

## Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society

Minutes for July 14, 2009 Meeting

### Members in Attendance:

Brent Brennan	Jerry Chinnow	Gene Elkins
Corky Fain	Gary Fletcher	Colin Fletcher
Kris Frost	Ken Isaac	Steve Jakubiszyn
Larry Kruse	Don Pflueger	Paul Phillips
Gene Wallock	Clem Wehner	

President Ken Isaac opened the meeting with the above members present at 6:15 p.m. He noted that although there were no minutes to be approved for the June meeting due to not having a quorum, those who were there had a good discussion about computer radio set-up and a good raffle give-away. The May minutes were approved on a motion by Corky Fain, seconded by Don Pflueger. Treasurer Brent Brennan reported that the treasury balance was \$2422.33 as of the meeting date, with some small bills outstanding.

### Old Business:

1. *Crosswind runway*—Discussion took place regarding the steps necessary to establish a crosswind runway at the south end of the existing north/south runway. Given the condition of the ground and the availability of volunteers during the remainder of the summer, Larry Kruse moved to table the item until the September meeting. Paul Phillips seconded and the motion passed.
2. *Field maintenance day*—President Isaac noted that the field is in good enough condition at this time that periodic mowing is the only maintenance needed at this point. He also expressed appreciation for the great turn-out at the last mowing session and agreed to continue to notify members by e-mail in advance as mowing is required. Brent Brennan asked about filling the low spot at the north end of the runway. Consensus was that the low spot is part of the natural drainage of the land and that filling the spot would not be practical for that reason.

### New Business:

1. *Indoor flying schedule*—Larry Kruse reported that the indoor sessions at Cameron University would be suspended during July and August due to the small turn-out in May and June. He said he had been in contact with officials at the University and was working on a new flying schedule that would begin in September after people were through with summer family activities and vacations. Although no price had been set for each session, he felt that the current \$50.00 per evening would be continued. The new dates for September through December will be presented at the August club meeting.
2. *Establishment of permanent shade for the field*—President Isaac led a discussion concerning the possibility of securing some kind of permanent shade for the field,

- similar to the shaded bleacher area at Ft. Sill. Brent Brennan said he was purchasing a metal covered shade for his car at his office and suggested that a similar type of structure might be feasible for the field. He indicated the price range was in the neighborhood of \$800, depending on the size of the structure. After some additional discussion, Corky Fain volunteered to check on what might be available and bring the particulars back to the August meeting.
3. *Purchase of new field windsock*—President Isaac threw himself on the mercy of the club membership for reimbursement of the unauthorized purchase of a nice orange windsock to replace the current windsock which has all of the physical features and utility of a dead rodent. After much grumbling, the membership reluctantly and unanimously voted to reimburse him. Corky Fain volunteered to get it installed on the existing pole.
  4. *Club fun fly and cookout*—There was discussion amongst the membership about a fun fly and family cookout to be scheduled at the field during the fall after temperatures cooled to a comfortable degree. The idea met with favor and the consensus was to set a date for such an event during a subsequent monthly meeting.
  5. *Noise complaint*—The membership was made aware of a complaint that was made to the Comanche County Sherriff's Department about excessive engine noise coming from the field during morning hours. An unknown and unnamed complainant had called the Sherriff's Department and said that model airplanes were overflying his house and the noise was keeping him from sleeping. The officer who responded to the call was very polite and simply indicated that he was following up on the complaint. He did note while he was at the field that he really did not understand the complaint since he was there while at least two planes were in the air and the noise did not appear excessive. After some further discussion regarding a resolution to the problem, President Isaac reminded everyone that above all we want to be considered good neighbors, and that flying outside the boundaries of the field should not be happening. In particular, he cautioned everyone to avoid overflying the fence boundaries to the east and the west where homes are located in relatively close proximity to the field.

### **Show and Tell:**

Larry Kruse brought a newly finished Early Nostalgia free flight design of a Canadian model called the "Provincial", which he had just completed for the up-coming Free Flight Nationals to be held in Muncie, Indiana at the end of the month. The model featured a clockwork engine timer, and a 1952 vintage Spitfire .049 engine, similar to the one he used in demonstrating engine cleaning techniques at the May meeting.

### **Raffle Winners and Adjournment:**

Monthly raffle winners were Paul Phillips, Corky Fain, Larry Kruse, and Kris Frost. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be on Aug. 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library.

