

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

Summarized Meeting Minutes:

Meeting date: 9/4/2008
Called by: Jim Fowler, President
Members present: 13
Guests: Joe Radle, Anthony Wilson, Joe Franklin

Next meeting:
October 2nd Club Meeting (Parks & Rec Bldg.)

Important Upcoming Dates / Events:
October 2 – Club Meeting
Fall Air Show -- Cancelled

Motions from September Meeting:

1. Accept the August minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed with the recommendation the verbiage regarding Todd's dissention on the vote for changing the meeting night is removed.
2. Accept Joe Radle, Sam Dunn, Anthony Wilson and Joe Franklin into the club. All were voted in.
3. Have the October meeting at the club field. Note: This motion was later withdrawn and we decided to have the October meeting at the Parks & Rec. Bldg..
4. Change the combination of the lock on the shed. Mark is designated contact person if someone needs the combo. Unanimous
5. Adjourn the meeting: Mark made the motion, Sam seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items from September Meeting:

1. Randy to edit out discussion in August minutes about Todd's dissention on changing the meeting night. - Krotke
2. Change combination on shed and provide it on a limited basis - Gryder
3. Call board meeting prior to October meeting to work on wording for revised bylaws – Fowler

The September meeting was held at the club field. The weather was warm and muggy. The turnout was 13 members and 3 guests.

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

Jim asked if everyone received their August 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 edit out the verbiage regarding Todd not wanting to change the meeting night. Randy took on the action item of amending the August minutes. Other than that they were accepted.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of action items from the previous 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. Randy reported this is done and Thursday is acceptable.
2. Retract previous motion of purchasing bush hog since purchase as proposed would violate bylaws. It was discussed that the 2009 budget should contain money for bush hogging.

3. All club members to get their T-shirt requests and money to Don Horn ASAP. Don brought the T-shirts and everyone seemed pleased.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of old business.

1. Continuation of discussion regarding major overhaul of club bylaws to gather information and general feelings of club members. Changes are currently planned to be voted on during the October meeting and take effect beginning January 1, 2009. - Fowler

Jim had several topics of discussion related to the bylaws that he felt deserved looking at:

- a) Late fee for dues. Current bylaw (Article V, item 3): **Members who have not paid their dues by the March club meeting will be dropped from the club until a full years dues are paid plus a \$5.00 late charge.** Discussion: Better clarification needed. When is a person that has not paid no longer a member? Does he need to be voted back in if he rejoins? There was general agreement that this does need to be revised. Will probably do away with the late fee.
- b) New member subject to a charter fee. Current bylaw (Article V, item 12): **Any new member joining CVRCA shall be subject to a charter fee.** It was reported that this has not been done for at least the last 10 years but this was in the bylaws in case we ever wanted to implement. Several people spoke up saying this is fairly normal at other clubs.
- c) Meetings. Current bylaw (Article VI, item 1): **CVRCA shall conduct its regular business at club meetings once a month.** We will want to revise and restructure so that monthly meetings are not required.
- d) 2/3 quorum. Current bylaw (Article VI, item 4): **A meeting quorum shall be 25% of the voting membership.** Definition of quorum: the number of members of a group or organization required to be present to transact business legally, usually a majority. Will need to redo this since we never have 2/3 of the club at any meeting and therefore (technically) no decisions can be made.
- e) Non budgeted items. Current bylaw (Article VII, item 9): **Non-budget items fifty dollars (\$50.00) and under shall require a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. Non-budget items over fifty dollars (\$50.00) will require notification of the membership and a 2/3 majority vote of all members. Absentee ballots are to be provided with notification and must be signed and returned by the meeting date of the vote. Absentee ballots for members present at the voting meeting will be ignored and destroyed. Valid absentee votes shall become a part of the meeting minutes.** We will want to completely overhaul this bylaw.

There was a continuation of the discussion about the nature of the board takeover of club business activities. Joe Radle suggested that for some things that are important, voting from the general club members should still be in place. He suggested sending out ballots if monthly meetings are going away. This led into a discussion about what is important enough that club members should vote on.

1. Budget
2. Election of officers
3. Change of bylaws
4. Change of Field Regulations

There was discussion that perhaps we should still have monthly meetings but the business would simply be to go over what the board decided and perhaps vote on new members (and anything else that required voting on). Joe Radle suggested to consider not doing away with monthly meetings, but rather to stagger them.

There was discussion regarding if the board or general club members are responsible for accepting new members. The sponsorship program was discussed.

No final decisions were made on any bylaw changes.

Jim opened the floor for discussion of new business.

1. Nominating committee appointees to be named – Fowler

Jim reported that Mark Gryder, Jimmy Booth and Don Horn will be the nominating committee. Jim also mentioned that we should let the word get out that if an individual is interested in serving as a board member or club officer, please let the nominating committee know ASAP.

2. Shed combination change - Gryder

We decided that Mark should change the combination on the lock on the shed and give it out only on an as-needed basis. Sam said he would bring the master hoosie doosie thing to allow the combination to be changed. Caye suggested posting a sign on the shed to alert people that the combo has been changed and who to contact.

3. Jim went over the important upcoming events and suggested that club members should plan to attend the next couple meetings.

OCTOBER

- Nominating Committee reports and floor nominations accepted.
- Review Club dues. Vote on changes if necessary at November meeting.
- Board of Directors present to membership proposed budget for upcoming year.
- Vote on the Charity to receive the clubs yearly contribution. (2/10/93 Minutes)
- New members pay dues for next year and become members this year.

NOVEMBER

- Annual election of officers.
- Vote on club dues for upcoming year if change is necessary.

Jim reminded Randy to start working on a 2009 budget

Jim opened the floor for discussion of reoccurring business.

Membership:

Randy reported that the current roster has 61 total members on it, 53 of which are dues paying.

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

Miscellaneous Input:

SAD Patch nominations: Based on loose discussion in the background, it appeared there were many crashes to choose from. In the end Randy, Mark and Eric were nominated. Randy won for a crash of his Scaedu 50. Mark provided an animated (with sound) description of the crash that was quite accurate.

50/50 raffle: Not Administered

IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE OCTOBER MEETING AT THE PARKS & REC BLDG.

THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 2nd (FIRST THURSDAY) at 7:00 p.m.

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

Safety First:

Never switch on your transmitter without having the frequency pin attached to the antenna.

Remember to have your frequency pin on your transmitter even if you are the only one at the Field. Someone could arrive while you're flying and unknowingly use the same frequency!

Standard safety protocol requires that you do not fly over the pits, spectator area, or the parking lot. Also, do

not taxi into the pits. Some of us seem to have forgotten this basic safety rule.

For Sale:

- Glow Fuel by the gallon. Contact Gary Cowden 993-2862

Club Happenings:

Your club needs a few good people. Our club is growing and we have a nice flying site. That is thanks to the work of a number of members willing to hold offices which are necessary for the successful operation of the club.

Elections for club officers are scheduled for the November meeting and the official nominations will be made at the October meeting.

If you are willing to accept a nomination for any club office, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

Mark Gryder 434-384-1280 or guitarzan@ntelos.net
Don Horn 434-821-2850 or donh172@yahoo.com
Jimmy Booth booth4442@embarqmail.com

This'n'That:

The Parks/Rec Bldg. (for Monthly meetings) is located near Miller Park, 305 Grove St. The Parking lot and Entrance is in the rear of the building and is easily accessed from Wadsworth Street.

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:

Meeting: October 2, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Parks/Rec Bldg.
Club officer nominations: October 2, 2008
Officer elections/Meeting: November 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Parks/Rec Bldg.

New Feature: Monthly Cartoon/Picture

One of our new members, Joe Radle, has a talent that he'll share each month. Watch for the monthly cartoon/picture drawn or photographed by Joe.



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

