
The first club meeting of 2016 was held on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Marco's Restaurant in Gilbertsville, PA.

Those in attendance were Jim Epprecht, Jr, Greg Laskoskie, Ed Lopuski, Mike Kraynyak, Norris Matthews, Bill Sherman, John Smurthwaite, Paul Smyk and Dennis Snoke.

OLD BUSINESS

There had been a **break-in** at the club shed as well as the Padre Pio steel shed, but an inspection by Bill and Norris determined that other than the lock, nothing had been taken. The door has been strengthened, and the building is secure. The tractor will be checked by Bill and Norris, and any required maintenance will be done. Items to be checked are the engine oil, belts, and lubrication.

Field maintenance will depend upon the weather, but mowing could commence in early April with the field being rolled in mid to late April depending upon the frost being out of the ground before this is done. The roller will be rented from Total Rental in Pottstown, who will drop it off and pick it up at the field. Once the weather has broken, it will be necessary to set up a sign-in sheet for club members to commit to performing the weekly mowing.

Frequencies for the 2016 flying season will again be both 2.4 and FM. The pin board will be assessed, and repaired as needed to accommodate the use of frequency pins by the members.

Financial report by Dennis Snoke showed a cash balance of \$2,161.79 after paying for the field rent, AMA and web services. As of the meeting we had 27 paid members compared to 45 paid members in 2015. Several in attendance paid their 2016 dues, and Dennis indicated that most if not all dues are usually paid up by the end of May. A copy of the financial report is attached to this email for the club members to review.

Dennis brought to the club's attention that while he is happy to continue to perform the duties of Treasurer, there has been no oversight of the Treasury function. After a brief discussion it was agreed to continue with a one signature requirement on the account, but to add two new signers to the account, so that

funds can be accessed if needed and Dennis were unavailable. It was also agreed that on a semi-annual basis two of the club officers would review the bank statements for the prior six months to make sure that the checks were related to legitimate club expenses. Reviews to take place in January and July for the prior six months.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Activities - The members felt that we should hold two events during the year; our usual club picnic and fun fly in September, and plan another event for the May-June timeframe. Guests would be invited from other local clubs, with various types of events such as ribbon cutting, longest powerless flight, etc held. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

FAA - The new FAA regs require the individuals operating unmanned aircraft to register with the FAA. The individual is assigned a registration number, which is to be placed on each aircraft operated by the individual. The club is taking the position that the individual is responsible for the registration, and will not provide any verification or enforcement on members. This will be left up to the local law officials, who should they care to, can ask pilots at the field for their registration. If unregistered they can be subject to a fine. Information can be found at the website <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>.

OTHER - Any individual who is operating an aircraft without line of sight VFR, i.e. using a camera or video screen and not on the flight line watching the aircraft must use the buddy system to insure that the aircraft is flown within the flight quadrant of the field. This is described as being from the flight line north, west of PA route 100, south of the tree line north of the field, and east of the Shrine.

Dennis Snoke stated that he had a Tower Trainer that he is willing to donate to anyone who would like to learn how to fly. If you know of someone interested, you are asked to contact Dennis by phone or email.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FIELD ON APRIL 20, 2016 AT 7:00 PM.