

Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society

Minutes from Oct. 7, 2008 Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Jerry Chinnow	Gene Elkins	Corky Fain
Durwin Fletcher	Gary Fletcher	Ken Isaac
Steve Jakubiszyn	Larry Kruse	Marty Martinez
Jack McGinnis	John Minter	Paul Phillips
Trevor Strupp	Gene Wallock	

Guests: Jim Nix and Richard Doye

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with 12 members and two guests in attendance. New member John Minter was welcomed. John flies mostly electric power and has a quarter scale Cub that will grace the field in the near future.

Minutes from the September 2, 2008 meeting were forwarded to members electronically before the meeting and were unanimously approved with no changes or corrections. Gene Wallock made the motion for approval and Steve Jakubiszyn seconded.

In the absence of treasurer, Brent Brennan, President Isaac presented the treasurer's report indicating that the club has a total of \$1,577.11 in the treasury as of Oct. 6, 2008 and will benefit from the October monthly meeting auction proceeds and indoor fun-fly proceeds which will be reflected in the November treasurer's report. Approval of the treasurer's report was included in the motion to accept the minutes.

Old Business:

1. *Fall clean up*—President Isaac reminded everyone of the Fall Clean-Up Day scheduled at the field on Saturday, Oct. 11 to prepare the field for the winter. In addition to patching the runway cover and ramps, there will be a need to make sure the staples that hold the covering down are intact and in good condition. Also, existing stripes will be painted out and "X"s will be painted at both ends of the runway as safety precautions for full-scale aircraft. Other chores will include disposing of the trash in the trash barrels and cleaning up around the pit area.
2. *Ramp to storage trailer*—Discussion continued about constructing a ramp to the storage trailer so that mowers and other equipment can be stored there. Steve Jakubiszyn said he had gathered most of the material to make the ramp. Steve was thanked again by several members for his construction and donation of the flying station stands that are now being used regularly. He said he had shelves almost ready to mount on the stands to hold field boxes and flight equipment. Mention was also made of the possibility of constructing a dirt ramp. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3. *Indoor fun-fly format*—Larry Kruse reported that the monthly indoor fun-fly activities at Cameron Physical Fitness Center have been successful. The fewest number of flyers has been 7 and the largest number has been 12. Larry asked if there was interest in continuing the “event” activities in addition to open flying since most seemed to prefer open flying. Consensus was reached that there might be interest in running events once or twice a year, but most were happy with open flying, since the events took up a lot of open flying time. Members indicated that they were interested in keeping the once-a-month scheduling for indoor. Based on that response, Larry said he would work with Cameron officials to get a flying schedule established for 2009.

New Business:

1. *Swap meets*—President Isaac announced that there are two swap meets scheduled in the area, both on October 25. The Wichita Falls R/C club will be hosting their annual event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wichita Falls, and The Realm hobby shop in Moore will be holding their swap meet in their parking lot in Moore.
2. *Dues decisions*—President Isaac reminded everyone that annual club dues will be payable at the end of November. After some discussion, Corky Fain moved and Steve Jakubiszyn seconded, that dues remain at \$100 for the year. There will be a grace period from the time dues are payable until January 1, 2009 before the combination is changed on the gate and the new combination given to paid-up members.

There was some additional discussion about the method for assessing dues to new members who join the club during the course of the year. Larry Kruse suggested that those members be charged a lump sum equivalent to \$10 per month for the period of the year remaining between the time they join and the end of November. At that time, they will pay annual dues in the same manner as other club members. Larry’s suggestion was made into a motion, seconded by Jerry Chinnow and Paul Phillips, and passed unanimously. Wording reflecting the assessment of partial year dues will be presented at the November meeting for insertion into the club by-laws.
3. *Spring membership drive*—President Isaac introduced the topic of a spring membership drive in order to foster continued growth of the club. Several possible activities were discussed, with discussion scheduled to continue into the first of the new year. The idea was met with a positive response, culminating in a motion by Corky Fain and a second by Jack McGinnis that the club will sponsor a membership drive in the spring with specific activities to be determined in future meetings. The motion passed unanimously.
4. *Runway expansion*—Larry Kruse suggested that considering an east/west addition to the runway might be useful, since when the winds are light on the field they typically do not come from the north or south, but rather across the runway. There was general agreement that the idea was worthwhile, and Gary and Durwin Fletcher mentioned that they might have the equipment to smooth out an additional section of the field. The consensus was that it probably would be too

expensive to lay down a cover similar to the existing runway, but that scraping an area and planting grass might be feasible. No action was taken, but the idea will continue to be explored in the early spring.

5. *Holiday Gathering*—President Isaac suggested that a holiday gathering with wives, family, and significant others might be something the club would like to undertake this year, particularly given the great amount of success the group has had in forming a club and getting a flying field established, all within the space of a year. The members present were very much in favor of such an event. Subsequent to the meeting, President Isaac scheduled the LAFFS Holiday Gathering at the Golden Corral on December 16 and 6:00 p.m. Further details will be provided at the next regularly scheduled club meeting in November.
6. *November meeting date*—Due to the unsubstantiated rumor of a national Presidential election taking place on the regularly scheduled meeting date, President Isaac moved the next regularly meeting of the Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society to November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lawton Library.

Raffle Winners:

The evening raffle winners were:

John Minter—Morris Hobbies .60 Sport/Stunt, United States markings (donated by Durwin Fletcher)

Trevor Strupp—Morris Hobbies .60 Sport/Stunt, Russian markings (donated by Durwin Fletcher)

Larry Kruse—Hobbico volt meter (club donation)

Gene Elkins—Aluminum transmitter case (club donation)

Richard Doye—Fiberglass repair material (donated by Larry Kruse)

All raffle ticket purchases go into the club treasury and will be reflected in the next month's treasurer's report. A special thanks to Durwin Fletcher for his generous donations of three airplanes in the last three months!

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. on a motion by Corky Fain, seconded by Gene Wallock.

