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TaleSpins

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 10th, 2011, at 7:30. The location is at VTS Productions.

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**Fredericksburg Aeromasters
Minutes for February 10th, 2011**

Call to Order: Dan Hayworth

Welcome and call to Order at 7:33 pm, with 14 members and guests present tonight.

Dan introduced the 2011 Club Officers and Executive Committee-

- President Dan Hayworth
- Vice President & Programs Executive Jim Craig
- Secretary Jerry Gillis
- Treasurer Dennis Hagan
- Member-at-large Jim Braithwaite
- Member-at-large Hank Mausolf

Dan followed up with the introductions of the 2011 Club Committee leads:

- Safety Jim Braithwaite
- Newsletter Jerry Gillis
- Website Brian Mausolf
- Field Melvin Elliott
- Training Jim Chandler
- Programs Roy Hanes / Jim Craig

Dan thanked all for stepping up this year so that the club can function as it should.

Secretary Report: Jerry Gillis.

Dan asked for comments on the previous minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Craig and seconded by Jim Chandler. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: - Dennis Hagan (as of January 31, 2011)

- Checking account balance \$993.26
- Savings account balance \$962.23
- Total \$1955.49
- Paid- up members 41

NOTE: \$100 was sent to the Church for the use of their facilities for the annual dinner. \$49.70 was spent for a laminator for member's club cards. (See Dennis at the meeting to get yours laminated)

Hank Mausolf will audit the 2010 books and should be done prior to an upcoming executive committee meeting to be held 2/18/2011.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Garry Penix and seconded by Hank Mausolf all were in favor of the motion.

Committee Reports:

Safety - Jim Braithwaite.

- As far as safety is concerned there are no real issues at this time. There was one incident where duplicate frequency pin appeared to have caused a mishap. If duplicate pins are noticed on the frequency board, one should be destroyed (except for 2.4 GHz pins)

Field - Melvin Elliott

- The area is pretty soggy at this time, please try to park out of the gutter so that it will not get clogged with leaves and can drain properly.

Training - Jim Chandler

- Training is on hold for now, several completed training in December, and three are currently ongoing, with several more expected in the spring.

Newsletter - Jerry Gillis

- All is well, and open to taking wanted/sale/trade/or giveaway ads.

Website - Brian Mausolf

- (Dan) – Please correct the Field position as Melvin Elliott on the Website.

Programs - None at this time.

Old Business:

Reminder- 2011 dues are due.

- Members must be paid-up and current with AMA to receive a 2011 FAMAC membership card for Flying after January 1, 2011.
- The Annual dinner was held on January 8th at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericksburg.
- We thank the Elliott's for arranging and hosting the clubs annual dinner. Melvin and his wife put a lot of effort into this event- Thanks Melvin.
 - 30 members and guests were present.
 - Food was good and plenty for all.
 - The 2010 Aeromasters Modeler of the Year was presented to James Chandler. Congratulations Jimmy.
 - A short movie providing a history of the club. First scenes showed aircraft sharing the field with several farm animals and wild turkeys. (Incidental- Jim Chandler has a box of old pictures which he will keep at VTS if anyone desire to see them. Joe, a past secretary, also has a file cabinet that we should retrieve and keep for archived records).
 - A thank you card was sent to Pastor Bob Brown of the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, Va. Per the clubs recommendation and a motion passed during the January meeting, a check for \$100 .00 was enclosed. A copy of the thank you note was submitted to the Club Secretary of the record.

- All season Flyers- See the club secretary for a patch. Most are available. Some history for those unaware of this award:
 - This was an AMA sponsored event with rigorous record keeping - It is now a club honor activity. We understand that there is a possibility of obtaining more patches from the AMA if needed. To qualify one must fly at least once each month with a successful launch, fly around and land with no damage. Check yourself off at the field on the check off sheet.
 - Need to order 1st year patches (**Action Item**).
- T-shirts are available for those who ordered them and several are still available for those who missed out on the initial order. The cost is \$15 each with \$3.00 going to the club.

New Business

- Looking for recommendations for fun fly's, field projects, or any other club goals for calendar Year 2011.
- Jim Braithwaite suggested a revival of the St. Elmo's day as the first fun fly of the year. Some discussion resulted in a suggestion that it be held on May 8th, (Sunday) starting at 2 pm Jim Craig will contact Roy Hanes about setting it up.
- Jim Craig - Looking for some more additional Aeromasters lightweight blue jackets. Discussion seems to point to Jonathan and Co. as a possible supplier which may have the Aeromasters LOGO on file. **Action** - Jim Chandler will check.
- The executive committee needs to meet in the near future (**Action Item**).
- Jim Craig – Check on the costs and type of shelter that can be installed to supplement the one there now.
- Jim Braithwaite noted that SIG is still in business and active. They report that there is a shortage of quality Balsa as it is being used in wind turbines but that is only slowing them down, not cutting products.
- Jim Chandler reported that Sam Homrighausen, one of our honorary life club members, passed away at 96 years of age. A motion was made to send a card to appropriate close family members. **Action** – Bill Varney will send a card.
- There was a discussion and an agreement that we need to clarify non flying members as associates (no fly) or honorary (no dues). The charter is not as clear as it should be. Follow-up discussion needed.
- There was some discussion on the implied role of the club Vice President as the Programs Chair. Without the need to vote, it was proclaimed that in addition to VP duties, the VP would take the roll of the Executive Programs Coordinator. Essentially he would be the principle point of contact for the programs committee which would consist of several members.

- A motion was made by Garry Penix to send a gift certificate and letter of thanks to Jay Maurice Foster for generously allowing us to use the field. The motion was seconded by Hank. We have in the past sent him an Outback Gift Card.
- There seems to be some unauthorized use of our Porte potty based upon an unusual amount of supplies and the need to empty it often. Jim Craig made a motion that we fit it with a combination lock and have it the same combo as the shed. The motion was seconded by Hank and all were in favor to buy 2 locks with identical combinations. Action – Melvin.
- Club Records. Need to contact Joe Jackson to obtain club records. **Action** –Dan.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 P.M

Raffle: Drew \$19.00 with the winner donating his share of the proceeds back to the club.

Noted in the last newsletter- With snow on the ground not much happening?
Not quite true:



The Piper Twins- The picture on the grass was taken in late February- Green Grass. The others were taken in snow on January 31st. Pilots Jim Braithwaite and Chester Barber. Note: The Snow was too deep to get Chester's off the ground without ski's.