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Presidents Message

Next Meeting

May 30, 2004

At the field of dreams

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Presidents note April 04

WOW, what a meeting we had 125th of April. I had hoped we would have a good turnout, and we did, right around 30 members. If you missed it, we have assured the availability of the club for the perceivable future, by raising the dues \$150 annually. The dues will cover the day-to-day expenses and the profit from the Jet scramble will pay for the capital improvements [concrete] and large maintenance term [runway sealing and stripping]. We should have considerable money left over for the reserve fund. In the near future I hope to formalize the percentage of the HOOJS profit to the reserve fund each year. We have to pick a number yet but, I would guess \$50,000 is a minimum. I hope we would get there in five to seven years.

The vote on the dues was unanimous. It was great to have this kind of support for such an important issue.

It looks like a fun year at the Field of dreams. Big Bird and military fly in, HOOJS and to fun flies for the members. The events will be tailored to your skill level. [No rolling circles with trainer aircraft] event scheduled will be posted at the field so you can practice them in advance. Prizes will be awarded to the third-place. First-place for trainer aircraft will be a GMS .47 engine. First-place for everyone else will be a hanger nine twister ARF.

Start thinking about August and HOOJS. As always we need a lot of help. This event gets bigger and bigger each year and comes a lot of money into the club. It deserves our support.

One note on safety from the president, we participate in a very large and dangerous sport/hobby. Spinning propellers and fingers do not mix. 75 to 80% of the accidents reported two AMA involve fingers and hands. We have been very careful and very lucky in the past four years. Only one serious accident, I would strongly urge everyone not to fly alone. If you were to be hurt, bleeding could cause unconsciousness before reaching medical help. After that you would cause an auto accident or just bleed out and die. I would also ask that you have someone hold your plane, while you start it. This should counteract problems with the wrong throttle settings, clothing clot in the propeller or problems with injury potential. I will probably harp on these terms in the future because we are the best club in the area and we should be the safest club.

Enough, enough, let's go fly. Jack

TORKS

Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday April 25, 2004
Location: TORKS Field of Dreams

- Meeting called to order by: Jack Rowlands @ 2:03 PM
- **Roll call:**
 - Taken by Dave P, and a quorum was present consisting of:
 - 21 Regular Members
 - 1 Life Members
 - 3 Probationary Members
 - 0 Affiliate members
 - 4 Junior Members
 - 0 Associate Members
- **Treasurer's report:**
 - Given by Dave P. Everything in good shape.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Safety Committee** – Chuck Elkins
 - Chuck noted that some electric flying was taking place to the left of the pit area and in the no-fly zone as depicted by our Flying site map. He suggested that electric flying be relocated to the helicopter area. After much discussion this item was tabled to allow discussion and a site review after the meeting and for Dave P to investigate AMA's thoughts on the matter. Dave will follow up at the next meeting.
 - **Orientation Committee** – Matt Findley
 - Not present
 - **Field Marshall** – Bob Schofield
 - Jack noted that Bob had accepted the position of Field Marshall.
 - **Site Retention Committee** – Greg Poppel
 - No updates at this time. Sound readings are planned for May.
 - **Executive Committee**
 - Greg noted that kids must have parents or guardians present at all times or must have authority for medical attention given to someone at the field. Greg noted a past incident where a child has hurt at the field and couldn't be treated at the emergency room due to lack of consent.
- **New Applications for Membership**
 - Todd Fessler
 - Tom Uhlig
 - Ken Fairchild made a motion to accept Todd and Tom to Probationary status. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously
- **Probationary Members voted to Regular Status**
 - None Available

- **Old Business**

- Jack noted that the runway resealing project and re-graveling the driveway were both approved projects and would be completed, weather permitting

- **New Business**

- Dues

- Jack started the discussion by noting that with the final payoff of the debt, the club charter noting the \$95 dues, and \$55 debt reduction needed to be amended. Jack noted that SWACO could remove us from our field with a 30-day notice and although we believed we were in pretty good shape now, we must keep this possibility in mind. He also noted that our original field costs were \$100,000, and the TORKS would require at least that type of investment should we be forced to relocate. Jack noted that the club has the opportunity to look at keeping the Torks viable for a long time through events such as the jet scramble providing funds that could be set-aside in reserve. The executive committee noted that after reviewing TORKS operating costs, and removing the effect of the Jet Scramble, the costs are \$142/member, and in fact the \$55 debt reduction really was being covered by jet scramble funds, not dues collected. It was noted that operating costs over the past several years included the outside contractor mowing fees, amounting to approximately \$47/member. Jack asked for questions from the group and after much discussion, suggested that the club set dues at \$150/person to cover the operating costs of the Torks, and that he has asked the Executive committee to present a recommendation for funds from events to be used for adding to the reserve on a planned basis to provide for longevity of the club.
- Greg Poppel made a motion that dues be changed to \$150/year/person and that the charter be revised to note the changes from dues \$95/debt reduction \$55 to dues \$150.
- Bob Schofield seconded the motion
- The motion was passed unanimously

- Fun Fly's

- Jack noted that 2 club fun fly's would be planned for this year and funds allocated in the budget. Jack noted that the fun fly's would each have 2 classes to separate skill levels a bit, i.e. trainer, dihedral, and everyone else. The first would be a combination Family day and fun fly to be held on June 19th. The second would be combined with the Fish Fry on Sept 11th. Victor McCall will be coordinating the fun fly activities.

- Pig Roast

- The committee noted that this would be a major event. Dave P mentioned that the pig roast is intended to be a major celebration with not just club members and family but SWACO, Barbee, Dineen, and noted the plan to be a tribute to Dan Dineen. This event would start at the field around 5PM, flying would be suspended, beverages, food etc. provided along with a DJ or a band. This event is still in planning and the time will be announced soon.

- 2004 Budget

- Dave P presented the budget 2004 budget to the membership. A motion was made from the floor to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

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- **Items from the floor**

- Port-o-pot
 - It was suggested to move the port-o-pot and anchor it to prevent the wind from blowing it over as it has done in the past. Joe Harless suggested that we make it permanent, i.e. make a small addition to our building and install the tank for the port-o-let in the addition. Joe will look in to the costs, etc. and present to the membership.
- Kroger certificates
 - Victor McCall brought up the idea of Kroger Certificates as a fund raising opportunity for the club. Essentially the club buys certificates from Kroger, and then members buy them from the club. They are used like cash at Kroger for most items, and the club pockets 5%. A motion was made from the floor to purchase up to \$500 at a time for resale to club members, seconded and approved. Victor will coordinate this project.
- Barbeque Grill Concrete Pad
 - It was noted from the floor that a pad was needed just outside the bldg for the grill. It was noted that Barbee needed to come back and finish the concrete work started in the pit areas and maybe he could take care of the grill pad. Bob will look into this as part of his new duties as field marshal.

- **Upcoming Events**

- May 30 Torks meeting at the field
- June 12 Big Bird
- June 19 Family Day/Fun Fly
- July 17 Warbird
- Sept 11 Fish Fry/Fun Fly
- TBD Pig Roast

- Meeting Adjourned at 3:09 PM