

**Mount Pleasant Model Aircraft Club**  
January 17, 2015 Monthly Meeting  
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Members Present: Brian Krulicki, Susie Harper, John Harper, Milo Frisbie, Doug Jennings, Monte Stratton, Barry Kissoondial, Justin Waterman, Norm Eifler, Jon Beutler, George Jennings, Paul Baumann

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Brian Krulicki.

- The minutes of the last meeting were distributed. Motion to approve by George Jennings, seconded by John Harper. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$430.43, with income of \$177.33 from hat sales, dues and "extra" donations, no expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$607.76. Motion to approve report by Norm Eifler, seconded by Jon Beutler. Motion carried.
- We talked about our December Christmas gathering at the Ponderosa. There was a good turnout, with nice social interaction and of course great food. Many people were in favor of doing something like this more often, maybe quarterly? In fact, we decided to schedule our next "food fellowship" for Saturday, March 21. The plan is for anyone interested to meet for breakfast at the Big Boy at 8:30 a.m. (John Harper will make the reservation), then we can head over to the Baptist church and do some flying (starting at 10:00). We'll have our March club meeting that same day and place at 1:00, then anyone who feels so inclined can head over to Finch Field House and do some more flying (which runs until 5:00 that day).
- There was some discussion about the field winterizing that took place on Sunday, November 23. A hardy six people showed up that day, and we repaired fences, cleaned up the shed, put the mower to bed (thank you, Jon), and even managed to carry or drag the bleachers, picnic tables and all the field benches under the shelter. Hopefully these will be in better shape come springtime since they will be afforded at least some protection from the elements. A special thank you to George Jennings for treating us all to donuts and a hot drink at Tim Horton's afterward!
- On a related issue, after the ordeal of sweeping out the shed with our broken, foot-long handled broom during the winterizing gathering, a heartfelt request was made to buy a new broom for the club. Susie volunteered to make this purchase. Motion to approve this expenditure by John Harper, seconded by Milo Frisbie. Motion carried.
- On another related issue, Monte proposed we purchase extra blades for the mower. Paul Baumann will check out prices and we will revisit this issue later.
- There was more discussion about fundraising ideas. George talked about maybe doing an event like the Coldwater folks, charging a \$10.00 pilot fee for a two-day, sanctioned event. Could also include 50/50 drawings. Do we even want to consider something like that as a fundraiser? Apparently Gladwin did something like that and had a pretty low turnout. This kind of event would require a contest director and a \$60.00 sanction fee.

Justin proposed maybe doing an air show instead and selling food. Brian pointed out that selling food would require health department inspection and a sales tax license, both of which present a variety of problems. A suggestion was made that maybe we could arrange for the local Food Truck to be there to handle the food sales issue. George mentioned that having pre-packaged food available would eliminate the need for health department involvement. Another thought was to maybe charge spectators \$5.00 admission. We would also need some kind of PA system set up, and running power for this could be a problem. Would we want such an event to be electric and glow, or just electric, or what? For that matter, do we really want to actually do anything like this at all? John raised the question of whether any of our members have experience organizing this kind of event. George suggested consulting with the Coldwater group (Chuck Wilbur, 616-666-9218) and maybe we would be better off considering doing something next year. Monte raised the idea of possibly having a Fourth of July event. Lots of ideas and discussion here, but clearly we don't have a firm direction in mind at this point. The group agreed to table the fundraising activities conversation until the next month and continue our discussion then.

- Brian shared with us some great news about the Chippewa River District Library. Evidently this group was so impressed with our participation in their outdoor event last year in Sunnyside Park that they want us back again this year. They also want us to participate in their indoor event on Saturday, April 18, from 1:00-2:00 in the Annex Room in the library (the old post office). This would consist of us doing Night Vapor and small helicopter demo flying, probably re-using some of our story boards and maybe creating new ones, etc. This year's theme is "super heroes" so anything we can do to tie into their theme would be helpful. Brian strongly suggested that we find time to go to the library and take a look at the Annex Room so we all have a better idea of the size and configuration of the room. Wearing club shirts that day would be a great idea. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only promote MPMAC but to promote RC flying. Let's do our club proud and help make this a successful event for the library!
- Remember. our remaining flying dates in the Baptist church are Saturday, February 21 (club meeting at 1:00), and Saturday, March 21.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Beutler, seconded by George Jennings. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Next meeting is March 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Baptist church.

Minutes taken by Susie Harper, Secretary/Treasurer