

Nampa Model Aviators March 2011 Meeting – March 10, 2011

- **President's Report:** Jack Read called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 24 members in attendance. Jack welcomed everyone and introduced new member, Mike Nipp to the members. Members were reminded that tonight was the deadline to pay their 2011 dues at the discounted rate. Jack also reminded the members to ensure their AMA dues were current before any flying at the club field. Jack thanked those who participated in the weed and grounds clean-up the prior Saturday.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Jordan gave a short summary of both the accounts and gave the amounts available in each.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Rescheduling of Swap Meet:** Jack indicated that several members had inquired about the possibility of having a swap meet at some near future date. Jack told the group that he had received a proposal of using the gymnasium at Taft Elementary School in Boise. The cost to the members would be \$50.00 for the day and that included the use of tables and chairs. Jack suggested that sellers contribute at least \$2.00 each towards that payment.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the offer to use from Taft Elementary to use their facility for the swap meet. It was further motioned, seconded and approved to set a date of April 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for the event. (Open Item).
- **Safety Officer's Report:** Larry Bresson covered the issue of noise control and noise abatement at the field. The membership was told that we had again received complaints regarding alleged noise from model airplanes from the residential area immediately to the North of the field. A discussion regarding the club rules, testing procedures and noise abatement methods followed.
- **MOTION:** Relative to the NMA's ongoing noise abatement efforts, it was moved, seconded and approved to purchase a new sound level meter to be used for testing member's aircraft. The meter will replace the one currently owned by the club which has been shown to be inaccurate due to its age. (Closed)
- **Latest update on the proposed FAA rules and AMA's response.** Ron Landram provided the latest update from AMA regarding the proposed rulemaking by the FAA, governing remotely piloted aircraft, which may or may not include recreational model airplane flying. The U.S. Senate attached an amendment to the FAA appropriations bill which exempts hobby model aircraft flying from any future regulation by the AMA, provided the flying is done under AMA rules. The bill is now in the House of Representatives. Members were again urged to contact their representatives to ask for their support for the amendment. (Open)
- **Web Site Upgrades and Updates:** Ron Hjorth continues to ask for photos, articles or other items of interest from the members for inclusion into the web page upgrade. (Open)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Landscaping and Lawn Service:** Jack has received two proposals for our spring and summer landscaping and lawn service maintenance. Jack covered both proposals with the membership in detail. Jack suggested that we retain the current provider, Smoot Lawn Service. Smoot has been our provider for the past 3 years, has done an excellent job and their price is comparable, with the other proposal.
- **MOTION:** **A motion was made, seconded and approved to extend the contract for Smoot Lawn Service through 2011. (Closed)**
- Jack addressed the need for a general cleanup of the storage shed at the flying field. Members were asked to check and see if any of their personal equipment was in the shed and to either remove it or ensure it was properly stored.
- Jack Read told the membership that he was contacted by former NMA member Leon Waterman, about donating his airplanes and equipment to the club. Mr. Waterman is retiring from RC building and flying and has donated several scratch-built airplanes, radios, tools and related equipment to Nampa Model Aviators. Jack told the group that with their consent he will sell as much of the collection and put the money earned into the club treasury.
- 5 members brought projects in to show the members. Ron Landram brought his new Airfield RC Giant Foamy Corsair. Ron demonstrated the sequenced retracts and doors. Roc Cox brought his beautiful work-in-progress Corsair. This model is an example of excellence in model engineering and building. New member Mike Nipp brought his mini float plane cub that he built from a kit. Mike's airplane is yet another example of quality model building. Jack Read showed the members his electric powered Shoestring racer. This model puts out over 2200 watts and has been clocked at speeds approaching 130 mph! Larry Bresson showed the members his electric motor test stand. This is a unique system because every facet of electric motor power can be evaluated, including wattage, amperage and thrust. Larry demonstrated how the system works and gave a short presentation covering the theory of electric model power systems.
- The monthly raffle drawing was held and Ron Landram held the winning ticket. Special thanks to RC Hobbies in Boise for contributing the \$20.00 gift certificate.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Landram, Secretary, Nampa Aero Modelers

Approved:

Jack Read, President, NMA