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MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov 5, 2014

Members Present: Dennis Albee, Jim Bartch, Luther Bitler, Jim Clark, Karl Eckerle, John Fabinski, Jason Galloner, Greg Gavit, Jerry Hahnfeld, Chris Hawkins,, Lee Henderson, Bobby Hill, Bob Hill, David Hundley, Mike Moore, Mike Nentwig, Al Quick, Ray Ruzala, Fred Schulz, Bob Thompson, Jim Whiteside, Brad Wolfgang, Don Zahm, Steve Zahm.

Visitors Present: None

Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

1. Minutes from last month's general membership meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Karl Eckerle reviewed the income and expenses from last month.
3. Karl reminded club members that dues for 2015 are due and can be paid now.
4. There were no visitors at the meeting this month.
5. Jerry Hahnfeld discussed the field cleanup which took place last month. There was a good turnout of people. Steve Zahm has been busy cleaning up the brush surrounding the field.
6. Jerry also discussed the Cub Scout rocket launch which also took place last month. Even though the weather was cool and windy, there was a good turnout of scouts. The scouts and their families were treated to a hot dog dinner. The club was reimbursed by the Cub Scout pack for the expenses.
7. Jerry also discussed a float fly which took place at his lake house on Horse Head Lake in Mecosta. There were four members present. The weather was nice, but a little windy. All four members were able to get their planes in the air.
8. The Boy Scout Eagle project, which involved installing bird houses at the field, was completed yesterday. There are 19 bird houses; about half of them are intended for barn swallows and the other half are intended for tree swallows. It is hoped that the addition of bird houses around the field will keep the birds from nesting in the pavilion.
9. There is an open position for trustee. One nomination was previously received for this position. The floor was open for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations received, therefore the only nominated person automatically assumed the vacated trustee position. The new trustee is Dave Hundley.
10. The club would like to thank Al Klashak for his service for the last three years as trustee.
11. The board met last week at a special meeting to discuss changes to the field regulations, by laws and constitution. Greg Gavit presented the proposed changes. The proposed flying field regulations listed below were discussed and accepted.

Flying Field Regulations		
Section	Current document	Proposal
I.	All transmitters must meet current FCC standards. (gold sticker)	All transmitters must meet current FCC standards.
J.	All transmitters must be placed in the impound area with antenna collapsed and switch off when not in use.	All 72 MHz transmitters must be placed in the impound area with antenna collapsed and switch off during sanctioned events or at the discretion of the contest director.

K.	Pilots must have the proper frequency control pin during all operations with the transmitter. The pilot's current AMA membership card shall be placed on the frequency board. Pin use will be limited to 15 minutes and rotated amongst pilots when more than one pilot wishes to use a frequency.	Pilots must have the proper frequency control pin during all operations with the transmitter (72 MHz only). Pin use will be rotated amongst pilots when more than one pilot wishes to use a frequency.
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12. A proposed change to the by-laws was then presented and discussed. The change to the by-laws specifies that the club webmaster be exempt from paying yearly club dues. The reason for this is because the newsletter editor is exempt from paying dues and the webmaster's job takes a similar amount of time so the board felt he/she should also be exempt from paying dues.

By Laws		
Section	Current document	Proposal
Dues	Yearly dues shall be as follows: Regular Member \$40 Junior Member \$10 Family Member \$0 News Letter Editor \$0 Honorary Member \$0	Yearly dues shall be as follows: Regular Member \$40 Junior Member \$10 Family Member \$0 News Letter Editor \$0 Webmaster \$0 Honorary Member \$0

That proposed change was voted upon and accepted.

The changes to the constitution were then presented. The changes to the constitution require that the change be presented, a motion made, two seconds made, and then there is no further discussion regarding the proposed changes until next month. This allows club members time to review the proposed changes and discuss them at next month's meeting. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to accept changes to the constitution. Below are the proposed changes to the constitution.

Constitution		
Section	Current document	Proposal
Article 3 Officers (section 3.0 and 5.0)	The following function is in section 3.0 (recording secretary) and is his/her duty. "He/she shall provide each member in good standing with an up-to-date copy of the constitution and bylaws when they are elected as a member of the club."	Remove the following duty from section 3.0 (Recording secretary) and add it to section 5.0 (treasurer). "He/she shall provide each member in good standing with an up-to-date copy of the constitution and bylaws when they are elected as a member of the club."
Article 3, section 6.0 trustees	"Trustees along with the current President and current Vice President shall serve as members of the Board of Directors."	"Trustees along with the current officers shall serve as members of the Board of Directors."

<p>Article 5, section 3.0 Election Provisions</p>	<p>"The club trustees not seeking election will form a nominating committee at the June club meeting to be headed by one of the trustees. The committee will present the results of its candidate search to the membership at the July meeting. The nominations will be published in the August club newsletter. The elections will take place at the September meeting after nominations from the floor are solicited and nominations closed. Should there be two or more candidates for an office, a candidate must receive 51% or more of the votes cast to be elected or a runoff election shall be held at that meeting between the top two candidates."</p>	<p>"The club trustees not seeking election will form a nominating committee. At the October meeting, the nominating committee will announce board positions open for election. At the November meeting the nominating committee will nominate a list of candidates. The elections will take place at the December meeting after nominations from the floor are solicited and nominations closed. Should there be two or more candidates for an office, a candidate must receive 51% or more of the votes cast to be elected or a runoff election shall be held at that meeting between the top two candidates."</p>
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The calendar of events was discussed:

- Dec 3 General membership meeting – Bob T to discuss indoor flying
- Jan 7 General membership meeting
- Jan 10 10:00AM snow fly at field
- Feb 4 Banquette (tentative)

13. Karl Eckerle announced that Chris Barringer, who has a hanger next to the EAA building, has several R/C planes for sale. His dad was in the hobby and was a previous club member. The planes are old, but in decent shape. Chris can be reached at 989-435-4033.
14. Ray Ruzsala made a motion to change the field combination, effective Jan 1, 2015. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn.
15. Chris Hawkins showed some lightweight Mylar covering sold by Hobby King. This material has very similar properties and appearance ultracoat lite, but much less expensive.
16. The indoor flying season at SVSU's Ryder Center has begun. The events are posted on Roger's Hobby website.
17. For show and tell Fred Schulz brought out several very nice looking foam ducted fan jets. All these models are ARF's and were purchased from bananahobby.com.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Gavit on Nov 7, 2014.

Flying Field Regulations

- A. All applicable AMA, FCC and MRCM club rules apply to all pilots and spectators.
- B. This field is for use of only Midland Radio Control Modelers Club members and their guests who are current AMA members. A MRCM club member must be present and is responsible for their guests at the field.
- C. Spectators and children must remain behind the cedar fence and are not allowed in the pit area. Spectators and children are welcome to sit at the picnic tables.

- D. All members and guests not certified as “pilot” may fly only with guidance and help of a MRCM club certified instructor.
- E. No flying behind the pilot line, over the pits, over the spectator area, or over the parking area.
- F. No flying over the Dow landfill.
- G. No flying during mowing of any part of the flying field
- H. No taxiing in the pit area.
- I. All transmitters must meet current FCC standards.
- J. All 72 MHz transmitters must be placed in the impound area with antenna collapsed and switch off during sanctioned events or at the discretion of the contest director.
- K. Pilots must have the proper frequency control pin during all operations with the transmitter (72 MHz only). Pin use will rotated amongst pilots when more than one pilot wishes to use a frequency.
- L. Courtesy will prevail at the pilot line, pit area and spectator area.
- M. Practice good housekeeping at all times.
- N. All RC engines are required to have a muffler.
- O. Model planes will yield to full-scale aircraft at all times.
- P. All cars must be parked in the designated parking area.

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Document Revision History

Date	Change
10/31/2014	Section I. Eliminate gold sticker requirement for transmitters Section J. Change requirement to apply to 72 MHz transmitters only Section K. Change requirement to apply to 72 MHz transmitters only

BY-LAWS OF MIDLAND RADIO CONTROL MODELERS CLUB, INC.

Section 1.0 A club by-law proposal, modification, or repeal may be offered at any meeting or by any member with voting rights.

Section 2.0 If the club by-law proposal, modification, or repeal is affirmed by two other members with voting rights, the motion may be discussed and acted upon at that meeting.

Section 3.0 A club policy statement will be considered passed which receives a majority of votes of the voting members present and voting at the relevant meeting.

Section 4.0 Any changes to Club policy statements shall be published in the club newsletter.

CLUB BY-LAWS

Subject: **Membership Dues and Fees.**

Yearly dues shall be as follows:

Regular Member	\$40
Junior Member	\$10
Family Member	\$0
News Letter Editor	\$0
Webmaster	\$0
Honorary Member	\$0

Regular members shall also pay a \$20 mowing fee unless exempt as specified in the mowing policy.

Subject: **Mowing**

The field manager shall be responsible for enforcing the mowing policy. All regular members shall pay a mowing fee unless specifically exempted by one of the following:

- A. Medical reasons
- B. Attained the age of 65 years or older at the start of the dues year and chooses not to mow. May mow for next year's dues credit.
- C. Newsletter Editor

No one, member or not, less than 18 years of age shall operate any mowing equipment on club grounds.

The field manager shall provide a sign-up sheet showing each week of the normal mowing season. Regular members wishing a mowing credit next year shall sign up for one of the openings. Second mowing sign up will be offered only after all members that have agreed to mow have been scheduled.

A log sheet will be posed at the mowing machine that shall be signed to receive mowing credit. A mower check sheet will also be posted at the mower in the storage building and must be completed each time the mower is used listing starting time, stopping time, date of use, name of operator and any problems with the mower. It shall be the responsibility of any member using the mower and encountering problems with the machine to notify the field manager in person or by phone as soon as possible.

The field manager shall maintain the gas supply and schedule the servicing of the mower. Regular maintenance of the mower shall be conducted by the field manager or someone designated by the field manager.

A reduction of following year's dues in the amount of \$20 will be credited to each member who mows the field once. After all members who are scheduled to mow and remaining dates on which mowing is required are

unfilled, members who have mowed once during the current year may fill the schedule and mow a second time for an additional \$10 credit on the following year's dues.

Subject: **Mandatory Flight Training**

Pilot: A person having their wings and being capable of flying radio controlled aircraft in a safe and responsible manner.

Student: A person desiring to learn how to fly radio controlled aircraft in a safe and responsible manner. A student may not fly alone or without the assistance of an authorized club instructor.

Pilot Qualification Test

Midland RC Modelers Club pilot wings are awarded by passing the "test for wings."

Safety must and will be a major concern at all times.

Pilot "Test for Wings"

1. Read and understand the AMA rules and regulations, and have a current AMA membership card.
2. Read and understand the club field rules and regulations and have a current MRCMC membership card.
3. Complete a thorough safety check of the aircraft.
4. Complete a safe and proper range check of the radio transmitter. (100 ft. min.)
5. Demonstrate a safe and proper engine start-up and check of all control surfaces.
6. Demonstrate a safe and proper taxi and take-off into the wind.
7. Demonstrate a procedural turn away from the pits.
8. Execute a level figure eight both left and right hand and a controlled loop.
9. Execute a level rectangular flight pattern (both left and right patterns).
10. Demonstrate trimming the aircraft in flight.
11. Execute a safe landing on the field.

The "Test for Pilot Wings" must be completed in a safe and responsible manner, in accordance with AMA and Club Field Regulations.

A student will not fly without an instructor present. To receive pilot wings, a club rated instructor must administer the test for pilot wings. The instructor will sign the candidate's club membership card as evidence of passing the Test for Pilot Wings. The newly rated pilot will be responsible for notifying the club secretary and the corresponding secretary with the date and name of the instructor administering the test, so that the club records can be updated.

The club will be responsible for the purchase of pilot wings from the AMA.

A pilot may offer to help others, but is not considered a flight instructor.

Instructor Qualification Test

The following instructor qualification test must be jointly administered by two MRCMC club instructors.

1. Instructor elect will advise examining instructors of basic field rules.
2. Instructor elect will go through a radio and plane pre-flight inspection.
3. Examiners will insure the trainer aircraft is out of trim.
4. Instructor elect will take the trainer off and trim the aircraft.
5. Using the buddy cord system, the examiner will take the slave transmitter and the instructor elect will use the master transmitter. The examiner will run through basic novice errors in flight and instructor elect will compensate for each error.
6. Inverted flight across the field will be performed by the instructor elect.
7. The instructor elect will perform a dead stick landing on the field.
8. The instructor elect shall be able to demonstrate basic aerobatics.

The instructor rating will only be awarded after:

- A. Passing the Instructors Qualification Test and having the two examining club rated instructors signature on the instructor elect's club membership card.

If the instructor elect does not pass the instructors qualification test, the instructor elect may repeat the MRCMC instructor qualifying process after 30 days.

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Here are some photos from the First Annual Hahnfeld Invitational Float Fly:





