

## **Minutes of the October 2004 Funtime Virginia Aero-Nuts RC Club Meeting**

Shelley Moore called the meeting to order at 9:06am. Robert Vest could not attend so John Walker filled in to read the minutes from the last meeting and take notes.

Members 10

Visitors 1

### **Communications**

- Members need to begin thinking about the upcoming election for new officers. Since the club is still new and with many things going on it was brought up to keep the current officers in place for another year if no other members were willing to step up. The “mentor/coach” idea would still apply to anyone willing to step up and become an officer. This way you could learn the position without the stress of trying to figure everything out on your own.
- 2005 IMAA Rally of Giants is scheduled to be held on August 25 through 28 in Danville, Virginia. It was suggested to plan a club trip to the event.
- It was also suggested for a club trip to the 2005 Joe Nall Memorial Fly In. We are unsure of the date at this time. Some club members have RV's and if those were used it would greatly reduce the cost for the trip. This will be discussed further in the November meeting.

### **Reading of the September Minutes**

- John Walker read the minutes from the September business meeting. Larry Tadlock made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Dave Wright. The motion was passed by those present.

### **Treasurers Report**

- John Walker read the treasury report as reported to him by Robert Vest.

Larry Tadlock made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Rodney Tolley. The notion was passed by those present.

### **Old Business**

- Shelley Moore wrote to the AMA and was referred to Mr. Caluff with the AMA. In an email reply to Shelly Mr. Caluff stated that RC air model do not hold exclusive rights to channels 11 – 60 through the FCC. Mr. Caluff also believes that since a non modified RC transmitter doesn't put out much power and the same being true for the steel plant there should be no interference to their cranes or any of our RC models. The AMA offered the use of their scanner to test for interference between the steel plant and our planes. Larry Tadlock said that he has a scanner that would do exactly that and we would not have to wait for the scanner from the AMA to become available. It was suggested that since Robert Vest has already had contact with the steel plant that he coordinate a date to set up a day for testing for possible interference. The date will be sent out when it becomes available.

### **Full Circle Field Report**

- Dave Wright reported that Zane Davis took his tractor out and finished up the runway and 2 taxi ways. Approximately 100lbs of grass seed were put down only to have several inches of rain-wash it away the next night. This however helped them find the low spots they missed on the first trip. Zane went out again and filled in the new low spots. Approximately 50 additional pounds of grass seed was put down only to have a hard rain wash most of it away. Dave stated that the runway and taxiways are pretty smooth and basically ready to go if we can ever get grass to start growing.
- Shelley mentioned that the only way we can to get grass to grow is the rough up the ground and spread the seed and then rake and roll it to cover the seed back up. It was also suggested to use straw to cover the seed to help prevent it from washing away. Willie Jackson has some equipment that could help achieve this and he is also willing to donate 1 or 2 bags of grass seed to the club. Dave Wright will coordinate this and keep us updated on the progress.
- Barring a miracle the field will not be ready for the proposed October Open House. A motion was made by Jess Robertson and seconded by Larry Tadlock to postpone the Open House until sometime in April or May of 2005. It was passed by those present. This will allow time to get the field in the best shape possible before inviting the public to an open house.

### **New Business**

- Shelley reported a Fredericksburg club having an open house for their new field on October 9, 10. He is planning on attending 1 of those days (wasn't sure at the meeting but he will send out an email and let everyone know which day he is going) and would like to get as many members of our club as possible to go support their new club.
- Larry Tadlock reported the Central Virginia RC Club was holding a fly in on October 16 and invited all of the members to attend.
- Shelley mentioned that in order to have an AMA sanctioned event and qualify for free prizes to raffle at fly in events we would need a Contest Director. The information to become a contest director is on the AMA website and you can send away for the packet. A test must be taken and passed in order to become a contest director. It was also suggested that a few people get qualified for this so no one person would have to coordinate every event our club holds. The will be discussed more in upcoming meetings.
- Our 1-year anniversary as an AMA sanctioned club is fast approaching. Shelley suggested we have a club Christmas banquet and celebrate our first year as a club at the same time. Jess might know of a restaurant that will allow us to use the space needed to hold this. Rodney said he would help Jess work out the details. A date will be communicated to the club when it becomes available.
- Polar Bear Fly In was such a big hit on January 1, 2004 it was suggested that we hold it again on January 1, 2005. This event is held rain, shine, snow, sleet, cold or warm. We were lucky this year and had spring like conditions. Jess Robertson made a motion to have this event again and it was seconded by Dave Wright. It was passed by those present.
- John Walker using free web space provided by his ISP is currently maintaining club web site. Shelley Moore offered the club to take over his web space at Homestead at the price he was grandfathered in on. The price is \$??00 per year

and the space provided would be roughly 4 times the amount we currently have. Jess Roberson made a motion for the club to take over Shelley's web space and it was seconded Dave Wright. It was passed by those present.

- Jess Robertson made a motion to hold a dawg plane day at his field on October 23, 2004 and it was seconded by Dave Wright. It was passed by those present.

#### **Perspective New Member**

- Joe Manno was presented to the club and was voted in as a new member by those present.

#### **Club Time**

- Dave Wright won the drawing for the 4-way wrench

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

- Since no one had any more business to discuss Larry Tadlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dave Wright. It was passed by those present. The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.