

Minutes of the CBRC Regular Meeting – October 19, 2012 Severna Park Community Center, Severna Park, MD

Voting Members – 19

Guests - 0

Quorum – 26

Since a quorum was not available, no motions or a planned vote to change the quorum language of the Constitution and Bylaws could be conducted.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance - \$10407 (Checking Account and Tractor Set Aside)
82% of the 2012 Budget has been spent.

Steve informed the membership that AMA renewals are now due. A 2013 AMA card will be required to fly on Jan.1. CBRC renewals will commence at the Nov. Regular meeting.

Members who have not renewed by Jan. 31 will be removed from the club roster.

Secretary's Report:

Membership breakdown:

Regular-40, Senior-46, Life-9, Military-2, Family-14, Student-1
Associate-9, Total-121, Voting-104, Quorum-26

Associate Members up for vote- Kevin Hall, Derek Sadowski.
Neither individual was present, so the votes will be deferred until the Nov. Regular meeting.

Reading of Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting Oct. 9, 2012:

President Cliff Haley read the minutes which follow.

Minutes of the CBRC Board Meeting – October 9, 2012

Attendees – Cliff Haley, Don Caputo, Steve Barnett, Dave Gould, Butch Fifer, Bill Setzler

Absent- Chuck Adamo

Treasurer's Report:

Balance - \$10610.59 (includes Mower Replacement - \$3961.25), 82% of 2012 Budget expenditures completed.

Secretary's Report:

Membership breakdown:

Regular-40, Senior-45, Life-9, Military-2, Family-14, Student-1
Associate-9, Total-120, Voting-103, Quorum-26

Associate Members up for vote- Kevin Hall, Derek Sadowski

Old/Open Business :

July Regular Meeting:

A DNR official has indicated that the department can assist the club financially in the maintenance of the flying field grounds by reimbursing the cost of fuel used to mow the field. A DNR representative will meet with the Board of Governors at a future meeting to establish a payment procedure.

Cliff has e-mailed our DNR contact with no response. The Board requests that Cliff continue to clarify DNR's offer; however, it did not consider the annual diesel fuel expenditure for the mower to be a significant budget expense. **Remains Open**

Appointment of Field Safety Officer:

The President will have to appoint a Field Safety Officer to fill the vacancy left by Rick Crow. **Pending**

CBRC Web Site Upgrade: – www.crabrag.com

John White has done a terrific job of constructing a new site. Members must register in order to access the forum. Each must indicate a User Name and E-mail address. A temporary password will be sent to that e-mail address. If the password e-mail cannot be found, check that your e-mail server has placed it in its spam folder (e-mail will be from **WordPress**). Log in and change your profile with your desired password.

The club roster password remains "balsa".

September Regular Meeting Motions:

Motion by Bill Setzler to eliminate any reference of the club's allowance of helicopters (both club and AMA).

Second- Andy Smith. Bill stated that those club members who fly helicopters would be grandfathered, but the club is primarily a fixed wing club. Several members stated that CBRC facilities are not conducive to an influx of new members who fly only helicopters. Steve Barnett offered that the club might be perceived as exclusionary by our leaseholder, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. **Tabled**

Bill discussed his motion and indicated that he would rescind the motion at the Regular meeting. The Board discussed the ramifications of mixed helicopter and fixed wing aircraft flying. Though the CBRC field layout is not ideal for helicopters, if members use common sense and communicate, fixed wing aircraft can be safely flown at the same time that a helicopter is being flown at the Helicopter Hover Box.

Motion by Andy Smith to overturn the Board-approved helicopter rules. Second – Ron Roding. Andy stated that additional rules were unnecessary. Discussion ensued concerning the integration of dissimilar aircraft and the communication required among simultaneous flyers to ensure safety. Discussion covered the rule effects on various mixed flying scenarios. **Tabled**

Quorum Change To Constitution & Bylaws: Secretary Gould discussed the quorum impediment of the Constitution and Bylaws. As the club membership increases, the requirement of a quorum of 25% of the voting membership is difficult to achieve. Most votes cannot be made without a quorum, and business must be deferred to later meetings until a quorum is achieved. Three proposed changes are presented:

Section 3. To conduct the Club's business at any meeting, ~~a quorum consisting of 25% of the voting members must be present.~~

(Proposed change 1. a quorum consisting of 18% of the voting members must be present. Absentee ballots shall be included in the quorum count for the meeting.)

or

(Proposed change 2. a quorum consisting of not less than thirteen (13) of the voting members must be present. A two-thirds (2/3) quorum vote (currently 9) is required to conduct business unless otherwise specified.)

or

(Proposed change 3. a quorum shall consist of the total members present.)

Motions duly made and seconded regarding regular business policies of CBRC require a majority vote for passage.

Dave informed the Board that he had found a simpler quorum definition in another club's bylaws. **The Board recommends proposed change 3.**

October Fun Fly:

Contest Director Steve Barnett

Steve informed the Board of his field preparation and event plans. Cliff will be available Friday to mow the field/check propane bottle.

October Crab Feast:

Reservation Sheet indicates 45 crab meals and 21 hot dog/hamburger meals

Assignments:

Crabs, corn, crab soup, table setups – Butch Fifer

Hot Dog/Hamburger/Buns/Condiments (5x6 boxes of hamburgers and 3x8 packages of hot dogs)/Ice/Paper Towels

– Dave Gould

Drinks (3x24 mixed cases/1 case water) – Steve Barnett

Paper Goods/Trash Bags/Utensils – Steve Barnett

New Business:

December Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting:

Awards planning – The Board will determine the awards and recipients at the November Board meeting in order to give Steve sufficient time to place an order with AMA. The Secretary will attempt to book the gym using the 2-hour gift certificate that expires Oct. 31. Indoor flying will be available before and after the meeting.

2013 Annual Dues:

The club secretary will send an e-mail to remind the membership of the 2013 dues renewal. The treasurer will begin to take renewal payments beginning at the November Regular meeting. If a member's dues remain unpaid on January 31, that person will be removed from the club roster. AMA 2013 dues must be paid in order to fly after January 1.

January 1 (New Years Day) Flying: Planning deferred to December Board meeting

Adjourned

Dave Gould Secretary

Discussion/Q & A of Board of Governors Minutes:

President Cliff Haley requested that the Old Business Open Item concerning the meeting with the DNR official be dropped until DNR resolves its management structure, and the official is again available. **CLOSED**

Appointment of Field Safety Officer:

President Haley appointed Ray Stinchcomb as the Field Safety Officer.

Quorum Change To The Constitution & Bylaws:

Without a quorum present, this agenda item must be deferred to the next meeting that has a quorum. It was suggested that the secretary send an e-mail ballot to the membership that included the 3 proposed changes in order to resolve the quorum issue so that future club business could be conducted. Though the secretary will send the e-mail ballot as requested, Dave doesn't agree that the club officers should have to solicit proxies or absentee ballots to achieve a quorum while many members fail to attend meetings to discuss the issues, and vote. Without being present to hear both the pros and cons, an absent member can't make an informed vote. **DEFERRED**

Tabled Motions:

Without the necessary quorum, the motions remain tabled.
REMAIN TABLED

Board Implementation Of Field Rules Without A Membership Vote:

A discussion ensued that questioned the board's recent addition of helicopter rules to the CBRC Field Rules. Following the meeting, Dave Gould sent this message to the Board of Governors concerning the Board's authority under the CBRC Constitution & Bylaws. The message is included in the minutes in order to inform the membership of the board's constitutional prerogative.

"CBRC Board

At last night's regular meeting, we had a discussion about field rule changes and the board's implementation of rules without a member vote. Article II below clearly allows that; however, past rule changes have gone before the membership for discussion and vote, but those were not safety in nature. During the break, I gave an example of the board establishing a rule without a membership vote when safety or the field lease could be in jeopardy. Let's say a member decides to fly a turbine jet at CBRC (no rule prohibits it). It goes down in the woods, and a fire ensues. The board meets soon thereafter and establishes a rule that no turbine aircraft will be flown at

CBRC. Whenever the membership provides a quorum at a regular meeting, they can discuss the board's decision and rescind it by a majority vote if they so choose. At CBRC, until the C&B is amended concerning the quorum requirement, months could go by before a vote could be taken on this example, and in the mean time turbine aircraft could continue to be flown which would jeopardize the club facility (DNR property).

The helicopter rules that the board recently established apply to safety. If the membership chooses to rescind them, there is a process. Bring a quorum to the meeting and vote. Also, if the membership desires to formalize a review and vote on all proposed rule changes, they can vote on a motion to limit the board's authority as given in Art. II. In the mean time, the board can exercise the authority granted by the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 3. *Except as specifically limited by this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Governors shall have full power and authority to do all acts and perform all functions which the Club itself, duly convened at its regular meetings, may do or perform.*

This should dispel the notion that the board can't make rules without membership input and approval when this issue comes up at the flying field.

Dave”

October Fun Fly Debrief:

Steve Barnett informed the membership that a debrief of the event has been posted on the web site. 7 pilots participated. Steve White won with 459 points, Don Caputo and Dave Gould tied at 338 points, Arnold Heckman scored 213 points, and Nicholas Anderson scored 150 points. Steve acknowledged the scorers; Bill Setzler, John Jeffcoat, and Steve Smith.

October Crab Feast Debrief:

Steve stated that he expected the club's contribution to the cost of the Crab Feast to be approximately \$450; however, the actual club subsidy was only \$150. 45 made reservations for crabs, 43 showed up, 21 made reservations for hamburgers/hot dogs, 20 showed up, and 1 additional individual purchased as a walk up. Butch Fifer was acknowledged for his extraordinary efforts to make this an enjoyable fall event. Dennis Jones was our cook for the day.

December Regular Meeting:

The December meeting will be the annual pot-luck awards dinner. The event will be in the gym of the Severna Park Community Center, so bring your small indoor helicopters and airplanes to fly. Traditional awards have been; Most Improved Pilot, Student of the Year, Broken Prop Award, and the Tom Chambers Memorial Award (individual who best exemplifies the hobby). Please provide your nominations to any board member.

Announce Gym Indoor Flying:

\$5/per person. One member paid to fly after the meeting. This opportunity is a good deal. The community center is allowing us to use the gym for indoor flying following our meetings. Anyone who wishes to fly should pay \$5 to Steve during the meeting. We are on an honor system to the community center for this privilege.

Break

Don Metzger Presentation- "*FreeFlight Today*":

Don Metzger gave a lecture on the organization, aircraft construction, and flying in today's world of Free Flight. He demonstrated the mechanical timer on his model that terminates the engine run and causes the horizontal stabilizer to flip up in order to cause a stall and end the glide.

Show and Tell:

Steve Barnett presented his partially built, Blue Jay kit - Bridi Lodestar (a clone of the Telemaster).

Bob Curry presented his electric Extreme Flight 60" wingspan Extra.

50/50 Raffle:

Dennis Jones donated his share of the \$43 take to the club.

Adjourn

Dave Gould, Secretary