

LIFT Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

In Attendance: Larry and Carolyn Storie, Bob and Barb Robinson, Frank Pfeiffer, Gordon Grimm, Peter Baumler, Ted Lanham, Fred Page, Ken Shaw, Amy Peterson.

Guest present was Mike Shaw. (became a member during meeting)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. at the Hayloft.

Moment of Silence: Larry began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Joe McFarland who passed away November 27, 2018. Joe will be greatly missed.

Finance Report: Frank reported that all bills are paid and the field rent has been paid for 2019. The current checking account balance is \$2,180. Moved by Ken to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

Minutes: Barbara amended the minutes of November 20 to include Amy Peterson as in attendance. Moved by Larry to approve the minutes of November 20 as amended; seconded by Frank. Motion carried.

Old Business: Larry began with a report on the status of the club and how the club can be made financially viable. Reviewed was the approximate cost per year of \$1500, which includes field rental, port a potty rental, appropriate licenses or registrations, sanctions and trophies for contests, and field mowing. Not included in this estimate is any cost of mower repair and upkeep. The cost of contests is about \$50 for sanctions and trophies. In looking at the amount dues generates annually, the club needs to make at least \$600 to generate the \$1500. Larry raised the question of whether LIFT is going to remain a winch/glider field. There are two other clubs in the area that are primarily power clubs, however, we could possibly fly electric launch with their clubs.

Peter proposed allowing drones at the field and proposed to fly the drones on Wednesday nights, along with sailplanes. Peter feels allowing drone flying at the field and introducing them to sailplanes may generate additional helpers and/or participation in the contests. Larry expressed that any proposal to the owner of the field to allow drones must be done through Frank as the contact. Larry also proposed that drones be restricted to 50' within the perimeter of the field and that drones and sailplanes not be mixed in a specific area. Larry requested that a set of rules be drawn up for consideration of the membership and prior to any contact by Frank with the owner of the field. This also needs to include a clarification of the reasons to incorporate drones into the club.

Recess: The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened following general discussion.

Amy moved to take the motion made in November off the table. The motion was to table the motion on contest dates to see if we can come up with alternative methods to increase membership. Seconded by Gordy. Vote on the motion: Aye – Gordy, Amy, Peter, Fred, Ted, Bob, Mike; Nay – Frank, Larry, Barb. Motion carried. Fred, Peter and Amy committed to working one day of any contest held. Frank, Larry, Ken, Bob and Barb, and Ted always work both days of any contest.

Amy commented she was in favor of a motion to appoint workers in January prior to her leaving the meeting.

A proposed sign-up sheet that clarifies the jobs needed to run a contest was reviewed and discussed. Fred raised concern that there was no point in signing up for duties at contests if Barb, Bob, and Ken would not commit to continuing with club membership and running the contests. Barb and Bob said they would run a June contest if there was sufficient help as needed on the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet was passed around and it is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Moved by Larry to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Ken. Carried.

Respectively Submitted: Barbara Robinson, Secretary