

Club Meeting – Oct 2, 2018

members and guests present - 19

Fargo Air Museum

Checking - \$3,655.50

Savings - \$1,285.06

TOTAL - \$4,940.56

President Mark Pueppke expressed his disappointment about the September board meeting which he was not able to attend. He felt the board's approval for removing some trees on the north end was too big a change to do without first informing the membership and having a vote on it. As a result he intervened and contacted the person to do the tree removal and put a hold on that action.

A general discussion ensued regarding the club's history on this subject (role of the board as acting on the behalf of the membership) as well as the club charter on how changes should be made. Changes should be on the agenda and sent out ahead of time, so members know a major item will be dealt with at the meeting. Everyone at the meeting seemed to be in general agreement.

As a result, a motion was made, seconded and passed to rescind the tree removal motion from the board meeting.

Items mentioned as needing attention:

- Drains should be connected and made to work.
- Paint shelter
- New yard light fixture
- Funds for repairs of equipment

Ken mentioned the Air Show was going to give us \$500 but he thinks he talked them into \$1,000

Ideas for Fun Flies: better communication and coordination of flights. To make it safer.

- Hard to communicate – use ping pong paddles to communicate taking off and landing, spotter must see this.
- Bring pilot together to center of field to enhance communication.
- Bring plane to center to fly.
- 15 minutes per hour for helicopters and 3D
- Enforce having a spotter
- Integration of all aircraft types
- Fixed wings are further out than helis or 3D
- Set parking and safety fence to locations where it encourages people to congregate in the middle.
- **Use rudder** to deal with cross wind

- Quads and FPV should have spotter
- Gazebo frequency board enforced communication and sequencing of flights. Since we don't have that now with 2.4Ghz radios, we should find another way to accomplish this

We need to come up with a master plan for the club field.

- Prioritized items
- Improve safety
- Improve communication
- Enforce basic rules
- Mission is to accommodate all aircraft types.
- Heli, 3D, etc. don't want to be segregated. Want to visit with all pilots. In the past, agreed for helis to fly fixed wing pattern and set aside time for special flying.
- Need to change the field and the way we operate. Update the way we do things. For safety and to bring more people out there.
- In the past, the pattern was over east edge of field, not over the runway, so runway is open for takeoff and landing.
- Communication is more important than the actual pattern to prevent problems.
- People don't use flight stations. Fly from anywhere. Limiting the number of flight stations, enforcing that the flight stations be used, using spotters, lining up for use of flight stations all could help when the field is busy like at fun flies.
- Safety coordinator at FF used to walk the flight line throughout the day and remind, educate pilots of the safety rules, look for and avoid trouble before it happens.

#### FAA reauthorization

Some items that are in there that seem troublesome. This is likely to pass without being fixed.

- 400' limit everywhere
- Field outside class G needs authorization, permission
- Our field is outside this
- Marking on aircraft will be required?
- Blank check on writing new rules
- Remote ID, transmit ID info. Transponder
- Maybe can have fixed transponder for our field.
- Registration may change.
- 180 days of passing, we have to take test and pass

Moved, seconded and passed to create a committee for field master plan.

- Volunteers to show up at next board meeting at Labby's

Nominations for officers: This needs to be done by November but this is a start:

President – Ryan Johnson

Vice President – Dean Gary

Treasurer – Paul K

Secretary – Ron Landman

Safety -

Member at large – Ken L

Member at large – Mark P, Kim O

Some items from the charter about club elections:

- Nominations in November
- Voting in December
- Minimum of 10% members present
- Proxy voting not allowed
- Vacancies filled by Board with approval of majority of members
- Maximum of 10 years in a position

Future meeting possibility

Bob Miller in Casselton – agreed to present at a meeting either here or in his hangar.  
February?