

Board Meeting - May 15, 2018

7 members present - Ryan J, Ryan J, Dick V, Ron L, Paul K, Jeff S, Adam S

Checking - \$2,314.14

Savings - \$1,284.86

TOTAL - \$3,599.00

AGENDA Items:

1. Mower purchase – Purchase complete. The used Scag 60” mower was acquired for \$5,150. An additional \$150 was spent on maintenance, repairs, oil, etc. The mower is at the field in the shed. The two old riding mowers have been removed to be sold if possible.
2. Pilot Stations – It was confirmed that the design will be a straight fence ~8’ long for each station. No side protection.
3. Greg Wentz – Patti, Greg’s wife told Mark that there is ~\$300 from funeral cards that she wishes to donate to the club in Greg’s honor since the club was so important to him. The club members agreed that the club should use the money for something more permanent as a memorial to Greg. Ideas included: air compressor, pressure washer, new airplane weathervane. No decision was made.
4. Spring Clean Up Day – There was a good turn out for clean up on April 28, about 15 people. Thanks to all that came out. The field was rerolled. The runway was also rolled with the large roller and it worked quite well. Tractors and pull behind mower serviced and running.
5. regional qualifier, MultiGP drone race, June 23 – Forgot to discuss this at the meeting but the plan is still - the board approved the use of the field for this event. Some portion of the entry fees will potentially be donated to the club. The club will provide lunch concessions.
6. Prizes for Fun Fly – Mark has gotten limited commitments but is recommending checking with local merchants. We talked about the need to allocate money for prizes and getting them ordered since we cannot get them locally.
7. Paint Shelter – as funds allow
8. Air Show participation – We would like to have a static display again. Ron to attend Air Show meeting and request our participation.
9. Wentz family intention (not a request?) – some type of ceremony to honor Greg. Mostly family event.
10. ANNOUNCEMENT – Jeff Stremick presented a check to the VRCF club for \$1,601.03 as a matching funds donation for the mower recently purchased on behalf of both the Red River Valley Show Team and the Big Dogs. Along with this he stated that the bank accounts for both of those organizations have been closed out.  
Jeff, Dick and Paul were able to recap some of the history of the clubs for the benefit of new

members. The Red River Valley Show team formed as a subset of club members to perform aerial shows at local fairs, air shows, etc. At that time these events were willing to pay for these shows and this was a source of income for the Team. Over the years fewer events were willing to fund these shows and some competition also existed. The AMA laid down some hard rules about these team that made it difficult to qualify. Those that did faced some opposition from professional show teams that felt like their turf was being infringed upon. In any case over the years of many successful shows the Team generated enough income to cover their costs and to make donations to the VRCF club. Items donated over the years included:

- Fence
- Red riding mower
- Blue steel for the buildings
- PA and sound system
- Telemaster and Parachute guy
- Other items that fail the corporate memory

The Big Dogs was a special interest group, also a subset of VRCF members and maybe some others. It was initially associated with IMAA which is now out of existence. This group held their own Fun Fly each year for people with “big” airplane models. This was a new and growing area of the hobby at the time. Since then the larger models and their pilots have integrated into the regular clubs and events. The Big Dogs used our field for their events and in return they donated airplane kits and other really nice items to our Fun Fly each year.

So, hats off to those members of these elite groups and thanks for all the fun and support you brought to the hobby locally. I suppose quad drone racing is like that now and who knows that will be next!