

**Mount Pleasant Model Aircraft Club**  
October 15, 2013 Monthly Meeting  
Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport Conference Room

Members Present: George Jennings, Susie Harper, John Harper, Norm Eifler, Al Haynes, Randy Gibson, Monte Stratton, Peter Knorr (new member)

Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m. by George Jennings, covering for Brian Krulicki.

- Minutes for the September 2013 meeting were presented. Motion by Al to approve the August minutes, seconded by John. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance as of August 2013: \$834.64, no income, no expenses, current balance \$834.64. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Susie, seconded by Norm. Motion carried.
- George announced that we have a new member who joined our club this evening: Peter Knorr. Welcome to our group!
- Extensive discussion took place regarding our mower situation. George and Al spoke with Tony at Doug's Small Engine, and reported Tony offered \$650 trade-in for our large mower and \$550 trade-in for our small mower, for a total trade-in value of \$1200. George passed around a quote from Doug's Small Engine with specifications for four possible models to consider, all Cub Cadet Twins, along with a handout outlining financial facts pertaining to funding the purchase of a new mower. The prices for the four models are as follows (all plus sales tax): \$2199 for model LTX 1050, \$2299 for model LGT 1050, \$2599 for model LGT 1054, and \$2695 for model LGTX 1054. The first two models above have a 50" mower deck, and the last two models above have a 54" mower deck. While purchasing a new mower would mean trading-in our two existing mowers, leaving us with only one mower to use, having a new mower would mean we would likely go 8-10 years trouble-free based on our mower use frequency and field conditions. As George reported, time is of the essence. We need to make a commitment while we can take advantage of this trade-in offer. If we proceed we would do the deal now and we would store our old mowers in the shed until spring, at which time Doug's Small Engine would deliver the new mower and pick up the old ones. This way our warranty period on the new mower would begin at the time the new mower is delivered so we would not waste warranty coverage over the winter when we would not be using the new mower.
- Extensive discussion also took place regarding funding options for a new mower. Even factoring in the generous trade-in amounts from Doug's Small Engine, plus using part of our club funds, we still would need to come up with around \$1000 to make this purchase. Norm suggested we could ask members to donate to the cause (maybe ask a minimum amount from each person). George offered to take out a personal loan, then use member donations and the anticipated influx of funds from 2014 club dues to cover the loan payments. Peter suggested we offer Doug's Small Engine \$800 from club dues now, add that to the offered trade-in value, and pay the balance due in the spring when the mower would be delivered. After further discussion of the mower we felt best fit our needs and funding options available to us, Norm made a motion that we purchase mower model LGT 1054 for \$2599, seconded by Monte. Motion carried. With respect to funding this purchase, George proposed amending the purchase motion to include the \$1200 trade-in offer, using \$550 from club funds, and

George would take out a personal loan to cover the remaining purchase price, using member donations and dues from the upcoming year to make the loan payments. John made a motion to accept George's proposed amendment to the purchase motion, seconded by Norm. Motion carried.

- George reported that Milo contacted Brian about the use of the Baptist church for the once-monthly Saturday fun fly activities we have done in the past. Apparently the facility would only be available for October and November since Milo will be gone to Florida for the winter. We will have to make indoor arrangements elsewhere or see if something can be worked out with the Baptist church. Since we have customarily scheduled our indoor flying activity in the Baptist church on the third Saturday of the month, and that date in October would only be a few days away, we decided to forego scheduling an indoor fly during October. We will need to get a possible November date from Milo. Members are encouraged to investigate possible alternative indoor locations and report any findings to the group at our November meeting.
- Randy reported that MMRCHA is again hosting an indoor fun fly at Finch Fieldhouse on the CMU campus on Saturday, November 30. This is a fund raising activity to support Toys for Tots. More details will be forthcoming.
- Randy also reported that the AMA Executive Council has a meeting on Saturday, October 19, in Washington, D.C. He will let us know after that meeting of any issues pertaining to our club.
- With regard to elections for officers, since only one name was posted for each position, Al made a motion to accept the nominations as noted in the 9/17/13 minutes and declare those nominees as our club officers for the upcoming year, seconded by Norm. Motion carried. Accordingly, our officers for the next year are as follows: Brian Krulicki, President; Rick Harless, Vice President; George Jennings, Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations!
- Monte asked if we are still planning to cut down some of the trees from the north end of the field. Weather permitting, yes we still want to do so this fall, and asked that Brian get final clearance from the airport for this project.

Motion to adjourn by John, seconded by Monte. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susie Harper, covering for George Jennings