

Buc-Le Times

The Official Newsletter of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen

Minutes of the Saturday September 17th 2016 club meeting.

Our President - Travis Moyer called our third club meeting of the year to order at 12:00 PM. Twenty Seven 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 spring 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 further assistance.

Milford Community Day:

- Jeff Vey from Milford Twp. has invited Buc-Le to put on a display for them at their community day event. This of course is vital to our maintaining positive community relations, so I did not hesitate to say yes. We actually participated in the Twp. event several years ago a couple of years in a row. In any event, I am trying to assemble a group of members, especially some junior members to both participate with static display and flying. The park where it is held, has a couple of soccer fields located in the middle of it which is suitable for flying smaller field models. The park is located across the street from the Milford Twp. building at 2175 Krammes Rd. Quakertown, PA 18951. The event will be held October 1st from 11am-5pm. If you are able to attend the please email Travis Moyer at tsmdmm@comcast.net.

Vinnie Caruso stepping down as manager of event food concession:

- In 2009 when the Boy Scouts backed out of running the food concession with a very short one week prior notice, Vinnie stepped in and took over the food concession, successfully bringing it back in house for us. With Vinnie managing and a very loyal group of members volunteering their time, the food concession has been very successful and has also been the largest source of income for the club during the events. A very big thank you to Vinnie for all his hard work over the years that has benefitted the entire club.

Field Maintenance:

- **Still to be completed tasks:**
 - Repairs need to be made to the shed as there are several areas that are suffering from rot. This includes the side man door, multiple areas on the walls near ground level and portions of the plywood floor inside.
 - Original gate is showing wear due to rust. Several welds broke earlier this summer which caused it to sag substantially. Rich was able to block the gate up and re-weld many of the broken welds so that the gate does not sag as badly as it had been, but time and vandals trying to break through the gate have taken its toll. Plan is to make repairs as necessary until we see what impact the TP widening project has on our access road.
 - Rust mitigation and painting need to be completed on the cargo container.

Hunters on the property:

- We had a situation occur this past Tuesday where two hunters parked their truck just outside the original gate in back of the old billboard frame in Ken Engelmann's field. Two members were here flying and they were unaware of the hunters entering the property. When they went to leave this presented a situation where they were unable to lock the new outer gate which would have locked the hunters in. The hunters walked up from the area of the pond when they realized that the two members were near their truck.
- The Hunters are apparently hunting the geese which in itself is not necessarily a bad thing for us however this presents a safety issue of discharging of guns in close proximity to us while we are flying and with no notification of such.
- The hunters claim they were given permission to hunt on the Wiesel property by the Wiesels. Travis inquired about this to both Steve Shelly (Wiesel Attorney) and Ken Engelmann. "Nobody has been given permission to hunt on this property." This is still an ongoing situation as we am not sure if the Weisels are going to do anything about it as Steve Shelly told me we could call the police next time it happens. I am not sure how receptive the state police will be to this in light of their luke warm response to us when the mower was stolen.

Recap of 2016 Fly In-Events:

- Harold Weil giant scale event had a successful Saturday, but Sunday was a complete loss due to strong winds. As a result our income from this event was about half of what it should have been. The giant scale event had 49 pilots attend.
- Warbirds we had two successful days although both pilot and spectator turnout was down somewhat due to the heat wave. Warbirds had 46 pilots attend.

Rolling 12 month AMA memberships:

- We have several members who now have AMA memberships that expire throughout the year instead of the old calendar year membership. This obviously puts more workload on Rich keeping track of this to make sure we don't have anyone flying at the field with an expired AMA membership. If your membership expires at any time during the year other than the usual January-December please send Rich a copy of your new card when you receive it prior to the old one expiring.

Flight Instruction:

- Learn to fly nights on Wednesday's will most likely end sometime around mid-October as the daylight becomes too short. Learn to Fly nights will resume sometime in May 2017. Students may still arrange one on one sessions with their respective instructors as time, weather and daylight permits. Thank you to all the instructors for your hard work this summer. We will send out a blastmail when Learn to Fly officially ends for the season.

State of the membership:

- We are currently at 113 members.

Discontinuation of Fly-In Events and corresponding increase in club dues:

- We first want to thank the loyal group of members who have volunteered much of their time helping during our fly-in events throughout the years. Unfortunately this loyal group is a small percentage of the overall membership. The events benefit the entire club as a whole financially. In light of what the officers perceive as a lack of volunteerism and overall lack of interest in the events by the membership, we have decided to discontinue the fly-in events.
- Income from the events bridges the gap between club dues and our operating budget. Refer to the proposed 2017 Operating Budget handout, or any club officer for further assistance.
- Since current dues alone are not enough to cover the operating budget, a dues increase will be required:

- Adult member dues will be \$150/year.
- Junior member dues will be \$48/year.
- \$20 late fee for renewal after January 31st will still apply.
- We have also changed the New Member Exemptions on the membership form to a new simple format. Any new member who joins on or after October 1st will pay \$150 (Adult) / \$48 (Junior) + \$20 new member fee will be a member for the entire following year (3 free months).
- We will revisit the membership dues at the end of next year to see where the membership total stabilizes. At that point we will make a determination if changes are warranted.

2016 Club Membership Renewals:

- Rich is able to start accepting 2017 club membership renewals. If you have your 2017 AMA please consider sending in your club membership renewal early to help alleviate the crush that Rich encounters just prior to the January 31st deadline.
- Please be mindful of the \$20 late fee for renewals after January 31st.

Club Officer Nominations and Elections:

- In preparation for his move to Florida next year, Vince Judd will be stepping down as the Vice President of our club. A big thank you to Vince for his hard work as our VP as well as his dedication to the Learn to Fly program as a flight instructor.
- Ralph Geroni has been nominated for the position of Vice President. Ralph and the reconfirmation of all other incumbents were elected by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance. We wish the best of luck to Ralph and all of our club officer's for their continued success in the coming year.
 - **President - Travis Moyer**
 - **Vice President – Ralph Geroni (New)**
 - **Secretary - Ken Horsfield**
 - **Treasurer - Rich Collemacine**
 - **Safety Officer/Website Manager - Dennis Jones**
 - **Field Maintenance Supervisors - Gary Galambos, Gary Nemec**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Horsfield, Secretary