

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting

Date: 8/6/2023

Field of Dreams meetings was called to order by President Bob Ingram at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the August 1st, 2023 meeting were posted on the club website by Ross Vanhatten. A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Dean to accept the minutes as written. **Motion passed by a majority of members in attendance.**

Treasurer's Report: The club treasurer Neil submitted his monthly report to the members via written report. Capital Account balance is \$6,900 less \$350 for pre-approved allocations and a check book balance of \$3,316.78 bringing our total cash assets to \$10,566.78.

Safety officer Report: Bruce B. ask that we continue to observe all club deadlines, especially the newly configured borders on the club's South side. Also, he reminded the members that if the Ball Parks and/or the BMX track are being used, all "Maiden Flights" are prohibited. A general discussion was then raised on the brush fire resulting from a model airplane crash at the field a few weeks earlier. There was a consensus that the club should supply and have on hand for the members a shovel and fire extinguisher while flying was being conducted. Ed placed a motion to that ends and offered to donate a fire extinguisher. Richard then offered to donate a shovel... the motion was seconded by Bruce B. and **passed by a majority of members present.** Storage when not flying was to be in the shed rafters above the wood stove. Bob asked for the members to please make sure these items are readily available before flying.

Membership: We now have 60 members including 2 youth.

Old Business:

- a. **FRIA** – FAA via AMA has advised FOD that our request for a FRIA sight was DENIED. Bob has been working with Ashton (AMA) to get our FRIA request resubmitted. We were originally denied because they drew a circle around our field as a flying area (which is NOT TRUE) and that area included RAPRD fields, roads and the dump. Bob revised the definition to include from the center of the field, ½ mile North, ½ mile East and to the top of the ridge as marked by the towel that Tom Rainwater put up. We are back in a waiting pattern to see what FAA does with the new defined area. Tom shared that Verizon was going to release a transponder for model airplanes although he wasn't sure if it would include GPS functions. Horizon models should have inventory soon at around \$69.95 ea.

(FYI - As of this writing the FAA has postponed Transponder enforcement until March 15th 2024.)

- b. **Field Maintenance** – As a club we do need to think about painting the tables and benches along with some general cleanup, such as weeding (the sprayer can't get everything) and table/bench repair. We have lost two canopies to wind so far this year. Richard said we have new canopies in stock but will not bring them out until next year.
No volunteers stepped forward for field maintenance.
- c. **Float Fly** – while still NOT a club event, Richard Butler continues to go out weekly on Wednesdays 9am – 11am to the Haystack Reservoir's East Campground. It costs \$7 to get into the day use area and Richard normally brings his boat for retrieval if needed. If you want to join him, check with Richard on Tuesdays to make sure he is going, then show up around 9am. The location is at the boat ramp located in the East side Campground of the reservoir.
- d. **Club Fun Fly** - We just finished the club BBQ and FUN FLY this last Labor Day Weekend. Many club members participated and we were joined by a few Pattern flyers getting ready for their meet the next weekend.
- e. This last weekend of August there was a NW Scale Meet / Regional Championship in Wenatchee, WA. It was attended by club members Tom Rainwater, Dana Dinius, Rich Burgess and Bob Ingram. The weather

was cooperative and winds remained calm making it a great time for all. While there were a few mishaps, all airplanes were brought back flyable.

New business:

Future Events

- a. **Pattern Competition** - September 10th and 11th – we are seeing some pattern competitors arriving early. FOD has been granted permission (from Redmond Control Tower per our LOA) to fly up to 1,200 AGL from September 2 thru September 10. So, both the Fun Fly and Pattern Event are covered... plus the days in between for practice.
- b. **Meetings:**
Next meeting, in October, will be the last official meeting of 2023. The room is still reserved for November and December for those that want to come in and share winter projects. Bob asked if the members wished to skip having an unofficial meeting during those months. If so, he will need to cancel room reservations. Bruce B. placed a motion on the floor to continue the show and tell portion of the meeting during November and December, keeping the room reservations. Motion was seconded by Ed. **Motion passed by a majority of members present.**
- c. **2024 SCALE MEET:**
Tom Rainwater suggested we hold the Redmond scale competition on the same weekend as we staged it this year. Members had no objection.
- d. **Upcoming Fall Classic Scale meet:**
The Fall Classic Scale meet will be held in Othello, WA. September 15th – 17th. This will count as the first competition of 2024 and all results will be applied accordingly. Tom R. plans to attend.
- e. **The first official meeting of 2024** will be the Polar Bear on January 1, 2024 held at the FOD field. Come to fly and eat (In the past people have brought chili and other items to share – sort of like a potluck)
 - i. **NOTE:** There will be no monthly meeting in January at Pappy's Pizzeria. The January meeting will be held at the FOD field on January 1, 2024.
 - ii. Bob asked if the members wanted to skip the March, 2024 meeting and make April the first meeting in 2024. There was a motion and second by the members present to make the April meet the first in 2024. **Motion passed by a majority of members present.**

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday October 3, 2023 at Pappy's Pizzeria at 7pm.

Show & Tell: None...

Motion to adjourn: Having no further business Bob asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bruce and seconded by Ed to adjourn. Motion passed by a majority of members present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by club secretary Dana Dinius... 9/13/2023