

Buc-Le Times

The Official Newsletter of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen

Minutes of the Saturday May 20th 2017 club meeting.

Our President - Travis Moyer called our first club meeting of the year to order at 11:00 AM. Twenty Nine 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 for 2016 and highlighted 2017 income and expenses to date. 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.

Field Maintenance & Facility Improvements:

- The spring weather has again been cooperative this year and the field has already been rolled resulting in a very smooth runway.
- The weekly mowing cycle has begun. Look for e-mails from Dennis early in the week for the specific day that mowing will be accomplished during a given week.
- Old main gate was sagging again. Repairs have been completed by Vinnie Caruso with the addition of a support cable in order to make the gate easier to open.
- Minor repairs are needed for rotted fence rails, posts and benches.
- Paint rusted areas on shipping container. Travis called Interport to see what paint they use for rust mitigation. The recommended using Sherwin Williams Rust Guard. We are currently looking into purchasing this special paint which retails for approx. \$120 gallon.
- Repairs need to be completed to rotted sections of siding and interior flooring of shed. Rich and Travis will access what most urgently is in need of repair.
- New windsocks have been received and installed. This is to include a new sock for the pavilion as well as a small sock for the far side of the field.

Sand Bucket and Damaged LiPo Batteries:

- The sand bucket in the pavilion is to be used for Lipo fires or batteries that are in imminent danger of exploding, not for a damaged battery depository. If you brought a battery to the field you need to take it with you. Please do NOT leave it for someone else to dispose of.

Trumbauersville Community Day Static Display:

- Trumbauersville has again 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. We are trying to assemble a handful of members to participate with static display. The event will be held June 3rd from 3:30 pm and runs until around 6:30pm. If you are able to attend the please email Travis Moyer at tsmdmm@comcast.net.

AMA Visiting Members Program:

- Present Trump's visits to his Golf country club in Bedminster, NJ and resulting TFR which effectively shuts all things aviation within a 30NM radius. 35 AMA fields are closed during these events. It is anticipated that the president will be visiting Bedminster most weekends this summer. AMA program asks for volunteer clubs that are willing to allow displaced AMA members to fly at their clubs during the times that the TFR is in effect. Host club can define procedures, policies and rules as it sees fit. The majority of Buc-Le members in attendance were interested in the proposal and also in favor of obtaining more information about the program. More details to follow.

Discussion on Allowing FPV to Fly at the Field:

- The board has discussed setting aside a small area to allow FPV racing at the field. We have contacted Jon Leyland to ask for his expert input on the particulars. FPV racing activities are typically performed in a very small area and very close to ground level. The proposed location is near the pond as a means to avoid interference with other flying activities. Specifically we are looking at a spot either between the flight line and fence or on the parking lot side of the fence.

Flight Instruction:

- Learn to fly nights have now resumed as of May 24th and will be held each Wednesday evening throughout the flying season from 5:30 until dusk weather permitting.

Club Picnics:

- We currently do not have any picnics planned.

Perceived Rumor on Banning Turbines at Buc-Le:

- There apparently has been some miscommunication among members that was perceived as a movement within the club to try and ban turbines from the flying field. Just to set the record straight the club is not looking to ban turbines whatsoever. We recently increased the allotment of new turbine members last year for a reason and that was that everything was going well and there were no perceived issues.

NEWS FLASH - FAA Registration Repealed:

- On Friday May 19th the Federal Appeals Court of Washington, DC ruled in favor of the modeling community regarding FAA registration. The court found that the FAA registration violated Section 336 of the FAA Modernization Act of 2012 rendering it void. This one caught many of us by surprise as most of us were unaware this appeal was even filed.

Field Safety Review:

- No flying behind the flight line, both in the vicinity of the pilot stations and the extended flight line.
- No flying over the Turnpike or anywhere near it.
- No taxing into or out of the pits. Push the airplane to the flight line from your pit area and shut down at the flight line prior to pushing the airplane back to the pits.
- Please use catch cans for fuel overflow during fueling operations.

State of the membership:

- We are currently at 94 members and this level is slightly above par for this time of year. This is very good news in consideration of this year's club dues increase that was necessary to offset the loss of fly-in revenue.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth S. Horsfield, Secretary