



December 2006 Meeting Minutes

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President
Rod Hopkins – Treasurer
Jim Daly – Secretary,
Terry Tupper – Past President
Brian Facey – Officer at Large

Members present: 24

The President called the meeting to order at 20h15 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Since the minutes for the November 2006 were available to the members as they walked in, leaving ample time for all to scrutinize, Nick asked for a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed. Brian Facey so motioned, seconded by Chris Lounsbury. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

ELECTIONS

Terry Tupper reported that he had not received any nominations for any of the Executive positions. A final call for volunteers or nominees was made by Terry; no one spoke up so the current executive remains on for another year.

Nick announced that while the Annual Auction was somewhat of a success he expressed his concern and disappointment that only a handful of club members attended and there was very little volunteer help for the whole event. He questioned whether we as a club should even bother to attempt to hold this event and others like it throughout the year.

Due to the poor volunteer turnout we did not have anyone to collect admittance money at the door so it was decided to just let everyone in for free. The table rental did produce \$255.00 in revenue with the Raffle clearing \$33.00 profit. Darlene W once again manned the kitchen and was serving up hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers to those that were hungry. No final tally on the proceeds from the kitchen yet.

Unless someone comes forward and agrees to run this next year the club will not be having one.

If you would like to help, make your wishes known, by contacting Nick or any other of the executive officers.

We will need volunteers to help with the following events next year: Heli-Fun-Fly; Great Rubber Race; Scale Aerobatics/IMAC Contest; GLMAEE and of course the Swap Meet. No volunteers = **NO** Events.

THE NEW YEAR

Due in part to the above situation and the fact that currently only about 25% of the membership shows up at any one time for club functions Nick announced that the meeting format would be changing for 2007. Gone is the 50/50 draw to be replaced with a free draw for a gift certificate at a local hobby shop.

The proposal is to increase yearly dues for "Open Members" to \$85.00 with Senior Members up to \$70.00. The Executive's reasoning behind this move was the fact that most everyone of the 20 – 25 members that show up are paying on average \$5.00 per meeting on the 50/50 draw adding \$60.00 to their membership fees each year. The people that do not attend the meeting are not contributing more revenue to the club. The new proposed Dues will make it more evenly distributed among all members.

For those people that do attend the meetings there will be a new "**FREE**" door prize drawn. Make sure you get your free tickets when you attend a meeting.

Nick also announced that while the Club Executive will support any and all club events, however it will be the responsibility of the organizing committee to setup and run the event. If no one volunteers for a specific event's organizing committee then the event will be cancelled.

The Executive will be trying some new ways to spark some interest in more members to get them to come out to the meetings. A couple of those ideas are a Swap Meet night for members only and holding the June, July and August meetings out at the field.



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REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Nick reminded everyone that it was membership renewal time again. Rod had personalized forms for everyone and they could pick them up at the break. He also reminded the members present that they must renew by the February meeting or incur the dreaded \$25.00 late fee penalty.

NEW BUSINESS

The floor was opened for any new business. One member reminded everyone going to Toledo that 2007 would be the last time they could cross in to the US without a Passport. Starting 01 January 2008 they are mandatory for crossing the border by vehicle.

John Mickle offered a couple of builder hints that he uses. One was a heat iron clamp fix and the other was the use of threaded 4-40 rod and ball link for connecting horns.

SHOW AND TELL

Nick called a coffee break at 21h00 so that members could socialize and stretch their legs. Meeting called back to order at 21h20 at which time he asked if anyone had anything to show.

Mark Thompson stepped up and told the members present about an inexpensive source for Lithium Ion batteries. He buys and disassembles Dewalt battery packs then re-assembles them into the configuration he requires. The 3.6v, 2100 mAh cells can take a charge rate of up to 10 amps. Mark has been using them for a while and they appear to be more tolerant and not get as hot as some of the LI-Ion packs available to modelers today.

PRANGED PIG

There were no nominees for the Pranged Pig this month.

FREE DOOR PRIZE DRAW

The first Free Door Prize was a \$40.00 Gift Certificate for Skycraft Hobbies and was won by Don Weiszhaar.

Meeting adjourned at 21h50.



Trade Mark