

## Strawberry Patch RC Pilots Club: Meeting Minutes for 12 July 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM by the club president, Phil Thain. There were 17 members and 8 guests present.

### Phil: Status report:

- Opening comments: Grass has been an issue this year. We've been hitting it pretty hard with Grubex and will probably hit it again in the fall. Howard suggests we investigate Trugreen. Phil will reach out to them and get a quote for next year. He's checked and Albert is OK with us putting down whatever we need. We reseeded the center dead spots and have been watering every night. Thanks to Tyler, Paul, Chris for coming down after work to do this. Since Albert is now conserving water, the pond level is low and we've had to haul the pump down onto the dock to be able to get access to the water. Depending on the state of the grass in the fall, we may need to overseed.
- Thursday night training sessions: Phil, Tyler, and Bob are here every Thursday. There have only been a few folks showing up so we want to encourage you to come. Bob has a slow stick that he can train with. Tyler is expert with setting up radios. Phil has planes he can buddy-box with, including a HABU edf. If you have friends who might be interested, feel free to bring them down on Thursday nights to try out flying. We would love to get some new blood. So, every Thursday by 5:30 or 6 pm as long as the weather is half decent...come on down!
- Projects status:
  - Storage shed expansion: This is ongoing. It's a 3 hour round trip for Scott, so it's been tough to squeeze in the time, but work is progressing.
  - Entrance sign: We were thinking of making a new entrance sign from laser cut steel, but the cost of the steel sheet would be \$130 and we're not sure how it would all work out. Instead, Phil checked with a friend who can print up a vinyl banner for \$50 which we can expect to last several years. We approved without objection a motion to go-ahead with the vinyl approach. Frank Casper then volunteered to donate \$50.00 for the sign.  
**Thank you** very much Frank.

Steve: Field Marshal's report: The new mower is working very well, Steve is waiting on the rain to apply more fertilizer and grubex. Nothing further to report today.

Tyler: Safety Officer's report: Tyler reports that things seem to be going well. He re-iterated some of our basics: Make sure you stand in the Pilots boxes. Be sure to stay under 400 feet altitude limit as the airport is close by. No flying over the Pits. No taxiing on the Pits. If you fire up a glow plane on one of the work stands, be sure to carry it onto the field. If you carrying an electric plane, be sure your throttle cut-off is on. If you fly on the pond, grab a cone and put it in one of the stations so people know you are out there. Call out your intentions, e.g taking off, landing, direction, doing a fly-by, etc. Let people be aware of what you are doing. Be safe, be respectful and courteous, and have fun.

### John: Treasurer/Secretary report.

- The club has a balance of **\$1284.81** in the checking account and **\$1677.17** in the reserve account.
- Since the last meeting, the club spent:  
\$395.64 Porta-potty rental for May through July

\$314.63 for springtime field supplies (fertilizer, grubex, pvc)

\$26.95 for Internet domain renewal

\$241.51 grass seed and fertilizer for re-seeding.

Today we wrote checks (not yet included in the checking balance) of \$266.45 for fertilizer, gas, and lawnmower blades and \$100 for a gift certificate to Albert for Mel's Raspberry Patch, a restaurant he goes to for breakfast.

A motion was approved without objection to accept the financial report

- Hats and decals available for anyone wanting to make a club donation. Caps are \$25 and decals are \$5
- Next Meeting Dates for 2025:
  - August 23
  - October 4

Phil Final Comments: Phil thanked Tyler and Paul for supplying gas for the pump and refusing compensation.

Phil then closed the meeting with a special Thank You to Rich Hennessy for hosting the cookout portion of today's meeting. **Thank you Rich!!**