

Buc-Le Times

The Official Newsletter of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen

Minutes of the Saturday October 30th 2021 club meeting.

Our President - Travis Moyer called our third club meeting of the year to order at 12:00 PM. Eighteen club members were in attendance.

Finances:

- Club Treasurer Rich Collemacine provided the financial business report. Hard copies of the report were provided to all club members in attendance. The report recapped our income and operating expenses and highlighted income and expenses since our summer meeting. The finances were approved as presented. Should any additional members wish to see the financial information, please contact Rich or any club officer for assistance.

Field Maintenance:

- We purchased the used sprayer that we had been using this past summer for \$300. This saved us \$150 over the purchase price of a new unit.
- It was decided that we are going to tackle repairing the shed. First, will be emptying it out and purging the stuff that is junk, then attempting to jack it up from where it has settled over the years. We will need help doing this.
- New metal spectator line signs for the fence have been purchased and still need to be hung.
- Multiple rotted fence rails have been replaced with new rails and painted.
- Take down (2ea.) PA speakers.
- Pit area safety barrier fencing for the events was purchased and set up using cut to length rebar.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to manage general field maintenance and upkeep. This does not include mowing. Examples: painting, debris pickup, fence repair, sign repair, etc.
- 2022 mowing list to be determined.
- We plan to solicit estimates for the cost of again addressing the hump at the hedge row.

Mower Maintenance:

- Ralph fabricated a tray out of aluminum that attaches to the mower for mounting the sprayer.

- Mower will again this year be going back to Little's John Deere for end of year service.

Old Business:

- **Giant Scale event summary:**

- Rain shortened event. Sunday rained out. We had a good day on Saturday with good weather the entire day. Pilot participation was down sharply from 2020, with 49 registered pilots in 2020 to 33 registered pilots in 2021. Iffy weather forecast most likely had something to do with the lower turnout, but with such a large turnout in 2020 at the height of the pandemic, we expected more for 2021. In addition to lower pilot turnout we realized a reduction in spectator turnout as well, which in turn reduced the overall donation amount.
- We were able to raise \$1160.00 total, \$580.00 for each charitable organization at our weather shortened August giant scale fun fly event. It is felt that a better job needs to be done with advertising the events.
- Food vendor was Race to Taste mobile vending since Big Guy's Hot Dogs was unable to work both days of the event. We were not happy with Race to Taste and it was decided that Race to Taste would not be invited back. Big Guy's Hot Dogs will be working both events for 2022.

- **Quakertown Jet Jam:**

- 3 day event this year. Well attended for pilots but spectator turn out seemed to be lower than last year. We thank everyone that came out to support the event, and in particular Jim Ellis and Erik Rudjord for organizing and CD'ing and Carl Hoffman for narrating the event.
- Our October Jet Jam event raised \$2005.00.
- We met with the Trumbauersville Fire Co. to give them their check on October 18th. We met with the BCSPCA to give them their check on October 22nd. Buc-Le donated \$1002.50 to each charitable organization.

- **2021 Event Donations Totals:**

- This year our Giant Scale and Jet Jam events have raised \$3,651.00 in donations and this money has been equally distributed to our designated charities.
- In 2021 Buc-Le donated a total of \$1582.50 to each of our two designated charitable organizations.

New Business:

- **Boy Scout event October 23rd, 2021:**

- Rich D. and Rich C. Collemacine attended this event on behalf of Buc-Le and for the advancement of interest in aviation. During this event they coached the Scouts on building simple model airplanes and provided advice about various aeronautical aspects to be considered.

They also worked with the Scouts to make design improvements and judged the various flying contests.

- **Larry Alles Father's Day Camping Weekend:**
 - Larry is organizing another camping weekend at the flying field on Father's Day weekend on June 17th – 19th 2022. During this weekend overnight camping is permitted and the field is still open to all club members, but you will likely encounter some guest flyers.
- **Buc-Le Giant Scale Event August:**
 - Next year's Giant Scale event is scheduled for August 20th-21st, 2022.
 - Proceeds will benefit BCSPCA and Trumbauersville Fire Co. We are reconsidering the currently equal donations ratios to bias the Trumbauersville Fire Co. that seems to a more financially insecure organization.
 - Food vendor will be Big Guy's Hot Dogs.
 - Two extra porta potties and wash station will be ordered.
- **Quakertown Jet Jam event:**
 - Next year's Quakertown Jet Jam event is scheduled for September 30th-October 2nd, 2022.
 - Proceeds will benefit BCSPCA and Trumbauersville Fire Co.
 - Food vendor will be Big Guy's hot dogs.
 - Two extra porta potties and wash station will be ordered.
 - Will most likely need to have porta potties serviced mid event on Saturday evening due to longer 3day event.
- **Promoting and advertising the events:**
 - As mentioned previously, we need to do a better job of promoting the events than Travis has been able to do alone. We would really like to see a member(s) step up to take over promoting and advertising the events.
- **2022 club membership cards going electronic:**
 - Once your 2022 membership application is processed by Rich, the information will be sent to Dennis. You will then be sent an email from Dennis with pertinent documents and a JPEG of your membership card for 2022.
 - This will save the club money for postage and it will save Rich a lot of time with the paper card production and mailing.
 - You can choose to either print your card out or keep a copy on your phone. We just ask that you keep a copy on your person in the event that you need to produce it for one reason or another.

Field Safety Reminders:

- We need to be mindful of the flying site overfly envelope and doing our best to maintain our aircraft staying within the envelope. Most common transgression is flying well beyond the Kumry Rd. boundary.
- Stress that we all need to police ourselves and each other. If any member sees someone else flying or acting inappropriately, something should be said at that moment, in addition to notifying a club officer. Overlooking an incident and reporting it to a club officer after the fact, creates a large amount of workload for the officer to obtain details and compile what actually happened prior to taking any action.

Learn To Fly:

- Learn to Fly has wrapped up for the season and will be back in May 2022.
- Ability of one on one instruction is still available.

FAA Remote ID and altitude restrictions:

- FAA test is out, called TRUST
- Can be accessed on the AMA website. At www.modelaircraft.org/trust
- All recreational modelers are required to take and pass the test and carry a copy of the certificate of completion either in paper form or electronically along with their FAA registration that can be requested by the administrator or LEO.
- Test is very simple consisting of 3-4 modules followed by short question banks after each module. Modules deal with airspace both controlled and uncontrolled, how to properly preflight, operate and maintain your “drone” and how to self-evaluate your health to determine if you are safe to fly.
- In total, minus my printing issues, it took me 12 minutes to complete the test.
- Critical to make sure you print the certificate of completion when finished as it will not be accessible once leaving the test screen. I strongly suggest downloading and saving the certificate before printing it. I printed it first and I am not sure if it was my computer or what, but the screen locked up and it would not allow me to save a copy on the computer.
- Just as with FAA registration, the club will not be policing TRUST completion. This is between the individual and the FAA or LEO.

Club Officer nominations and elections:

- Congratulations to your incumbent Club Officers for 2022!
 - President: Travis Moyer
 - Vice President: Ralph Geroni
 - Treasurer: Rich Collemacine
 - Secretary: Ken Horsfield
 - Safety Officer/Website developer: Dennis Jones

State of the membership:

- We are currently at 98 members.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Horsfield, Buc-Le Secretary