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The crew setting new posts as part of this year's field clean-up.

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Business Meeting, April 7, 2016

MINUTES:

Pres. Tyler brought the meeting to order promptly at 7p.m. (VFW) with a call for the roll. Fifteen members reported present including the four club officers. Two family members were counted as guests, also.

Treas. Ron gave his usual detailed report of the club financial position for the month of March which included the total annual dues collected for the 2016 season. *M/S/P*

A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting. *M/S/P*

Tyler then asked for any committee reports. The chair of the By-Laws Committee responded with a quick update that included progress on proposed revisions, a meeting scheduled for 4/13 at his home and a final draft ready for a June presentation to the Board of Directors. Questions were asked about the last time the By-Laws were amended and what it takes to gain a vote of approval. Answers: (1) They have never been amended since adopted in Nov/1989 and (2) It will take an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the membership for approval. As was noted, the vote can be taken both by attendance at a business meeting and by a mail-in proxy vote. (Club members will be kept informed regarding the voting process.)

Old Business – The first item was handled by Mike Shaw who outlined the work projects needed to complete on “clean-up day” on the 16th: new fence posts, flagpole repairs, impound repairs, replacement of two sunshades, safety barrier repairs and the usual raking and trash removal. Mark Wasielewski will handle sumac removal and post hole digging with his brush hog and auger equipped tractor he is bringing from New Salem. Bobby has agreed to feed the group at noon with dogs and burgers. Mike went over each project in detail to insure we have the material and tools on hand when needed. In addition, a burning permit will be applied for on the day needed if conditions are ok. Discussion then went to possible applications of weed killer/ fertilizer for the flight line as done in the past. (Gordie will look into that) and a request for mowing teams to be organized. As explained, the members mow about 20 times during the season, usually every five to seven days, and need enough volunteers to keep the workload spread out.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting or volunteers can contact Mike or one of the other club officers if interested in helping out. There were many other items mentioned for projects that will be considered at a later date.

Other items of Business – Open House: held over to the next meeting, the Scale Fly-In has two new CD's with one being the Contest Director and the other the Contest Coordinator. Planning meetings to follow. D. Sherman explained some of the process in working with the new club website and the need to set up a gmail account (at no cost) to make it easier to move photos into the site. He was given the ok to move ahead and open the account. The remainder of the meeting was concerned with FAA licensing, properly placing AMA/FAA info on models and Ed Kopec's latest twin engine creation built this winter.

Finally, the secretary mentioned that former member Daniel Kapinos of Easthampton has rejoined the club, after many years, and was welcomed back into the club. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gordie Lauder, Secretary

REPORT FROM THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee has been meeting to update, replace or modify the basic rules of our club that have become obsolete as conditions and technologies change. Flight Safety and Operational Rules are not to be confused with By-Laws, and are more easily updated at regular business meetings with a simple majority vote by the members. The By-Laws Committee met two times late last

year, once this year and plans to make a final proposal to the Board of Directors in June. Depending on the outcome of that meeting, the revised By-Laws will be given to each member for a vote to accept (or not) with a letter of instruction for voting at a business meeting or, if unable to attend a meeting, by a mailed-in proxy vote.

— Gordie L, Sec.

HCRC CLUB NEWS



REPORT ON FIELD CLEANUP

The field cleanup took place on Saturday, April 16 and there was a good showing of members to help out.

Mark Wasielewski (above) brought his tractor with the brush hog and did a huge job cleaning out the brush on the edge of the property. This has to be done every other season or the brush will take over.

Mark then switched to his post hole digger and dug the holes for our security posts at the end of the runway. Mark has been doing this job for a number of years and we owe him a big thanks for doing this work.

Tyler West brought the security posts and we had a lot of help getting them set in.

The flag pole was repaired and will, hopefully, hold up.

Bobby O. rolled the runway again this year.

The pin box and radio impound area was repaired.

Brush and trash was removed from the back of the sheds and a general cleaning was done.

The sun shade over the seats in the pit area was replaced.

There is a little more work to do including picking up the rubbish and bringing it to a dump.

A big thanks to all the members who showed up to work on this most important project.

EXPANDING OUR MEMBERSHIP BASE

In any club there is a turnover in membership. Members move or their interests change. Older members die. We must strive to keep our membership level up and even expand it.

There was an interesting article beginning on page 23 in the May issue of *Model Aviation* that speaks to a goal that our club has always tried to achieve: when a stranger comes to visit our field, someone will always greet them and engage them in conversation.

One of my early experiences in modeling was with a local club that I visited. When I arrived nobody was present. Shortly thereafter a member arrived, unloaded his plane and began flying. He never even acknowledged the fact that I was there. Needless to say, I didn't join that club.

Ever since then I have always tried to approach visitors to our club and greet them. Sometimes, to my embarrassment, I don't recognize members and greet them anyway!

Let's all keep in mind that we should treat others as we would like to be treated. Say hello, offer information and just be friendly. It goes a long way.

FCRC ANNOUNCED DRONE RACE

The Franklin County RC Club has announced a drone race at their open house on Fathers Day, June 19, 2016. This should be a fun event to watch or to participate in. The club is located on Industrial Blvd., Gate 4, Turners Falls Airport, Turners Falls, MA. (www.franklinrc.com)



CLUB LOGO TEES AND SUCH

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.

—Dave S., Ed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for MAY & JUNE 2016

THURSDAY, MAY 5 • BUSINESS MEETING at 7 PM • FLYING FIELD

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4 • OPEN HOUSE/FAMILY DAY 9 AM • FLYING FIELD

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THURSDAY, MAY 5TH @ 7 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING
at our Flying Field

SATURDAY June 4TH @ 9 A.M.
Open House & Family Day
at our Flying Field

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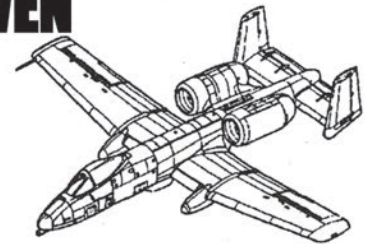
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