

# ***Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club***

## ***Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

President, Ralph Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Attendance:**

13 members were in attendance.

### **New Member(s):**

No new members were present.

### **Secretary's Report:**

*Greg Bowles, Secretary*

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the October meeting minutes as published (emailed).

[There was no October 2017 "Flight Lines".]

### **Treasurer's Report:**

*Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer*

For October 2017 we had an income of \$1130.00 and expenses of \$828.68. A motion as made, seconded and voted to accept the October report.

### **Field Committee Chairman's Report:**

#### ***Field Committee Chairman [Open]***

- 1) Work should start sometime to raise the height of the levy. The workers will be using our road as an access point for piling dirt in the adjacent fields, so please 1) excuse the mess, and 2) be thoughtful and courteous to the drivers. For use of our driveway, we while get a new layer of gravel.
- 2) Dave Brown has completed refurbishing the new BBQ grill. He brought the finished grill to the November 4<sup>th</sup>, Last Blast Fly-In and it looked really good. It was just in time! For when our old grill was moved, the rusted bottom fell out. Thanks Dave for all your hard work & time! Babe Raab has also volunteered to recycle our old grill. Thanks Babe.
- 3) Field mowing has ended for the year, so Thursday afternoon is now open for flying.
- 4) New Information Boxes have been purchased and replaced. The previous ones lasted only one year. Hopefully these will last longer. One is located by the Bulletin Board in the Pavilion. This one contains Spirits' and AMA applications, and information about the Spirits. The second one is located on the back of the Handicapped parking sign. This one will post an upcoming

event flyer or important information.

- 5) There was a recall by Kidde fire extinguishers. Ours have all been checked and are safe to use if the emergency arises.

### **Safety Committee Chairman's Report:**

#### ***Safety Committee Chairman [AMA Req'd.] [Open]***

In order to charter our field with the AMA, we are required to have a Safety Officer on our Board. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact any Board member.

### **Membership Chairman's Report:**

#### ***Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman***

Our membership total for 2017 was 135 members. Presently, we have 142 memberships, which includes 11 new and re-upped members.

As a reminder to most of our members, your AMA membership license for 2017 is about to expire. This means that after the expiration date, you will lose your flying privileges at the field. If you are a current member and are planning to rejoin AMA and the Spirits, please send Ralph Doyle a copy of your new 2018 AMA card, along with your Spirits application and a check. You will be sent your new Spirits membership card for 2018.

### **Upcoming Spirits Events:**

- ***Last Blast of 2017 Fly-In & Food Drive; Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.*** We had good attendance at this event. Dave Brown fried fresh fish (Yum!), and we had hot dogs and marshmallows on a stick (if you weren't full enough). Bill Lindewirth collected \$125 in cash, which was used to purchase even more canned goods, and with the canned goods donated by the members, Bill Lindewirth was able to donate to both Loaves & Fishes and the Boy Scout's Food Drive held the next Saturday. Thanks to all that came and donated. Good job everyone!
- ***Frozen Thumbs Fly-In, Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.***



**Upcoming Local Events:**

- **SLRCFA Indoor Flying; Every Friday night (6-9pm);** Eureka Central Baptist Church, 601 North Central Avenue, Eureka, MO; \$5 and a current AMA are required for entry.

**Old Business:**

- **Monthly Meeting Location and Dates:** As presented last month, St. Louis County Library is still renovating, so obtaining consistent monthly meeting dates has been an issue. Because we were unable to get a meeting day on the second Tuesday of each month for January through June, we asked members to help us in find a new monthly meeting location.

Steve Cross, who works for the Wings of Hope at Spirit of St. Louis Airport, has offered the use of their hanger for free, and Ralph Doyle suggested the use of Dorsett Village Church on Tuesday nights at the cost of \$10 a month.

During the next monthly meeting, we will be asking the members which location is preferred for 2018.

After a discussion, it was decided to give both venues a try to see if it would affect the attendance. A motion as made, seconded and voted to try out the new meeting locations.

Starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup> the meetings will be held at the Dorsett Village Church. April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> meetings may be at Wings of Hope at Spirit of St. Louis Airport.

**New Business:**

- **Proposed 2018 Budget:**

Bill Lindewirth (Treasurer) presented the Proposed 2018 Budget to the attending members. After a discussion and explanation of expenses, a motion as made, seconded and voted to accept the proposed 2018 budget (with corrections).

**Your 2018 Board of Directors:**

- President.....Ralph Grant
- Vice President...Robert "Babe" Raab
- Treasurer.....Bill Lindewirth
- Secretary.....Greg Bowles
- Volunteer (Full) Member...Curt McIntyre

**Board of Directors Positions Required for 2018:**

- Safety Committee Chairman (AMA Req'd.) **Open**
- Field Committee Chairman...**Open**
- Contest & Event Committee Chairman...**Open**
- Newsletter Editor...**Open**
- Meeting Activity Coordinator...**Open**

**Technical Presentation(s):**

**Bring an aircraft for "Show & Tell" or display!**

- **Presentation #1:** Paul Geders presented his latest aircraft, a FMS Freewing Avanti S. It is powered by a 70mm metal EDF with 12 blades, 70A ESC, 4S 2600-3300mAh battery. With this power plant it is capable of 115mph. Jets are becoming popular at the field and this one is a good choice; fast, aerobatic and easy to fly!



**St. Louis County Library/ Bridgeton Trails Branch,  
3455 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, Missouri.**

**\*\*This is the final meeting at Bridgeton Trails\*\***

- **Not-a-Presentation #2:**

Ralph Grant brought in his Extreme Flight Lazer hoping to find it a home. It suffered an unfortunate accident, when it landed inverted on the runway. Bob Schmidt leaped at the opportunity to adopt this 3D aircraft. Last report, it is almost back to original condition and will be ready for a maiden soon.



- **Side Note:**

Tony Ambrose wins the award for the longest distance traveled. He drove from Fargo, ND to attend the Monthly Meeting. :-o

**Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.**

**Next Spirits' Meeting :**

**Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00-9:00pm**