bring coffee and donuts.

#### Food & Refreshments Report – John Glenn

- Food "profit" was \$169.10 from scale meet scouts combined.
- John Glenn offered to do pancake breakfast at next year's electric fly.
- John noted that "donation jar" method of collecting for event food appears to work well and members/visitors are very generous.

## **Unfinished Business**

Jim Wert gave a nominating committee report. Jim stated he asked all present officers if they would be willing to serve in 2008 by running for re-election. Both John Z (sec) and Dave M (treas) agreed to run next year. Ed K (chief flight instructor) agreed to serve again if members supported training better. No members agreed to run for president and vice president offices.

A spirited and emotional discussion followed with several members stating possible reasons that members do not want to serve as officers:

- General level of participation and lack of attendance at meetings. Some thought that we should offer food and/or door prizes to attract members to meetings
- Lack of respect for officers. It was observed that officers are “fussed at” when they are at the field.
- Being an officer is not fun.
- Although PMAC offers a great flying venue, doing routine business is difficult.
- Too much discussion of minor issues like mailing post cards and cutting grass. Just let officers and contest directors do their jobs.
- Events like TAG and merit badge day illustrate that members want to serve the club, but not as officers
- Too much micro management – contest directors should “just do it” and not be hassled by club members
- Resistance to change – members noted that several “fresh” ideas made by then newly elected 2007 officers were rejected without serious consideration.

Several members talked about need for change. Jim recommends changing PMAC management to a system where a “board of director” runs club. Such a change would require changes in club constitution. Ed K and Smitty state that several other clubs such such a format.

Motion by Bill Ridenour to have Alvin Johnson chair committee to solicit info about “board of director” run clubs and make recommendations for possible PMAC by laws revision. Hank Wildman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed unanimously. Alvin and Bill to report back to membership at next meeting

John Glenn accepted nomination from floor to run for vice president.

Still no nominations for President.

**New business - none**

**Announcements - none**

**Show and tell**

Ron Leake – Lanier Fokker D-VII ARF “pretty complete and easy” Only problem is small, poor access battery compartment.

Everybody enjoyed hearing about Ron’s plane. Several members commented that “this” is what we should do at meetings, talk about flying.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Kincer