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Meeting Minutes, Mar 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Wes Parker with 17 persons present. Minutes of previous meeting and Treasurer report were approved. Club has 46 members.

Old Business: Mowing – 4 bids were submitted of various amounts. Motion was made to accept bid by Mark Otradovek (a friend of Wes). Motion passed. Wes is to walk the grounds with Mr. Otradovek to ensure he understands the scope of our requirements. Several bids have been submitted for gravel. There is some difference of opinion on the amount needed and gravel size. Decision tabled for now. Hobby Lobby will not allow a Static Display on their property. It has been abused too frequently by others. Anyone with leads to alternative locations – contact Wes. Bob Schwandt asked if we should resume our monthly service with Battlefield Septic in April. Action approved. New Business: Meeting rooms for Jul-Nov were secured, but none were available at the Library Center. Please note the location change to the Library Station beginning in July. Wes has made CD backups of the website and presented them to club officers. Fresh membership forms, AMA applications and Field Brochures will be placed in the info box in the shed at the field. Wes announced there is city property in the flood plain east of Rivercut that could be used as an alternate flying site. Wes to investigate. Wes announced James Parks is going through a tough time with his father who now requires 24/7 care.

Observation of a bad practice

It has been observed recently and frequently of the bad practice of pilots

on the flight line walking in front of other pilots on the flight line. There was once a field rule regarding this bad practice, but it was removed in the rules revision of 2008. Walking in front of another pilot on the flight line can cause momentary loss of line of sight with that pilot's model, not to speak of the distraction it causes. AMA rules state we must maintain line of sight with our models. Let's be a bit more courteous to pilots on the flight line and walk behind them to retrieve a model on the runway and prevent possible loss of a model or a serious accident.

A Milestone Passes

March 23 – It was a beautiful Spring day, not unlike that of a year ago. The field was empty early in the day, but soon became a buzz of activity with several pilots arriving for flights after work. They came to enjoy the almost perfect south wind, almost clear blue sky and the longer days of sunlight. His name was heard in various conversations and comments throughout the day. He is fondly remembered and missed. It was a beautiful Spring day, not unlike that of a year ago – when we got the hard to accept news that one of our well known members had suddenly and unexpectedly left us. The activity at the field on this day a year later was a tribute to what Sparky enjoyed most: flying and enjoying the friendship of our fellow pilots.

USA Scale Team Raffle Tickets

We have received a letter from the USA Scale Team with raffle tickets for donations to their cause to attend the World Scale Championships in Poland. Donations are \$5 for each ticket or 3 for

\$10. These will be available at the next few meetings for all interested. Top raffle item is a Futaba 10C 2.4GHz radio system. Drawing is June 15.

Coming Events:

May 8 –

Military & Jet Model Day

May 23 –

Family Day and Electric Fly

June 28 –

Fun Scale Event

July 17-18 –

Annual Float Fly

August 21 –

Big Model Fly

September 19 –

Electric Model Day

October 9 –

Swap Meet

Next club meeting:

Thursday, April 1, 7 pm
Library Center
S Campbell
Room B

Night FLY

Saturday April 3
Conditions permitting

Field Maintenance Day

Saturday April 24

Club Logo Clothing

Custom embroidered hats, shirts, sweatshirts, etc with club logo. Contact Nancy Schanda 883-6469 or email at SchandaCreations@mchsi.com

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