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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club September 13, 2011

Old Business

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:08 pm with 24 members and a prospective member in attendance. The minutes were read from the July meeting as well as the minutes from the August meeting. Both were accepted as read by all present. Bob Lanard gave the treasurer's report for July and August and after all transactions gave the ending balance. Mr. Lanard gave the balance in the club's raffle fund also. All members present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Bill Froeder took a roll of prospective members with Mazen Kachlan sitting in on his second meeting. Mr. Froeder reported that the club is still at 102 members. The field is in good shape with many thanks going out to all who have helped with the cutting and field maintenance. For security reasons signs and cameras have been purchased for the field to help with vandalism.

New Business

The president said at the next meeting nominations will open up for club officers. Paul said to be careful when walking through the woods looking for any lost planes, he has acquired many new friends (chiggers). Paul suggested using bug spray while at the field to help with any unwanted pest. FIELD HELP NEEDED! With all the changes over the past year the field has been an issue. What we need is someone to take the responsibility of field maintenance. My idea is to have a member over see the required field maintenance and tractor repairs. That person would set up the cutting of grass as well as any repairs needed on the tractors and purchase of gas. I feel that with over a 100 members this can be divided between many verses just a few. If you feel you want to take this challenge on please contact Neil by email at nstokes@cbelitenj.com. The other option is to have

an outside source come in on a weekly basis and do the required field maintenance at a cost to all members. Remember the most important part of our club is the flying field. Many thanks to those who have done work at the field it is greatly appreciated.

With no further business Bob Lanard ran the 50/50 with Paul Gross winning \$16.00. The first place raffle went to Joe Dimeo choosing a 40 size sport plane. Second place went to Rich Onorato and he donated a field box to another member in the club. Third and fourth place went to Marty Brodack taking home an iron and a hand crank fuel pump. The next Bull meeting is September 27th and the next regular meeting is October 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

From Steve Althouse:

You've all seen the number of emails that have been discussing the field situation.

On Tuesday, Oct 11 @ 8PM, we will have our meeting, and we will discuss what is going on. We will also discuss the caring of the field and other items concerning the club.

SO BE THERE IF YOU WANT YOUR VOICE HEARD.

Field Maintenance:

Many thanks to the below individuals for spending their time and efforts in maintaining our field over the past month. There's no flying club without a properly maintained field. We owe a lot to these guys.

Sept 9: Karl Kozuh, Gregg Clement and Rich Onorato mowed the field.

Sept 12: Tony Severino and Bruce Sheppard dragged and rolled the runway.

Sept 16: Tony Severino dragged the runway.

Sept 16 evening: Neil Stokes trimmed the hedges and replaced the blades of the Craftsman mower.

Sept 17: Gregg Clement and Neil Stokes mowed the field and rolled the runway.

Sept 24: Mark Schools mowed the field and dragged and rolled the runway.

Oct 1: Gregg Clement, Tony Severino and Mark Schools made initial repair of vandalism damage found Sept 30.

Because of the amount of vandalism to the field, two work parties have been called:

WORK PARTY called for Thursday, Oct 6 @ 5 PM

This work party is to address the repairing of the vandalism to the field by those who cannot make this coming Saturday's Work Party. You can start earlier than 5 PM. Remember to bring: shovel, rake, work gloves and perhaps sun protection and water.

WORK PARTY called for Saturday, Oct 9 @ 9 AM

This is to finish repairing the vandalism to the field. Remember to bring: shovel, rake, work gloves and perhaps sun protection and water.

WJRC Club Picnic Sunday Sept 18:

Hope you were able to make it. There was a variety of great food, and plenty of it!

Our Club owes a big thank you to Kim Morgan and to her mom, Ramona for cooking and serving all the great food. Remember, they had also done this at our Warbird Sunday event. With the weather's abrupt changes, they endured quite a difference in the temperatures at the two events.

Kim and Ramona,

Thank you very much for making our club picnic another great one!!



Some Flying Recaps:

Sunday 9/4/11: From his cell phone, Bob Demola sent me some info along with a few photos (one is below). He maidenized his new 68" Great Planes Escapade which, as far as I know, is the club's first of the 60-size version of the Escapade. With its OS .95AX, his plane must move! (Hey, anyone else have a camera in their phone? Editor)



Sunday, Sept 18: WJRC Picnic

In spite of windy conditions and at times a heavy cloud cover we had a big turnout and a lot of flying at the Picnic. And, due to the skillful flying, no flyers had problems coping with the wind or the brisk gusts.

One real attention getter was Chris Green's big DC-3 with its twin OS .75s. Tony Severino assembled the ARF, set-up, run-in the engines and had taxi-checked the plane in prep for its maiden hopefully at the Picnic. But when the Picnic came, the winds being what they were, its maiden had to be put off for another time.



Happy Flying,
JJ

