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Southern Alameda County Radio Controllers

President: Jim Solar Secretary: Matt O'Sullivan

Vice President: Bob Freshwater Treasurer: Jim Utley (510) 352-3150

Minutes of the Nov. 12th Board Of Directors meeting by: Jeff Whitney

Board Members in Attendance:

Jim Solar—President and Member of the Board.

Matt O'Sullivan—Secretary

Jim Utley—Treasurer

Jeff Whitney—Past President

Bob Dutra—Director at Large.

Art Vargas—Director at Large

Board Members in Absence:

Open Chair—Director of Communications.

Business:

Number of Members 150 with 105 paid/compensated members and 45 un paid. The unpaid members have until the end of January to renew. Jim Utley will be contacting those members.

The Schuzhund lease was signed by Jim Solar, Jim Utley will take it to the Schuzhund club for signature.

It was decided to have a work party Tuesday January 17 to paint the yellow stripe on the underway.

The locks on the agate were discussed—apparently someone had bypassed a lock and gotten it all screwed up.

Board meeting was ended at 7:00PM



Minutes of the 1/14/2012 General Membership meeting by Jeff Whitney

Minutes

Accepted as published

New Members/Prospects

There are 2 new prospective members. The are on the waiting list for the final membership count. Currently the Club membership is full with 150 members. The Membership will be reopened after the close of the Club's membership renewal period, which ends January 31, 2012. Until then, perspective members will be placed on a waiting list until the February 11, 2012 General Club Meeting. The order that the perspective members are added to the list will be the order in which they will be allowed to join assuming that they are present at the Club's General Meeting. They will need to be present to join.

Treasury Report

none

Secretaries Report

Jim Newman resigned as Secretary and Jeff Whitney was filling in. Matt O'Sullivan has graciously volunteered to take over as our new Secretary and will start February.

Field Report

Art says the field is looking good, not much mowing or weed cutting because of the lack of rain, Bob Freshwater and a few others took the sun screen down and put it away. As noted in the Board minutes, there will be a work party Tuesday the 17th for painting. Jim Utley is ordering a

new windsock to replace our old tattered one. It was mentioned that we have a 400 foot ceiling. (Jim – checked the AMA regs and the 400 foot ceiling is only within 3 miles of an active airport. We are outside the 3 mile limit and 400' ceiling limit does not apply).

Safety Report

Safety and following the rules is a concern for all of us. We don't want to hurt someone or lose our filed. Lets all do our best to keep from breaking the rules. No one likes to be told they are breaking the rules or to tell someone there breaking the rules so lets be courteous.

Old Business

Be sure and replace the pin when you have finished your flight (This seems to be a constant issue). This allows every one to take their turn flying.

New Business

The Club Officers for 2012 will be as follows:

Jim Solar for Club President and Member of the Board.

Bob Freshwater for Club Vice President and Member of the Board.

Jim Utley for Club Treasurer and Member of the Board.

Matt O'Ssullivan for Club Secretary and Member of the Board.

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Jeff Whitney for Past President and Member of the Board.

Art Vargas for Director at Large and Member of the Board.

Bob Dutra for Director at Large and Member of the Board.

Lou Morales announced the Hogan Lake Float Fly coming up in June (8-9-10) at – you guessed it – Hogan Lake. Everyone is invited but it is noted that it is electrics only; there will be a retrieval boat available, etc. Contact Lou at 510-727-9140 for more information.

Identifying airplanes was discussed – not recognition, but putting your name and phone number in or on your airplane – an airplane went down recently and the crew at the field could not find it. The helicopter crew working on the high-tension line replacement spotted it and brought it back – but there was no name or phone number on the airplane. Fortunately one of the members present recognized it and got it back to the owner. Not only is it a good idea to ID your airplane, it is an AMA requirement. We all get address labels in the mail, so you could use those. Art Vargas pointed out that he also labels his batteries. It is also an excellent idea to label your transmitter for that inevitable time when you will leave it behind.

Starting next meeting we will be having demonstrations. In February Art Vargas will demonstrate repairing foam airplanes, in March Jeff Whitney will demonstrate fiber glassing techniques and in April Bob Freshwater will

Demonstrate soldering techniques.

If you have an area of expertise you would like to share, or would like to see something demonstrated please let one of the officers know.

Announcements

The Club's Membership renewal is presently ongoing and will be complete on January 31,2012 If you have not renewed by then, you're membership will be cancelled as per the Club's Constitution and Bylaws (III.A.1).

This means that if there is

anyone who is presently on the waiting list to join, that they will be come a member and you will have to go on the waiting list. So please don't delay and get those dues in on time!.

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Member of the month

It nice to see our retired members at the filed. One of our oldest and still flying is Mickey Durata. He is 87 years old and has been a club member for over 10 years. Mickey has 2 new planes, an AT6 Texan and a T28. Both are from Nitro Planes and you can see Mickey learn to fly them on Mondays and Tuesdays at the filed.

Show and Tell

"We had no new planes" I am sure Santa bought us new toys for Christmas.



People Behaving Badly

We haven't found any one breaking the rules this month. Lets keep up the good work and remember, the rules are there to keep our club members safe and our filed open.

Share the air days are over until the next duck season.









On page 5 are some of the members of our field work party hard at work painting a new yellow line and anchoring the fabric. The new yellow stripe should help lining up with the center of the runway for landing.

In addition we have our new wind sock up thanks to Bob Freshwater and a few other members. They had to rebuild the mounting in addition to installing the sock.

The field looks good! Great job guys.

Our next membership meeting will be held at the Hanger

February 11,2012 - 7:30PM

Jim Utley has been contacted by:

Tyler with **TheRCSwap.com**,

If you have something to swap or sell you can post any \amount of ads for free for those who are interested. You can click on the patch to visit his site.



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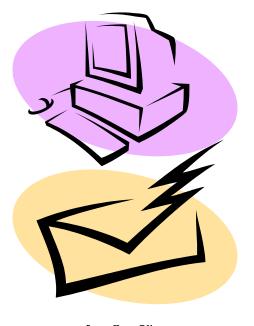
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