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From the drafting board of Ed Kopec. — his version of a bi-wing Kadet — Beautiful plane!

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Hampshire County Radio Controllers, Inc. Business Meeting, February 4, 2016

MINUTES:

The meeting was brought to order tonight by retiring Pres. Mark Mundie at 7 p.m. He asked the secretary to call the roll with 25 members reporting present. A guest/applicant Gina Shaw was introduced as well.

Treas. Ron gave his financial report for January with special mention of the amount of dues income to date with more to come before the March due date. M/S/P

As there were no items of Old Business Mark went directly to New Business namely the ordering of promised pizza for the group.

Someone asked how many had signed up with the FAA for a small UAS Certificate of Registration. Several hands were raised and that led into another lengthy discussion of the FAA the AMA, AMA insurance and our own needs and obligations going forward. As Mark said: "if you want to fly you are going to need to register with the FAA".

Nominations and election of officers and directors for the club were next on the agenda. Mike Shaw had been previously nominated for Vice Pres. and as there were no further nominations for VP we moved on to nominations for the two Director positions open. Nominated were Bob Olszewski and Mark Wasielewski. Nominations for a new President prompted Tyler West to volunteer himself and was quickly nominated. The entire slate of officers and directors was voted upon and unanimously elected for their next terms in office for HCRC and to thunderous applause.

Next, Gina Shaw was voted into the membership as a non-flying member (unanimously) and will join her husband Mike, the new V.P.

Two items mentioned before adjourning for pizza: the secretary called for a board meeting on Saturday the 20th, at his home, for the purpose of acquainting the new officers/directors with the immediate needs of the club such as: events for the season, required committees and other issues as presented.

The door prize – two tickets to the New England Air Museum – was won by Andre and the 50/50 raffle by Eddie Kopec.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Gordie Lauder, Secretary

UPDATE ON OUR WEBSITE OPERATIONS

The website is running quite well. I have been trying to keep up with postings and the latest news. Mike Shaw has agreed to be another administrator for the website and share the tasks with me.

There have been a few things that needed to be changed and updated to make the site more user-friendly.

There was/is an area under "Our Club" containing an online application form. This was confusing. I am trying to get that page deleted. The directors have decided that we do not want to accept online applications at this time. We have posted new member applications and renewal applications in PDF format. These can be downloaded and printed so members or prospective members can fill out a hard copy and mail it with payment to the treasurer, Ron Paul.

I am trying to keep the information current and delete old information when it is no longer needed.

If there are any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact me (at dsher10578@gmail.com) or any of the other club officers. We are working to make our website as user-friendly as possible to keep all members posted on events, scheduling and other important club news.

— Dave S., Ed.



FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to be president of this club. Gordie Lauder recently informed me that I have been a member for 27 years- I guess it was 'about time' for me to serve in office. This is a complex time for hobbyists and aeromodeling. New technologies have given us new ways to enjoy our hobby, but our government is trying to cope with the task of regulating "unmanned aerial vehicles"- leaving many of us feeling stuck in the middle.

The next few years will be very interesting for our hobby, the AMA, and this club. I do not believe that our hobby will go away. I don't believe that the FAA is interested in taking away our model airplanes or helicopters. As a club, we need to stay informed on the latest updates from the FAA and AMA, and other news outlets. We also may need to be wary of some of the "information" being shared in the media, online, etc. Then we can, as a club, make sure we are able to enjoy our hobby while remaining compliant with any regulations.

When I was 15, I would ride my bike down to the HCRC field and marvel at everything I saw there: 40-sized sport aerobatic planes, scale warbirds, pylon racers, the occasional helicopter. A few guys were competing in pattern back then. Some of us started playing with electrics, low on power and filled with nicad batteries. Over the years, our club has welcomed new hobbyists and has accepted new types of model aircraft. Whatever the latest new 'thing' was, someone in HCRC was into it. I believe this history will serve us well over the next year or two.

Again, thank you very much for this opportunity. Lets not forget that this is a hobby and we are supposed to be having fun!

Tyler

Tyler J West, MD

HCRC CLUB NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We had a very successful business meeting in February. Mike Shaw was running for VP. Tyler West was nominated and ran for President. Both were voted into office. Let's make sure that we give them all the help and support that they need.

Also, we'd like to welcome Mark Wasielewski as a new member to the board of directors.

We also want to welcome Bobby Olszewski back to the board. Bob is a former board member and ran again to fill a vacancy.

Thanks to all who ran for office and for the members who came out to vote.

NEW GATE CODE

It was decided by the board of directors that we will be changing the passcode to the gate prior to the field cleanup in April. The combination code will be sent to paid-up members with the April newsletter. Members who have not paid by the March meeting will be dropped from the roster.

It looks like the locked gate has been working so far. We plan to strengthen the security with some posts and possibly rails to prevent people from driving around the gate.

COMMENT:

Dean Lampron and his P-51 Mustang have been mentioned on Page 137, District 1 news in the March edition of *Model Aviation*. Take a peek to see what is said.

DUES NOTICE

A reminder that dues are due. We still have several members who haven't yet paid. We also have flying members who haven't renewed their AMA dues. So, if you can't remember whether you paid or not, look in your wallet and make sure that you have your 2016 HCRC card and your new AMA card. If not, please get your club membership up-to-date by sending a check to Ron Paul. (Or save yourself a stamp and hand your check to Ron at our next meeting.) Flying members should send their membership dues to the AMA asap!

— Dave S., Ed.

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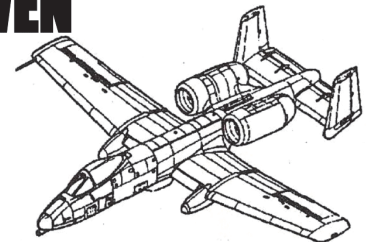
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