

Mount Pleasant Model Aircraft Club
July 15, 2014 Monthly Meeting
MPMAC Field

Members Present: Jim Whitehead, Doug Jennings, Norm Eifler, Milo Frisbie, Peter Knorr, Susie Harper, John Harper, George Jennings, Barry Kissoondial, Al Haynes, Rick Harless, Justin Waterman, Mark Szymczak, Monte Stratton

Meeting called to order by Vice President Rick Harless in absence of President.

- Since no minutes and Treasurer's Report from June were available, it was decided to postpone approval of both until next meeting which will be August 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the club field.
- The issue of club shirts for those who do not have them was discussed. John and Susie mentioned that they had ordered them from C&O for the Library Science Explosion event on July 19. Since the cost was extremely high, it was decided to explore other sources for shirts. Susie made a motion that John be appointed to investigate the issue and report back at the next meeting, seconded by Barry. Motion carried.
- Considerable time was spent discussing the Chippewa River District Library Science Explosion event on Saturday, July 19. Susie presented the story boards she had prepared for the event. Two were educational and about flying, and two were about MPMAC and included many photos of members' aircraft. All members were very impressed and gave her a round of applause! There was much discussion of the logistics of set up for the event, as well as how we would use our designated 11:00 a.m. time slot. All members were encouraged to show up, display models, and assist with interacting with the people who attend.
- The meeting over Memorial Day weekend with Tim Jesky, AMA District 7 Vice President, was discussed. Susie, John and George were in attendance. Meeting was very pleasant and Tim talked about AMA's goals about working with the hobby-based FPV program. Their goal is to try to educate pilots and also the general public since the drones have a negative image in the public eye. We also discussed the potential FAA ruling whereby they want to take over and regulate all aspects of model aviation, even though Congress passed legislation which says that they are NOT authorized to regulate model aviation. Some club members were a little confused as to how to respond to the rule making process and indicated they would appreciate some guidance. Most agreed that what the FAA is doing is just another example of government overreach!
- The issue of club trainers was brought up. Brian has the original and Rick reported that he has the servos installed in the new one and still needs to install the engine. Presumably we will soon have more information on progress.
- We talked about the July 4 gathering. Very successful, good food, lots of fun, great fireworks! Since July 4 went so well, it was decided to have a repeat performance on August 10. It will be a club picnic. Come out and fly all day, we will eat about 1:00 p.m., bring a dish to pass and your own steak, burger, dogs or brats.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is August 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the club field.

These minutes were a joint venture by Susie and George