

Nampa Model Aviators February 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by NMA President Jack Read on February 11, 2011 at 7:05 PM. Coffee, sodas and doughnuts were served to the members. There were 19 members attending.

Presidents Report: Jack welcomed the members in attendance and expressed his disappointment that the swap meet had to be cancelled due to the insistence of the property owners that they be paid \$300.00 to use the facility. Jack indicated he had looked into several other possibilities but could not be certain of their availability. After some discussion the suggestion was made to hold the swap meet in conjunction with one of our scheduled events, possibly the Family Day event.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to postpone our swap meet to a future event date in the summer, date and time to be decided. Motion passed. (OPEN ITEM)

Old Business: Treasurer, Mike Jordan presented the club financial report. A discussion regarding expenses for 2011 was held. Agreement was reached that this year's expenses would be lower than 2010 because we envisioned no significant site upgrades.

Members are reminded that their 2011 dues must be paid prior to or at the March meeting in order to enjoy the discount of \$108.00 per year versus the normal dues of \$120.00.

Jack also reminded the members to be sure and pay their annual AMA dues. The club roster is checked and updated weekly. Members were cautioned not to fly at the club field until AMA dues are paid.

Ron Landram gave an updated report regarding the on-going rulemaking negotiations between AMA, the FAA and other members of the general and commercial aviation community. The FAA has indicated that the draft regulatory standards will be submitted to the committee sometime in April of 2011, this will be followed by public comment in June 2011 and final adoption in 2013. Everyone is asked to read the article in the most recent edition of the AMA magazine. We believe that the FAA rules could have significant impact on our hobby.

New Business:

Ron Hjorth is working on upgrades to our web site and is asking for any photos of the club's activities to be sent to him.

The membership agreed to a general flying site and weed control cleanup day on Saturday the 19th of February, starting at 8:30 a. m. This important task will be made easier if we can get a good number of members to participate.

The AMA and NMA restrictions and testing procedures for model aircraft engine sound levels was discussed. Larry Bresson suggested that a decal be made for aircraft that were tested and met the requirements. Larry volunteered to make the decals.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded that Larry Bresson make decals indicating that an aircraft had been tested and passed the sound level measurement requirements. Larry would be reimbursed for the materials. Motion passed.

Rudy Zuberbuhler gave a short report about the up-coming Northwest Scale Championships to be held at the BARKS field September 8-11, 2011. There is a need for judges and Rudy asked if NMA would consider hosting two seminars to train and certify event judges. This would allow interested modelers from the local area to learn the ins and outs of judging without having to make the trip to the BARKS field. These sessions would not hinder or restrict normal flying on the days proposed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to provide our facility on May, 28th and July 3rd, 2011 for scale model judging training, provided that normal flying would not be restricted on those dates. Motion passed.

The monthly raffle was held and Ron Landram had the winning ticket. Special thanks to *Hobby Town U.S.A.* for contributing the \$20.00 gift certificate.

Rod Springer from the Parma Club brought his beautiful 30 Lb. turbine powered Mig15 and gave the members a great presentation on how turbines function and their safety requirements as well as starting procedures. This was followed by a lengthy question and answer period. Special thanks to Rod for an excellent talk.

Tom Cole brought his new “night flyer” and showed the members how he made lights using very inexpensive mini flashlights he purchased from Harbor Freight Tools. Thank you Tom.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Approved: Jack Read, President
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Cc: Brandon Peterson
Larry Bresson
Mike Jordon
Tim Cooper