

Cloud Kings

Minutes from meeting held on 10/14/09

Pete Jones called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Secretary's Report

There are 61 counted members plus 8 non counted members in the club.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the checkbook is \$8487.07 including the Legal Fund. Legal fund is worth \$4345.00.

The projected balance of \$8314.00 should be seen at the end of the year after anticipated expenditures.

Old Business

Safety Fence Committee

Louis summarized the committee's proposal (included after the last pages of the minutes). Discussions were held and a vote was deferred to the February meeting. The committee will provide more information such as costs, dimensions and a plan of their proposal.

New Business

Nominations

Tom Lauletta opened up the nominations for officers for the 2010 year. Any member may be nominated up to the closing time at the December meeting. Voting will take place by all in attendance at the December meeting. At the present moment the following have thrown their hats into the ring.

President- Dick Plyler

Vice President- Bill Losey

Secretary- Tom Lauletta

Treasurer- Brian Swarts

Anyone who would like to added to the list for any of the above positions contact Tom Lauletta.

Tom Lauletta brought up two proposal changes to the bylaws. These will be voted on at the February meeting. In black is the existing article and in red are the proposed changes.

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4.1 Dues

Annual Membership Fee

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Junior members will pay a yearly fee of \$15. If a member has two (2) or more junior family members, that member will be charged a maximum fee of \$30 for all junior family members.

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New members who join the club in January through May will pay a fee of \$65.

Any new member who joins the club in January through May and attains the age of 65 **on or before** the February meeting of the current year will pay a fee of \$50.

New members who join the club in June through September will pay a fee of \$35.

Any new member who joins the club in June through September and attains the age of 65 **on or before** the February meeting of the current year will pay a fee of \$25.

New members who join the club in October through December will pay a fee of \$65. This fee will include membership fees for the following year.

Any new member who joins the club in October through December and attains the age of 65 **on or before** the February meeting of the next year will pay a fee of \$50. This fee will include membership fees for the following year.

Existing members will pay a yearly fee of \$65. Any existing member who has attained the age of 65 on or before the February meeting will be required to pay a membership fee of \$50.

Junior members will pay a yearly fee of \$15. If a member has two (2) or more junior family members, that member will be charged a maximum fee of \$30 for all junior family members.

Five (5) dollars of each collected fee will be designated for a legal fund to be used for club legal costs.

New Members

The following have completed the probationary period and were voted to remove the probationary title

Kevin Torok

Matt Johnson

The following nominees were voted to probationary memberships

Cecil will sponsor Bill Kalesnick. Bill lives in the area and talked to Brian Porter. He has a couple of planes and a simulator. A friend, who is a member of the club, asked him to join.

Tom Lauletta will sponsor Mark Liberti. Mark has been flying since 1987. He owns an Ugly Stick and a Hots. He belonged to First State RC Club for 2-1/2 years. He stopped flying because of soccer activity in the area.

Tom Lauletta will sponsor Rich Wortman and his daughter Rebecca. Rebecca is 12 years old. Rich flew at Valley Forge in 1978-79. She wants to learn and this rekindled Rich's interest.

Field Marshall Report

Nothing to report

Safety Officer Report

There is nothing to report. Club needs to repair one pilot station mesh. Dick Plyler volunteered to repair the damage.

Chief Flight Instructor Report

Mike met with Dan Crawford but it was too windy to fly. Walt Faulkner is still under instruction, but progressing nicely. Mike would like to see more instructors. Mike is going to work on better communications to make available more flying time.

Events

Mike Denest reported on the Vintage RC event. There was some rain and plenty of wind, but a few pilots braved the wind and put up flights. There were 12 registered pilots and all seemed to have a great time. The banquet Saturday night went well and he heard many "I'll be back next year". He thanked all the volunteers who helped with the event.

On November 7, Delaware RC will hold its sale at the Shue Middle School. See their website for more information.

Dick Plyler announced that the Christmas luncheon will be held at the Ball and Thistle Restaurant at the Wyncote Country Club on December 5 starting at 1 p. m. Attendees will order from a limited menu and will be responsible for their own bill. Please let Dick know by about one week before the event so he can give the restaurant an approximate headcount.

Audit Committee

50/50

Rich Wortman won \$42

Airplane Talk

Bob Fling brought in an airplane that Jim Davenport built and he finished. It is powered by an old Ohlson .60 ignition engine.

Tom Lauletta brought in his Jr. Skylark. It is an .049 powered, elevator and rudder controlled plane. It is legal for the Vintage RC Society. It was built from a kit that Early RC produced. It needs to be balanced and the maiden flight should happen soon.

Louis Kinney brought in his Bobcat 50. It is the most challenging plane of all his planes. It is powered by a new Supertiger .61 turning an 11.7 pusher prop. He finally got it into the air. It is very fast and took 5 passes to land it.

Mark Liberti told us he is building a Flair Sopwith Pup and an Antic Biplane. He brought in an Evolution 26cc GX gas engine. It has a Pitts style muffler and radial motor mount. The engine has electronic ignition.

Next Meeting

December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Upper Oxford Township Building

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Lauletta
Secretary

Fence Committee Report to Club Officers

Rev 10/12/09

The committee met and discussed the situation with the results noted below.

The committee agreed and settled on the following suggestions:

Use new orange fence and continue past the new and existing stands and leave a 3 to 4 foot opening between stands.

In regards to the opening width between each stand, there are two thought processes on how wide the openings should be:

1. There is a belief that no more than a three foot opening is needed, because a pilot will carry their aircraft from the stand to the runway and will not be taxing in the stand area anyway.
2. The other thought is, that the opening should be 85" to 96" for wider aircraft to roll through the opening, verses carrying the aircraft over the orange fence and smaller opening.

Pit Area Ends

In addition, the orange fencing should continue past both ends of the last stations an additional 20 feet or more to keep the stray and wayward planes from sneaking in the ends of the pit area. Maybe consider an 'L' shape to cap off the pit area end for further safety.

Height

The height should be no LESS than 24", more is better, so the club should discuss and vote on a desired height.

Meshing the Orange Fence with the new/Existing stations

How should the orange fence mesh with the existing new stations, below are the options on the table:

1. The orange fence could stop at the edge of each stand with no tie-in.
2. The orange fence could stop at the edge of each stand and tie-in via one of several methods (weave the rebar or fence post between both the existing stand and the orange fence).
3. Instead of meeting the edges or tying in, simply continue past the new stands and wrap around the front of the stands (the orange fence on the runway side of the new/existing stands).

Installation Methods

For installation, the committee decided it was safer to use a larger size post rather than something thinner like rebar, which would be extremely dangerous if someone accidentally tripped and landed on the rebar end. Remember, young and older alike can accidentally trip and land on the butt end of a low fence.

The thought was use 2x2 wood stakes or use standard fence post, BUT also purchase the orange rubber boots that slide over the end of the fence post for this very purpose, safety and protection.

Blocking strength of the mesh on the new stations

The other area of concern was the stopping and blocking strength of the fence of the new pilot stations. The committee physically grabbed and pulled on the station fencing, and determined that it seemed strong enough and would be futile to test it. As a matter of notation, the majority from the august meeting also believed it was strong enough.

If the club decides we should test it, then we would need a donated engine that we could mount to a 2 foot wide x 3 foot long piece of plywood for the test. This large piece of plywood would give stability and control to safely test such a demolition.

Next Steps

We understand it is now up to the club officers to review the suggestions and bring their thoughts to the club, and if action is needed or voted on, we will move forward from there.

If the club decides to move on the suggestions, I am willing to help install the fence as directed.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Kinney, Committee Chair

Bruce Ginn

Sam Daemer

Joe Hoopes

(not sure, there may have been a 4th person who also participated in the discussion, I apologize if I missed someone, please let us know if you took part and we missed your name, we will add it).