

Strawberry Patch RC Pilots Club: Meeting Minutes 30 April 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by the club president, Phil Thain. There were 20 members present.

Phil provided the members with a status report.

Phil expressed concern that fewer members are coming to the field. He initially took a “if it’s not broken, don’t try to fix it” approach when he became President. But things don’t seem to be the same. He encouraged anyone who wants something changed to come talk to him or another officer since we can’t fix what we don’t know about. Newer pilots who might feel intimidated by some of the more skilled and experienced pilots should absolutely not be. Pros such as Tyler get a lot of satisfaction and enjoyment helping others. Everyone remembers what it was like when they were just starting out. Phil plans to put up a suggestion box to help make it easy for people to raise issues, anonymously if they wish.

Phil then asked for the Treasurer/Secretary report: John reported that the club has a balance of \$2954.15 in the checking account and \$1,629.71 in the reserve account. Since the last meeting, the club spent \$120.00 for AMA renewal and \$63.09 for Website hosting renewal. The club received \$1400 in dues. The deadline for 2022 dues is tomorrow, May 1.

John reported that the club is in need of someone to take over Webmaster duties. Please let Phil or John know if you are interested in doing so. Phil asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. A motion was made and the report was accepted.

Phil then asked for the Field Marshal’s report.

- Steve is planning to install fencing along the runway boundaries over the next month or so.
- Woody will begin mowing every Friday. He will mow early in the morning, as soon as the dew is off the grass.
- Phil mentioned that we have access to a 5x10 platform donated by a member last season which we can use to repair the current 5x8 deck. Anyone interested in helping out on this project please contact Phil.

Phil then asked for the Safety Officer’s report. Tyler was unable to attend, but since this is the beginning of the season, there are no new issues to discuss. Everyone is reminded that if we see any safety issues mention them to an officer or directly with the individual. Be courteous when pointing them out to the individual.

Phil then asked if there was any new business.

- Mark asked about the Pilot stand heights. One of the three was lowered late last season. How do people like it? Do we want to lower the other two, or leave them as

they are? There was no firm consensus so we agreed to leave them as they are for now and to bring this topic up again at the next meeting after people will have had more time to try them out and see which they prefer.

- Plans for the field: We did not shut down the field to reseed it last season as this would have had to be done well before Labor Day. We haven't made a decision on doing this project this season. It's something members should think about. If we do shut it down, there is an alternative area on the property we can move to, though it is not as nice.
- Jason, one of our members, has some left-over material that he can donate allowing us to frame in the front area around the club building. We did not make a decision on this, since we do not have a place to store the structure during the winter. Jason also volunteered to build a new flight station which he would donate to the club. Phil accepted this offer. (Thank you Jason!)

There was nothing else to report, so the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

John Choroszy, Secretary

Addendum: We collected \$550.00 in membership dues today, which brings the club's checking balance to \$3504.15