

Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society

Minutes from Jan. 6, 2009 Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Brent Brennan	Gene Elkins	Corky Fain
Durwin Fletcher	Gary Fletcher	Kris Frost
James Gibson	Owen Gibson	Ron Hipp
Ken Isaac	Larry Kruse	Jack McKinnis
Gene Wallock		

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and announced a change in the meeting agenda postponing the treasurer's report until further into the meeting due to the anticipated late arrival of Treasurer Brent Brennan. The December minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Corky Fain and a second by Chip Gibson.

Old Business:

1. *Dues*—President Isaac reminded everyone that club dues are now past due. The new combination to the gate will be given to individuals when their dues are paid. In addition to club dues, 2009 AMA dues must also be paid in order to have access to the flying field. As noted in the club charter, conditions for membership to LAFFS starts with being an AMA member and having the benefit of AMA's liability insurance. At this time, President Isaac noted that there are 21 paid memberships with one or two more anticipated.
2. *Holiday get-together*—The club's first Holiday get-together at the Golden Corral on December 16th was deemed a success with a total of 24 members, wives, and family members in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet members' families and others who support/tolerate our love of the hobby. During the course of the evening, President Isaac announced that he had established two awards that he would like to become annual presentations. The first was the "Outstanding Club Member Award" which was presented to Steve Jakubiszyn for all of the time and effort he put in building the starting stations and the ramp to the storage trailer. The second award was the "Most Improved Flyer" award which went to Owen Gibson, who, under the tutelage of his Dad, has become one of the better flyers in the club in just one season. Both awards were presented as framed certificates and were accompanied by a \$50 gift certificate to Tower Hobbies. The presentation of the awards met with a great deal of approval for two deserving members!
3. *Treasurer's report*—With the arrival of Treasurer Brent Brennan, the monthly treasurer's report was given, showing a bank balance of \$2278.06 with some small bills yet to pay. Treasurer Brennan said that there may also be additional club dues coming in, as well as raffle proceeds, that would be reflected in next month's report. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously on a motion by Chip Gibson and second by Gene Wallock.

NewBusiness:

1. *Membership drive*—President Isaac led a discussion concerning activities to attract new members. It was noted that although 21 paid members exceeded the renewal goal of 20 members as the club starts its second year, growth was an important part of any club's vitality and well-being. Durwin Fletcher mentioned an economical way to advertise the club might be through the Thrifty Nickel shopper. Other activities mentioned included stories about the club in the Lawton Constitution, the Ft. Sill Cannoneer, and the Cameron University Collegian. Larry Kruse volunteered to do several stories and photos for publication in those newspapers, as well as doing a story for *Model Aviation* magazine on the establishment of the field. He will need photos, so if anyone has taken any photos of their activities at the field, please forward them to him. Other ideas mentioned included a mall show this spring, participating in the Armed Forces Day Parade, and posters at appropriate locations at Ft. Sill to make modelers in the military aware of the club. Details on these activities will be forthcoming at future club meetings.
2. *Crosswind runway project*—Discussion had taken place in previous club meetings about the possibility of establishing a crosswind runway at the south end of the field, running east and west for occasions when winds blew from those directions. Gary Fletcher said he would need to look at the location, but that he felt that his equipment would work for leveling the grass humps and small erosion cuts just as it did for the main runway before it was installed. Consensus was that after there was some rain on the field and the weather gets better he and other club members would check on the feasibility. There was some additional discussion that perhaps a fast-growing grass could be planted on the location if the decision was made to go ahead with the project.
3. *Project ideas for 2009*—Since the club is now firmly established, several members expressed an interest in doing some club projects this year, both as promotional events for the club and to get involved with some of the other clubs in area towns. Suggestions included inviting neighboring clubs to a fun-fly, acquiring club hats and shirts, and coming up with patches for our logo. There was some interest in exploring a club combat event with coroplast SPAD airplanes that could be cheaply made and were fairly crash resistant. Decisions about a viable project or projects will be made in up-coming club meetings with further discussion and ideas presented.
4. *Show and tell*—Larry Kruse mentioned that since all club members were involved in building projects and/or had special skills they might be willing to share with other members, we might think about including a “show and tell” segment in the club meetings. Ron Hipp had made the mistake of bringing his brand-new Nitro Pro T-Rex 600 3D helicopter to the meeting. He was immediately drafted as the first “show and tell”. Ron did a terrific job explaining the functional parts of the helicopter and how they worked and answering questions. His topics included the machine's electronics; the engine and drive train; collective pitch; the function of the gyro; and the difference between governors and speed controls. Thanks for a very enlightening session, Ron!

Raffle Winners:

The evening raffle winners were:

Corky Fain—Megaplex electric bipe (donated by Brent Brennan)

Chip Gibson—Mega Tech indoor electric bipe (donated by Larry Kruse)

Jack McKinnis—balsa wood bundles (donated by Durwin Fletcher)

Larry Kruse—balsa wood bundles (donated by Durwin Fletcher)

Young Mr. Fletcher—Estes Rocket kit (unknown donor)

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Brent Brennan and a second by Corky Fain—and everyone else.