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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. • Business Meeting, June 2, 2016

MINUTES:

Vice Pres. Mike Shaw chaired the meeting tonight and called it to order at approximately 7 p.m. He then had the secretary call the roll with 15 members reporting present which included three of the club officers. Reading of the minutes was waived as is customary. He asked for the financial report from Treas. Ron for the month of May and this was accepted as read.

Old Business: Mike led off with a comment on how good the field looked and then he went on to the upcoming Open House and things completed or needing to be done. Fuel for the demonstration flying had been purchased, fliers distributed to area hobby shops and radio ads had been arranged for. Members were encouraged to bring food and drinks as there would not be a food truck on site. A suggestion was made to have the club purchase bottles of water and have it available if needed. The secretary will have a tent set up with club information, extra newsletters and AMA magazines to give away. Further discussion about certain areas of the field needing "weed whacking" led to a motion for the club to purchase a string trimmer but the motion was later withdrawn. Leo offered to provide music and announcing capability. Discussion then went to the special meeting on the Scale Fly-In (Aug. 20/21). The meeting was short due to the cold and wind, however, some issues were decided to include: Foley's Franks to be there with a food truck, the District 1 VP, Andy Argenio would be contacted for additional ad support in the district, prior attendees of the Fly-In would be contacted and local clubs would be given priority adv. support. Dave Lampron strongly suggested we try and get more pilots to attend – and our member pilots – with less emphasis on spectators, the secretary thought we should have more and smaller meetings to work on the Fly-In and finally, D. Sherman thought we should consider an ice cream truck in addition to the food truck.

New Business: Training was discussed only briefly as the two members who instruct were not at the meeting and unable to comment. Gordie briefed the group on the field grass cutting efforts: about nine or ten members have indicated they would be part of the effort with about half that number fully qualified on both machines. He said he has not been able to put in the time nor effort this year to manage the process but thankfully others have stepped in. Another member related an issue that initiated much discussion – he observed three or four guests of a member flying at the field and then that member leaving the field for a period of time. Mostly the comments and questions centered around the liability to the club if there is an incident involving the guest(s) without the member present. Guests of members are always welcome, it was pointed out, and usually leads to a new member(s). The issue was given to the Exec.Committee & Directors to determine if changes to the Operational Rules are warranted.

New Member: Constance (CJ) VanWright was unanimously voted into the club tonight. CJ is from South Hadley and recommended to us by member Nate Pike.

Meeting adjourned after 55.37 minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Gordie Lauder, Secretary



HCRC T-SHIRTS ETC.

A reminder that Andre Bouchard will still take orders for club logo tee shirts, sweatshirts and hats. He can also take orders for custom work. Prices are fair and the quality is excellent.

Contact Andre at (413) 786-9735 or see him at a meeting or at the field, often on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.



HCRC CLUB NEWS

SCALE FLY-IN

The Scale Fly-In is fast approaching. It is time to start getting the final plans in place. This will be discussed at the July meeting. The planning phase for this event has to be completed by early August. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the meeting. We need your help.

FLIGHT SAFETY

A reminder about flight safety: We are still getting reports of pilots flying too close to the flight line. Note that there is a white painted patio block line about 15 feet in front of the flight stations. This lines up with the white poles at either end of the runway. Planes should be flown over the runway and to the outside of this safety line only.

EXTREME FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

The Extreme Flight Championships are held every year at Champaign, Ill. This is an invitational event for the best-of-the-best model airplane pilots. We want to congratulate our own Dean Lampron for placing 5th overall in the 2016 competition in June of this year.

FLYING FIELD GATE

It has been noted recently that the entrance gate has been left open when nobody is present at the field. If you are using the field and are the last person to leave, please be sure that the gate is closed and locked when you leave. This gate was made and installed at some effort and expense to help protect our field against mis-use and vandalism. It is a wasted piece of equipment if we don't use it. Thank you!

NEEDED: A FEW EXTRA HANDS TO HELP REASSEMBLE THE SHELTER

During a recent wind storm we lost the shelter over the picnic tables. The tarp itself was saved but the framework came apart. We now have the parts we need and can reassemble the shelter—it only takes about 5 or 6 people to do this comfortably. If you can come to the July meeting a few minutes early we will have enough people to do this task. Plan to be there around 6:30 or so to help and we'll be able to use the shelter for the meeting. See you there!

—Dave S., Ed.

Hampshire County Radio Controllers Invite you to attend

WINGS OVER HADLEY

HCRC's ANNUAL TWO DAY SCALE FLY-IN

August 20th & 21st, 2016

Hadley, Massachusetts



Two days of fun and non-competitive flying

ALL SCALE AIRCRAFT WELCOME

big or small – bring them all!

(Sorry, no profiles or jets)



Save the date for our annual two-day scale fly-in!



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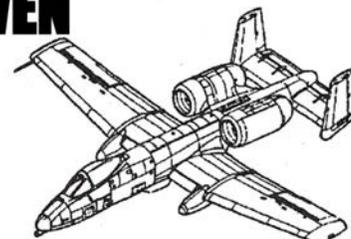
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