

Strawberry Patch RC Pilots Club: Meeting Minutes for 1 Oct 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM by the club president, Phil Thain. There were 21 members present.

Phil provided the members with a status report:

Field refurbishment: Phil began with a Thank You to Paul, Tyler, Chris, and all who have helped out with this project. A special thanks to Chris, who has been the go-to person for the project. Chris was able to get us a discount to purchase 250 lbs of seed and lime for \$464.00, a price that would have only gotten us around 130 lbs if we had bought it on our own. We were able to seed the field and have seed and fertilizer left over for anything more we need to do in the spring. Chris has been at the field constantly during the project. Phil also acknowledged everyone who called offering to help out. The work tended to happen organically. A couple people would stop by and just get involved in a task. So, there was no need to organize specific work parties.

We originally planned to install sprinklers, but realized that as the new field settles and compacts they would end up sticking out of the ground. The current plan is to water next year using the pump, hoses, and sprinklers Phil purchased. Later on, we can add permanent pop-up sprinklers if we want.

Phil recommended that we do something to show our appreciation to Albert and his brother Mike for all their help. They provided the equipment: tractor, tiller, and even gas (around \$250 worth which they refused to accept money for). They stopped by constantly to provide help, e.g. hooking the tiller to the tractor and getting it ready to use. Phil's recommendation is to provide each a gift of \$100.00 and to also do something for the farm. Members discussed and suggested \$500.00 as an amount for the farm gift. We proposed, seconded, and approved without objection a decision to gift a total of \$700.00 (\$100 each for Albert and Mike and \$500.00 for the farm).

Shelter: A suggestion was made at our last meeting to extend the shelter. Bob Palermo looked into options for a portable shelter. They are expensive and would need to be stored away off-season. An alternative is to simply extend the current shelter, doubling its length. Members seemed to like this approach. Phil will look

into prices over the winter and will check with Albert to make sure he is OK with us doing this. We can go from there in the spring.

Another suggestion from the last meeting is for a windsock and maybe a flag in the area where the club sign is. Phil is willing to donate a pole and flag. We can add a light so that we don't need to take it down each day. We'll continue to move ahead with that idea in the spring.

The dock is in the water. There is still work to do, but it is awesome!

Finally, we had also discussed a porta-potty at the last meeting. Phil has been shopping around and the best price he can find is \$120/month. This included pick-up and drop-off and weekly cleaning. It was suggested that we probably don't need it cleaned weekly and that might save some money. We'll continue to discuss and keep this in our plans for next year. Likely location will be at the far end of the pit area.

Phil then asked for the Treasurer/Secretary report. John reported that the club has a balance of \$2872.19 in the checking account and \$1,725.06 in the reserve account. Since the last meeting, the club spent \$370.00 for lawn mowing and gas for the 2022 season, \$104.45 for security software subscription renewal for our website and \$464.00 for lawn seed and lime for the new runway. We have an additional \$1386.39 in expenses for the runway and an additional \$77.35 to Steve for field maintenance supplies which are not yet reflected in the balance.

Dues (\$50) for the 2023 season may be paid at any time. Deadline for payment is the first meeting of 2023 (May 6th)

You can pay by sending a check made out to Strawberry Patch RC Pilots to John:

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Phil then asked for the Field Marshal's report.

Steve is getting ready to pull the battery from the lawn mower and complete other winter preparations. Other field items were already covered by Phil earlier in the meeting.

Phil then asked for the Safety Officer's report.

Tyler had nothing new to report or discuss at today's meeting.

Phil then turned the meeting over to the club secretary, John, for the annual election of officers.

John announced that all of the current officers: President Phil Thain, Vice-President Paul Ouellette, Safety Officer Tyler McCormack and Secretary/Treasurer/AMA contact John Choroszy are willing to continue in their current roles but welcome anyone who wishes to run for an office position. Phil mentioned that anyone with interest in a position should not hesitate to come forward. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

Steve made a motion to re-elect all current officers. This was seconded and approved with no opposition. Current officers will continue in their positions for the coming season.

Phil then asked if there was any new business.

There was one suggestion/question about doing something in the spring, eg., a fly-in. Members seemed to like this idea. Phil said that he would talk to Albert about this. We do need to be careful to control the overall size of any event to make sure we are not disruptive, but Albert would likely be OK with us doing this.

There was nothing else to report, so the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

John Choroszy, Secretary

Addendum: Our meeting dates for 2023 are:

May 6th, July 8th (includes club picnic), August 26th, and October 7th (includes election of officers). Meetings are on Saturday at 11:00am