

The CVRCA Flyer

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Club Officers:

President:	Jim Fowler	Board Members:
Vice President:	Gary Cowden	Jimmy Booth
Secretary/Treas.:	Randy Krotke	Gene Patzsch
Field Marshall:	Mark Gryder	Sam Richardson

CVRCA Flight Instruction Team:

Team Leader:	Jimmy Booth
Team Airplane:	Todd Beard, Gary Cowden
Team Helicopter:	Sam Richardson, John Clark

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting date: 8/13/2008
Called by: Jim Fowler, President
Members present: 13
Guests: Jacob Dunaway, Bobby Trent, Brian Darby, Joe Radle, David Blackwell

Next meeting:
September 4th Club Meeting (Flying Field)

Important Upcoming Dates / Events:

September 4th – Club Meeting, 7p.m. at Field. *Note: Thursday night meeting*
Fall Air Show -- Cancelled

Motions from August Meeting:

1. Accept the July minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed with the recommendation the verbiage regarding Ken Glover is removed.

2. Accept Jacob Dunaway, Bobby Trent, Brian Darby, Jon Hamlett and David Blackwell into the club. All were voted in.
3. Change the meeting night to first Thursday of each month pending approval of that night with City of Lynchburg. 9 for, 1 against, the motion passed.
4. Reimburse Nathan Rathe for fuel consumed during bush hogging. Unanimous
5. Adjourn the meeting: Mark made the motion, Sam seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items from August Meeting:

1. Gary to contact the City of Lynchburg (Sue Matherly) to confirm that the first Thursday of each month is OK for our monthly meeting. Cowden
2. Retract previous motion of purchasing bush hog since purchase as proposed would violate bylaws.
3. All club members to get their T-shirt requests and money to Don Horn ASAP.

The August meeting was held at the club field. The weather was warm, the grill was fired up and many air craft were in the sky. The turnout was 13 members and 5 guests.

Jim Fowler welcomed the club members and visitors and got things going.

Jim asked if everyone received their July newsletter. All members present responded that they had. Jim asked if we should accept the minutes as posted and as described in the newsletter. It was decided to repudiate the verbiage regarding Ken Glover. Randy took on the action item of amending the July minutes. Other than that they were accepted.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of action items from the previous meeting:

1. More information on runway project phase 1 including cost estimates and if permit needed: Gryder

Gryder reported that as for now runway improvements were a dead issue. The required involvement of the land owners to obtain the proper permits was deemed too much trouble. Gryder did not provide any cost estimates.

2. Put out email asking club if we want to change meeting night (vote by proxy is allowed): Horn

Horn reported that via email 16 members voted to change to Thursday and 1 voted to keep it Wednesday. Following a motion by Gryder the club voted (during the meeting) to change to the first Thursday of each month. The motion passed 9 to 1. Gary took an action item to confirm with the City of Lynchburg that our normal meeting place is available the first Thursday of each month; if not, we will shoot for the second Thursday.

3. Check into used (PTO powered) bush hog: Gryder

There was some discussion on the nature of Nathan Rathe's PTO and any size limitations of a pull behind bush hog. Gene Patzsch spoke up saying that per the bylaws we were not authorized to buy the bush hog as proposed since it was not a budgeted item. The motion to buy the bush hog was withdrawn.

4. Find out who bush hogged recently: Krotke

Nathan Rathe

5. Start organizing for fall air show: Fowler

Jim suggested cancelling the air show based on lackluster response to his request for support for the event. Gryder made the motion to cancel, Horn seconded and the motion passed.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of old business.

Runway repairs:

This item of old business was completely addressed in action item section.

Change Meeting Night:

As discussed in the action item section it was motioned and approved to change the meeting night to the first Thursday of each month. Jim spoke a bit about what was driving this matter and how for a lot of people it would help. The lone dissenter (Todd) stated that he felt that for sake of tradition we should consider not changing.

T-Shirts:

Horn has got all the preparations in place to order the new T-shirts. We are not doing a blanket order of a set number of T-shirts this time. We are only ordering what club members request and pay for so that there is no financial hit to the club. Horn has worked out a smashing good deal of only \$6/per (up to XL, more for 2X and larger). There are many colors available but he recommended against ordering dark colors as the print may not contrast well. For a little extra you can even get shirts with front pockets. Please contact Don Horn very soon to get your order in.

Bush Hogging:

Close out discussion: The 2008 budget contains a "Special Projects" line item in the amount of \$200. This allows special purchases to be made if 2/3 of the members present at the meeting approve. Since the proposed purchase of the bush hog exceeded this amount a more extensive

vote is required. Per the bylaws, the entire voting membership is required. Gene Patzsch correctly pointed this out and as such the approved motion (from July) to purchase the bush hog was retracted. Gryder expressed a little frustration over the whole bush hogging issue and several members suggested just dropping the whole matter until next year since no more hogging is needed this year. It was mentioned that we should budget some money for bush hogging in the 2009 budget. On a final note, Mark made the motion we reimburse Nathan for fuel he used while bush hogging. Nathan did not have receipts but believed it was around \$40. The motion passed and Randy later wrote a check to Nathan for \$40.

Fall air show:

Following the vote to cancel the fall air show, there was discussion about possibly only doing 1 air show per year and make up a real good one. There was also more discussion about having a temporary sign out by 460 that states something to the effect of “Model Pilots Present” or “Model Aircraft Currently Flying” that can be put out in short order when there is action at the field.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of new business.

1. Board is considering substantial revision of Bylaws – Fowler

Jim reported that the board met during July and one item of discussion was the possibility of revising the bylaws to give the club officers and board members full control of the club. This notion stems from the generally uninspiring meetings that we have and the realization that most club members just want to fly and don't want to be bothered with club politics and decisions. Jim spoke eloquently about how this was not a power grab attempt rather a better more efficient way of running the club. In a demonstrative way he suggested that if we do revise the bylaws, they should not take effect until 2009. Jim asked for a show of hands of how many club members thought we should proceed down this path. Approximately 75% raised their hand and there were no verbal objections.

2. Board is considering restructuring club meeting schedule – Fowler

Continuing with the previous discussion, Jim indicated he thought meetings could morph into purely social events and board meetings (when held) could be attended by general club members, but they would have no voting rights. This is all speculative at this time.

3. Status of mowers for 2009 – Gryder

Gryder reported that the mowing team has informed him that the mowers we currently have are getting weak. We may need to budget for a good used mower for 2009.

4. Status of mowing budget for 2008 – Gryder

Gryder was not prepared to discuss this in detail but he and Cowden both thought we are in good shape (based on what was budgeted)

5. Nominating committee to be appointed during September meeting – Krotke

Krotke reminded everyone of the basic process of voting the club officers and board members and that this all gets kicked-off next month. Gryder expressed some interest in being in the nominating committee.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of reoccurring business.

Membership:

The current roster has 56 total members on it, 46 of which are dues paying.

Randy was delighted to say that membership continues to grow and that we should strive to keep it going.

Budget:

Randy reported on how the 2008 budget looks compared to forecast. To date (for 2008) we have generated more than \$600 from dues compared to what was forecasted. We continue to be financially strong.

Miscellaneous Input:

Sam announced that he will be ordering fuel real soon.

SAD Patch nominations: Mark Gryder was nominated for crashing his Nexstar following a massive radio hit. Vote was unanimous.

50/50 raffle: Not Administered

IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE CLUB FIELD.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 4th (FIRST THURSDAY)

There was a quick review of the action items and then Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sam seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

End of Minutes

For Sale:

- Several OS 40 and 46 size engines. Contact Gary Cowden. 993-2862
- Glow Fuel by the gallon. Contact Gary Cowden 993-2862

Club Happenings:

T-Shirts

Several folks ordered t-shirts with the CVRCA logo. They should be ready by the next meeting. Please plan to attend to pick up your shirt(s) on Sept. 4th.

Note that meetings will be held on the first THURSDAY of each month either at the field or at the Parks & Recreation Building. Watch the newsletter for the location. The September meeting is at the Field. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008 at 7p.m.

This'n'That:

Mowing: Mowing is no longer mandatory. You may mow *IF* you contact Gary Cowden by Wednesday of your preferred week. If the field marshal determines that mowing is needed, the first one asking to mow on a particular week will be allowed. The club pays \$50 for a complete mowing, with checks sent out once a month. If no one volunteers for a particular week by that Wednesday, and if the field needs mowing, the Cowden sons will mow the field. To schedule yourself for the week you prefer: Contact Gary: 434-993-2862.

Calendar of Events:

- The Fall Air Show originally scheduled for Sept. 13th has been CANCELLED.
- Meeting, *Thursday, Sept. 4th* at 7 p.m. at the Field.

If you have comments or would like to contribute an article and/or pictures to the newsletter, please contact Don Horn. E-mail: cvrca_editor@yahoo.com