

Mount Pleasant Model Aircraft Club
September 24, 2014 Monthly Meeting
MPMAC Field

Members Present: Jim Whitehead, Susie Harper, John Harper, Milo Frisbie, Norm Eifler, Barry Kissoondial, Doug Jennings, Al Haynes, Peter Knorr, Monte Stratton, Justin Waterman, Gary Miller.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer George Jennings in absence of President and Vice President.

- Since the minutes of the August meeting were electronically distributed for review, a motion was made by Al to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: beginning balance of \$632.44, dues income of \$120.00, hat expenditure of \$302.10, ending balance of \$450.34. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Norm, seconded by Milo. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Club hats were ordered on 9/11/14 and delivery will take approximately 2-3 weeks. Cost for each hat is \$10.00, and will likely be here at the next meeting. An e-mail will be sent out when the hats are available.
- After some discussion follow-up discussion from our last meeting we decided to proceed with ordering club t-shirts with our regular club logo screen printed on the back. The club will cover the set-up cost, and each member will pay up-front when we place the order. Remember, the prices we were quoted are based on us ordering a minimum of 24 shirts, and do not include sales tax. If we order fewer shirts, the prices will likely be a bit more. Susie will prepare an order form and either send it out to everyone, or bring it to the next meeting so we can figure out what to order.
- Picnic tables: Using a construction plan from John, Monte reported he has made one new table so far and plans on making a second table. He will advise us as to his costs.

New Business

There was quite a bit of discussion about some future projects for our field.

- Justin and Brian talked about the possibility of setting up a solar charging panel. Estimated costs are maybe \$300 or \$400, with a solar panel on the roof of the shed with one or two deep cells inside the building. We need to get more information and go from there.
- We also tossed around some thoughts on partial runway paving possibilities. Jim's Gladwin club has done something like this. He provided a general description of what they did, which cost them approximately \$1300. The Gladwin folks also had to do quite a bit of fill to level

the area. We talked about the need to accommodate all sizes and types of aircraft on our field, not to completely replace existing runways. There was general discussion about possible locations and the idea in general. One suggestion for us was to maybe try “scalping” (set mower lower) in a designated part of our existing runways to make for a shorter-grass runway surface for smaller planes, rather than pursuing the expense of installing a paving material. Something to think about for the future.

- There was some discussion about possible fundraising ideas. We could maybe host an event with a modest landing fee and provide some refreshments for sale, etc. Such an event would likely be an all-electric fly-in, and would require us to submit paperwork to AMA. Norm, Doug and John volunteered to be an idea-planning committee, and report back to the membership with some fundraising proposals.
- While we are too late for this year, do we want to do something next year for National Aviation Day? Maybe host a fun fly? Another thing to think about for the future, but if we do want to do something, early planning during the “off season” would be a good idea so we have time to fine-tune plans and promote our activity, rather than rushing at the last minute and forgetting something important.
- We talked about the encounter George, Susie and John had with Dave Cochran concerning the distant field mowing, foot traffic and those red markers. Dave has been retained by the airport to oversee deer control, which includes reporting unauthorized persons and activity on the airport property which surrounds our field. In addition to the problems with people knocking down fences to trespass, and one of the issues with the unauthorized mowing is that it exacerbates the deer problem by promoting the growth of what they eat, which encourages them to stay in the area thereby endangering runway traffic. With respect to those red markers, Dave told us that the markers are there to indicate gas line location and that the airport has no plans to expand the runway. He also asked us to give him a call to report any suspicious activity in that far field area. Dave’s phone number will be posted on the bulletin board inside our shed so we all know how to contact him.
- George shared a flyer for a swap shop sponsored by the Kent Radio AeroModelers, Inc. on Sunday, October 26.
- According to our club bylaws, club officer elections take place at the October meeting, with all nominations due by the close of the September meeting. At today’s meeting the following nominations were made for these positions: President: Brian Krulicki; Vice President: Rick Harless and George Jennings; Secretary/Treasurer: Susie Harper. Voting will take place by secret ballot at the October meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by John, seconded by Milo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting is October 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Airport terminal.

Minutes taken by Susie Harper, for George Jennings