

# AMOS General Meeting – April 12, 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, Jim Irey and Jerry Dodge.

Guests: No guests this month.

New Members: Dave Riggs.

John opened the meeting thanking all members who have helped at the field the last month, including the work in getting the "Tough Shed" and setting it up. It looks great and will function to house the lawnmowers and other field equipment.

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

Motion: by Dick Brace and seconded by Danny Weger to accept the Secretary's minutes as stated in the email sent to the membership. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Basil Yousif

The membership approves of the current Treasurer's Report format. Easy to understand. Balances as stated in the Treasurer's Report sent to the membership as follows: Checking - \$5,268.31, Savings - \$4,349.87, Expenses - \$564.96. Another \$5,000 loan was paid this month.

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

Membership Report: Fred Light

We currently have 133 members including one member joining at this meeting (Dave Riggs). There are a couple more members pending. We are shooting to reach 200 members by year end.

Safety Officer Report: Fred Courtier

No reported problems since last meeting.

Training : David Jenkins

Training has gotten off to a slow start. The weather has not cooperated. We had 3 students last week including a father/son combination. John invited anyone who would like to learn maneuvers such as rolls, inverted flying, etc. to come on out to the field and get on a trainer with one of the instructors. A great chance to learn before the training class really gets busy.

Constitution and By-Laws:

John Sorenson explained how the original Constitution and By-Laws were formed at the start of the AMOS flying Club. Many things have changed since then and the original Constitution and By-Laws no longer fit our needs and requirements.

John formed a Constitution and By-Laws committee who started looking at the original Constitution and By-Laws, suggested necessary changes, including the Flying Rules of the AMOS Flying Club.

The re-written Constitution and By-Laws was sent out to each member of the Club. A few comments were sent back and changes were made or added.

1. Regarding the Annual Audit. Rather than the year beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the year will begin with the installation of officers in December, at the Installation Christmas dinner.
2. All guests must follow all AMOS field Rules and Regulations.
3. Any Red Baron's member may fly at the field as a guest, always accompanied by an AMO'S member. All AMOS field Rules and Regulations must be adhered to.

Motion: to Limit any debate on discussion of the Constitution and By-Laws. Motion made by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Marvin Pass, to limit any discussion on the Constitution and By-Laws to 15 minutes. If the discussion was to exceed 15 minutes, another Motion would be required to extend the discussion beyond 15 minutes. Motion Passed.

#### Constitution:

Motion: by Danny Weger and seconded by Dick Brace, to accept the Constitution as printed. No motions were made to amend any part of the Constitution as presented. A hand count vote was asked for by the President. The Constitution Motion as printed was passed by a unanimous vote.

#### By-Laws:

Motion: made by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Richard Brace, that the By-Laws be accepted as presented to the membership.

Amendment to the Motion: by Doug Keller and seconded by Fred Quartier, regarding Article 2, Section 9, #A, to suspend the complimentary dues to Board members that have served a year as Board members, until all of the loans are paid off. The policy would be re-instated when the loans are paid off. Doug read the exact words written in the Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion followed and the Amendment vote was asked for. The Amendment motion failed.

The By-Laws Motion was voted on with a show of hands and the motion passed unanimously.

Clarification on one of the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. At regular monthly General Meetings, a Quorum is constituted by the members present. "Special Meetings" are accounted for in the Constitution and By-Laws where a different Quorum may be required.

#### Field Layout: Four Primary Issues

1. Pits: We have enough "Felt" Petromat to do the whole Pit area in the South end. John Sorenson's recommendation is that we use the carpet for the Pilot stations and the "Felt" Petromat for remaining areas. Also perhaps carpet down the South taxiway. That would look nice. The objective is to get everything to look the same and eliminate the "patchwork quilt"

look. Several members discussed the pros and cons of the Petromat vs. carpet during the various weather conditions.

Motion: by Dick Brace and seconded by Ron Brugh, to put the "Felt" Petromat in the Pit areas until all is used up. Motion carried.

2. Fence: John Sorenson stated that if we put up any fencing at all, it should be a 3 foot fencing that runs along the runway to keep people from running off the runway and then on into the Pits and Pilot boxes. That means that the fence would be setting back about 12 feet. John Sorenson explained how the fence was put up at the old Red Baron's field with the fence out from the posts. An errant airplane would hit the fence and not the posts and the airplane was not torn up. The fencing has been donated, but not the posts. The fence would be even with the Pilots boxes. At the South end of the field the fence would allow room for the 3D Pilots to get around the fence to fly 3D, but not allow the spectators to approach the 3D Pilots or aircraft.

At this point in the meeting, John Kinne stated that he would donate the interest money from his loan payback to buy the fence posts for the field. Jim Irey showed a schematic of the proposed fencing plan. A committee will be set up to discuss the best method to put in the fence.

Motion: by Rich Nowatzki and seconded by Doug Keller to install 3 foot fencing between the North Pilot boxes and the South Pavilion using John Kinne's donated fence posts and currently available fencing materials. All taxiways are open. Motion carried.

3. Crosswind Runway: Extended runway on the eastside of the main runway. John states that we have enough Petromat to complete the proposed extended crosswind runway.

Motion: by Doug Keller and seconded by Dick Brace, to use the existing Petromat to extend the crosswind runway on the east by southeast side of the main runway. Motion carried.

4. Porta Potty: The current Porta Potty will be moved to the west arm of the ADA path, towards the Control-Line flying station. Mike Haston has asked for an additional Porta Potty for the War bird weekend.

Motion: by Danny Weger and seconded by Dick Brace, to place the new temporary Porta Potty at the new location and leave the old Porta Potty where it currently sits until the Warbird Event is completed. Motion carried.

5. Regarding the Petromat that blew up – it will be re-attached to the ground and continue to be used as a taxiway.
6. Safety Issue: Communication. Regardless of which flight box you use, be assertive when announcing take-offs and landings. Be sure Pilots in other flight boxes can hear you and acknowledge your intentions. This technique is extremely important!
  - a. Do not leave your airplane running when you are somewhere else.
  - b. Do not start your engine on 72 MHz without putting your card in the Frequency box.

## Good of the Club:

1. Swap meet and Auction (3 estates) will be held Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. There are some excellent items to be auctioned by our own Master Auctioneer, John Sorenson. Lots of electrics, gliders, war birds and pieces/parts of other airplanes and accessories.
2. Work Party. John will send out an email when we will have the next work party.
3. Shade Structures: Chance Harris (Harris Model Products) donated one new Shade Structure (Northern most one at the south end) and one more was donated that will be at the northern end of the Pits, next to the one that is currently there. That will give us 5 Shade Structures.
4. New Starting Stands: We never found out who the "Starting Stand Ferry" is, but thanks you very much! They were badly needed!
5. Float Fly Event: Schedules for Camp Far West starting 5/15 – 5/22. Official start is 5/18 – through 5/22. We have the entire South Peninsula. Go through the South Gate (the one that says this entrance is closed). Just ignore it, drive in. If the snack shack is open, just ignore that too and come on in. Lock the gate after you enter. All fees will be collected at the site where we fly. You will write one check for all combined fees including parking. Steve Snider will be in-charge of collecting all money for the Event. (Is he bonded?) :=)
6. Thunder Valley: We asked for support money and at this date we have not received a denial or a check.
7. Newsletter Editor: Jim Irey has accepted the Executive Board position appointment of Newsletter Editor. This had to be approved by the membership. The vote was positive and effective immediately, Jim Irey is a member of the Executive Board as Newsletter Editor.

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 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.

Show and Tell: Jerry Dodge. A Seabee, 1950 Vintage, intended to fly into a lake, go fishing and then fly home. Scratch built, laminated with 3/8<sup>th</sup>. strips of balsa. Both wings come off. Jerry will give the plans to anyone who wants them.

Sno Ball Raffle: Rich Nowatzki. \$96.00 in this month's raffle. Stan Divas had the winning ticket and drew an orange ball. No prize to Stan :=( \$48.00 will be added to May's drawing for a total of \$144.00. Next month, one less orange ball to contend with!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club