

AMOS General Meeting – May 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the President, John Sorenson.

Board members present: John Sorenson, Doug Keller, Steve Snider, Basil Yousif, Fred Quartier, Fred Light, Jim Hill, and Jim Irey.

Members Present: 25 members present.

Guests: Brooke Harris, Al Epps.

New Members: None at this meeting.

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

Motion: by Marvin Pass and seconded by Doug Keller to accept the Secretary's minutes as stated in the email sent to the membership. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Basil Yousif

Balances as stated in the Treasurer's Report sent to the membership as follows: Checking - \$6,578.42, Savings - \$2,350.41, Expenses - \$4,334.63.

Motion: by Dick Nowatzki and seconded by Marvin Pass, to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.

Membership – Fred Light

Currently 139 members with several applications pending. Blank applications are now in the Frequency Board.

Safety Report – Fred Quartier

Lost one Trainer during Training night. No one injured, except pride of the Instructor. Donations that come in on Training night supports any Training costs. All donations are welcomed, including fuel.

Discussion Points: Led by John Sorenson

John shared some comments regarding donations. It is important to have a clear understanding of the terms when a donation is offered to the club, whether it be a donation of time or an item. In the future, membership and/or Field Maintenance fees will not be granted in lieu of donations. We have been very fortunate with the donations thus far with the shade structures, sheds, fencing, start up stations and time. The club thanks the donating parties for their generosity. Keep them coming as that is how we are going to be able to improve the field and help pay back the loans.

The War Bird Event brought in a little over \$400.00. That's fantastic for our first Event. Thanks to Mike Haston, Jim Hill and all the many volunteers that made the Event successful. The Raffle alone brought in a little over \$250.00. The "Spinning Raffle Wheel" was a winner and will be used at the Float Fly.

John reported that the new Shade Structures are up, the Porta Potty has been moved and some improvements have been made to the Petromat. There are still a few indentations in the runway that need to be improved. Plans are to install the Safety Fence in June. We want to prevent airplanes from running off the runway into the Pits.

John reminded everyone that "hovering" a helicopter over the main runway is not allowed.

John discussed Events. Nothing is scheduled for June or July. The Presidents "Fun Fly" is scheduled for August. Presently scheduled for the regular meeting day time (Tuesday, August 9th) at the field. Some fun events around 5:00 pm, hamburgers around 6:00 pm, a short meeting about 7:00 and then fly until dark. Some of the more adventurous members will be around after dark to do some night flying. Only electrics after 10:00 pm. If you have your membership card, hamburgers are free, if not you pay \$5.00 bucks. John described several "Fun Fly" events, some with the Trainer airplanes.

On September 17th, there will be an Electric Event. John Hainlan will be in charge of that Event.

On October 1st and 2nd, an IMAA Event is planned. Large scale airplanes as defined by the IMAA rules.

John asked for helpers and pilots at the Training session on Wednesday the 18th, as most everyone will be at the Float Fly. See Fred Light, who will be in charge that night.

The last Indoor meet is Friday, May 20th.

Evening Show and Tell: John Sorenson.

John led a discussion of Float Planes and different types of Floats. John discussed some of the history of float planes and how modelers got into the hobby of flying float planes. As John said, "it's not the power of the engine, it's the floats and where the "Step" is located on the airplane and the Incidence of the wing." The Step should be at the point where the Center of Gravity is. If ahead of the CG the airplane rotates easier, but more squirrely on the water. If the Step is behind the CG, it is much more stable on the water, (a good boat), but much more difficult to get it to rotate. The elevator has to have enough force to push it down on the step. The airplane has to ride on the Step and the back of the floats. John says to really know the correct place for the Step is to put an Incidence Meter on the wing. You want approximately 6 degrees on the wing. John pointed out that Roger likes 9 degrees. John commented that good float planes are land planes with Pontoons on them. Cubs and Ugly Sticks make great float planes. Plenty of power and fly great. John showed several different types of float planes. Remember the main point in John's presentation is not the size of your engine, but the correctness of your Incidence and where the "Step" is positioned! Thanks, John, for a very informative presentation and just in time for the Float Fly.

John asked for more cooks to help out on Friday and Saturday at the Float Fly. Plans are to have food available for breakfast and lunch. Dinners on your own.

Loans Update: Rich Nowatzki. Originally we borrowed approximately \$77,000 from the membership. A Business Plan was developed to pay back the entire amount in 3 years. By the end of 2010 we planned to pay back \$9,000 and we have already paid back \$14,000. We are well on our way to pay back more than the Business Plan states for 2011. The quicker we can pay off the loans, the less interest we will

have to pay. That will save the Club some money and we can invest in Field Improvement needs and wants.

(Note): Principle paid so far through May 30th, is \$17,000 with Interest at \$1,250.54. Current balance due is \$60,207.

Sno Ball Raffle: Rich Nowatzki. \$88.00 in this month's raffle. Orange ball gets nothing. 3 orange balls already out. White ball gets the money. Dave Riggs had the winning ticket number. Sorry Dick, you drew the orange ball. One less orange ball for next month. \$44.00 to start next month and \$44.00 to the club.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club