

Nampa Model Aviators February 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

- The February 2012 meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by club president Jack Read. There were 20 members and one guest present.

MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the January 2012 minutes.

President's Report:

- NMA President, Jack Read introduced a potential new member, Tom McCrackin to the members. Tom has several airplanes and said he expects to join the club at the March meeting.
- Jack mentioned that the monthly lease payment increase resulting from the new Nampa Stormwater fees were likely to go back to the original contract amount because the *Nampa City Council* has decided to fund the project through the General Tax Fund rather than a Fee Levy. Jack indicated that he wanted to give things time to settle down before discussing it with our landlords, *Nampa Parks and Recreation Department*.
- Jack brought in the prototype model for our new summer activity, small biplane racing. The model is available locally as a laser cut build-it-yourself, or can be purchased as an ARF through *Tower Hobbies*. Also a complete motor, ESC and spinner set up will be available as Jack will order the packages through Hobby King. The price for the laser kit is \$25.00 and the price for the motor kit will be \$35.00. Members who want one are encouraged to pay in advance. Several orders were placed at the meeting.

MOTION: A motion made seconded and unanimously approved to approve the concept of the biplane project and to authorize Jack to take the orders.

- Jack asked the members to again submit written articles for the web page. Members can share their experiences and expertise on various subjects such as helicopter set up, electric motors 101 etc.

Treasurers' Report: Jack gave the treasurers report and indicated there were no changes in the financial status of the club's accounts since the previous meeting.

FAA sUAS Report: NMA Secretary, Ron Landram brought the membership up to date regarding the proposed FAA rulemaking which could have led to regulation of model airplane flying. Both houses of Congress approved the FAA funding bill and sent it to the President for signing. The final version of the bill includes an amendment which prohibits the FAA from regulating "Recreational and hobby model aircraft flying". This was a big win for the modeling community and was due in large part by the outpouring of pressure on congress by the membership and administration of AMA.

New Business:

- Jack asked the members to thank James Kasson for all the great work he has been doing in keeping the weeds and brush at the field, under control. James has volunteered his time and effort and the field is looking great. Thanks James.
- There was a discussion regarding whether or not to allow non NMA members to participate in the summer Wednesday night flying program. Most members expressed their support for inviting non members to fly with us.

MOTION: A motion made seconded and unanimously approved to approve allowing non NMA members to participate in the Summer Wednesday night flying, provided they present a valid AMA membership.

- Members were asked to volunteer as lead coordinators for the Summer events. Coordinators will take care of the pre event notice, handle media invitations (if any) and draft event rules for the specific events. During the event they will take care of the activity timing and coordination. Other members and club officers will be asked to assist. Mike Nipp volunteered to handle the *Fun Fly*, Wayne Warner will coordinate the *Public Day* and Ron Landram will be organizing the *War Birds over Nampa*.
- A discussion was held regarding the possibility of re paving the runway. The surface has not been updated since it's original paving in the mid 1990's. Several members expressed their view that the annual re-sealing of cracks and paving repairs were not very effective.

MOTION: A motion made seconded and unanimously approved for the club to solicit bids for repaving the runway. Once bids are secured they will be presented to the membership at a future meeting.

- The members in attendance took turns at describing their current or completed winter projects. We can look forward to seeing some new, very nice airplanes and helicopters as the weather warms up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Landram, Secretary, Nampa Model Aviators

Approved:

Jack Read, President, Nampa Model Aviators