

Strawberry Patch RC Pilots Club: Meeting Minutes 10 July 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by the club president, Phil Thain. There were 21 members present.

Phil provided the members with a status report.

- Dock: Larry Cushing and Tim Hebert have some ideas for the dock and we hope to have something in place by the next meeting. Following the formal portion of the meeting, Phil added further details: Larry has an 8x8 foot aluminum deck and Tim has a ramp which they are donating to the club. Thank you to Larry and Tim! Phil will bring a chain and lock we can use to safeguard them at the field.
- Field re-work: There has been some pushback from members to our plans to re-surface the field since it will require closing the field by the end of August or beginning of September. The work needs to be done at some point, so the sooner we do it, the sooner we can enjoy the improvements. Albert has volunteered to help us set up the irrigation that we'll need to keep the new field in good shape. We voted and the vote results were overwhelmingly in favor of doing the work this year. After the formal meeting ended a few members asked Phil about the alternate field at the west end of the property (left turn at the blueberries when coming in). Phil said that we will be able to use this alternate field during the reconstruction. More details as we get closer.

Phil then asked for the Treasurer/Secretary report. John reported that the club has a balance of \$4124.15 in the checking account and \$1,724.92 in the reserve account. Since the last meeting the club has received \$1170.00 in dues and a \$100.00 member donation. Following the meeting, John wrote a check for \$200.00 to reimburse Phil for our annual gift to Albert. We also received one additional dues payment of \$50.00. These two transactions will be reflected in our checking account balance at the next meeting.

Three new members have joined the club since our last meeting.

Phil then asked for the Field Marshal's report:

Steve reported that Woody continues to do a great job mowing the field. Members expressed their approval with applause.

Steve plans to get rid of a couple berms at the edge of the runway when he returns from his trip later this summer.

Phil then asked for the Safety Officer's report:

Tyler said that there is not much that needs to be addressed: members seem to be flying safely without issue. Be sure to use the flying stations.

He did remind us to make sure to mark our planes with our identification. Neighbors have called the club twice this year to report planes they've found. It's important to be able to trace any found planes to their owners.

In response to a question, Tyler confirmed that it is OK for members to fly alone. We do need to be sure that we stay clear of any full-scale aircraft in the area, so if you are flying alone stay alert.

Phil then asked if there was any new business There was none from other members.

Phil mentioned that he purchased two \$100.00 gift cards for Albert to thank him for allowing us to continue to use his field. \$100.00 was to a restaurant that Albert goes to nearly daily for breakfast. The second was to Lords at the traffic circle. This was at the suggestion of a member who has seen Albert eating there.

Finally, Phil pointed out that a suggestion box has been installed on the clubhouse wall. Members are encouraged to contact any club officer with a question or comment but can also use the suggestion box if they want to remain anonymous.

There was nothing else to report, so the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM. Our annual cookout followed.

Our thanks to Rich Hennessy for single-handedly purchasing the supplies, for all the preparations, and for manning the grill!

John Choroszy, Secretary