

VRCF Board Meeting – Oct 16, 2018

Board members and guests present - 7

Labby's Grill on 19th Ave N.

Balances from Oct 2 club meeting:

Checking - \$3,655.50

Savings - \$1,285.06

TOTAL - \$4,940.56

GENERAL TOPICS

- Ken L presented VRCF club a check for \$1,000 from the Fargo AirSho committee.
- The club bylaws on website for all to review and become familiar
- There is a 10-year term limit on any office enshrined in the bylaws. This is not an indictment of the long-term office holders but a policy put into the bylaws for good governance.
- Officer's roles
- Continuity of ideas, ongoing activities, etc. should be passed from president to president and board to board each year
- Moorhead Adult Community Ed. The next catalog is due out in Dec – we need to have our input for a course by early November.
The board members agreed to host a one session class for ~2 hours. We can charge something for it if we wish. \$10 was suggested. We'd like to do it in March at the elementary school in Moorhead.
The class would include – Introduction to RC, examples of aircraft and types of flying, simulators, and more.
- It was suggested that could do a Mall show similar to what we used to at West Acres or Moorhead Center Mall. There was enough interest to have someone (Dick V) look into it with Moorhead Center Mall. It was also discussed that we could maybe combine it with a indoor quad copter race in the old Herberger's if that is possible. This would create excitement and bring more people out. Maybe in Jan / Feb.
- Christmas Party – The traditional place Pizza Ranch is OK but it might be nice to consider something different just for a change. We are open to ideas and will collect them at November meeting.
- Yard light – we need to replace the one on the shelter that is burned out. We think an LED light might be a good choice. Ron to look into it.
- Winter flying – no one knows of anything so far. The quad guys have something they "might" be able to get for us one time??
- The Feb meeting will be held in Bob Miller's hangar in Casselton
- We'd like to forward all emails to club to all board members. Ron to look into doing this from the VRCFsecretary account.

FIELD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The board decided that the board members would be the initial members for the Field Update committee. Other members are welcome to join. All members are empowered to give input on committee proposals and recommendations and to vote on any changes before they occur.

An extensive discussion occurred regarding need for changes, priorities, master plan, specific ideas for changes to individual items, etc. It was agreed that the committee shall create a list of items to share with the club members to get their input and priority ratings.

Some ideas are general categories of areas to address. Other ideas are specific change suggestions that should fit into one or more of the general categories.

General Categories (Principles):

- A. SAFETY – all changes should enhance the safety of the members, guests, and the club property.
- B. INCLUSION – the goal of the club is to accommodate all the various types of flying the hobby offers. The master plan and accompanying changes should not unduly limit the enjoyment of some types of flying.
- C. MASTER PLAN – all changes should fit within the context of a master plan. Changes should not only address a specific need but work with the bigger picture of all changes for the foreseeable future. One change to address one need should not conflict with another need, a plan to address both needs should exist before making the first need.
- D. FINANCIAL Planning – estimates of costs should accompany all planned changes. Plans to meet the financial needs should be included; general fund, special fundraising, donations, other.
- E. CULTURE OF SAFETY AND FUN - Club events and everyday flying – Many of the changes will be meant to be especially geared towards Fun Fly events when we have many guests that are not familiar with our field and operating procedures. Some of these may not be necessary for everyday flying with only a few pilots present, however, everyday use of the field should engender a culture of safety and courtesy that is enjoyed by all and sets a great example for other club members and guests.
- F. COMMUNICATION – changes should include ideas to enhance communication between pilots sharing the field. Since our field is so long, communication from one end to the other can be a problem. The old frequency board/gazebo had the effect of bringing pilots into close proximity to each other and facilitated communication.

GENERAL IDEAS

- I. Some ideas can be “tried out” initially at Fun Flies by, for instance, setting up temporary fencing, flight stations and / or painting runways, taxiways, staging areas, starting areas, etc. on the grass with appropriate grass-safe paint. After these ideas are fine tuned or discarded, the master plan can be updated to take this experience into account.
- II. Ideas and proposals should be brought to the membership and ask for their input on

prioritization of items.

III. Maintain the list of ideas, don't let it die out.

IV.

SPECIFIC IDEAS – that could be put into the master plan to meet the above Principles

1. Eliminate pilot stations
2. Replace pilot stations with a length of low fence that congregates pilot together for better communication
3. Extend safety fence all the way to the north end
4. Move safety fence east to allow more parking
5. Remove some trees to allow more trailer and vehicle parking all along the length of the field
6. Use colored ping pong paddles (spotter) to communicate to others that you are taking off or landing (to be seen by other spotters)
7. All pilots must bring planes to a central area and queue up to fly (during busy Fun Flys) and take turns
8. Limit the number of flight stations or active pilots at any time so people aren't flying anything from anywhere
9. Enforce using spotters
10. Set aside some time (~15minutes) each hour during a Fun Fly for helis, quads, and 3-D airplanes to fly. This could be dependent on the number of these types of pilots are present.
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