

Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – October 10, 2013

NMA President, Jack Read called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 21 members present.

MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the September, 2013 minutes as provided by E-mail.

Presidents Report: President Jack Read reminded everyone that we have had a number of new members join over the summer and mention their names (Ron Darland, David Kennedy, John Helzer, Graham Ehmann, Donald Lay, Joseph Nahmais, Michael Richmond, Richard Taddiken, and Ronald Tincher (a returning old member)). If you have not met them please make a point to do so and introduce yourself. No guests were present.

Treasurers Report:

- NMA Treasurer, Mike Jordan provided this months treasurers report. The members were provided with the amounts available in each account. We are at a point in the season where our monthly expenses will be greatly reduced and accounts have more than sufficient funds to cover any items.

Safety Report:

- Mike Nipp said that there were no pressing issues regarding safety, however some changes to the club flying safety rules are in the works to make our rules more closely match AMA's safety code.

Old Business:

- Jack spoke about the recent Warbirds event. The event was the most successful ever and received recognition from the Press Tribune as well as the AMA's national photo web site. Jack read a letter he sent to AMA headquarters which accompanied our donation of \$400.00, raised at the event, for the *Wounded Warrior Foundation*. A big thanks to coordinator Rob Epley for organizing and putting on a great event. Rob agreed to act as the coordinator for next year's warbird event.

New Business:

- Jack asked for any other nominations for 2014 officers. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed by motion. The nominations for 2014 officers were:
 1. For President - Mike Nipp
 2. For Vice President - Dennis Kirouac
 3. For Vice President - Shayne Epley
 4. For Secretary - Ron Landram
 5. For Treasurer - Mike Jordan
 6. For Director - Tom Cole
 7. For Director - Charles LaBass
 8. For Safety Officer - Rob Epley

Because the by-laws provide that the outgoing president will fill one of the two director positions, members were asked to vote for only one of the two director nominees.

Voting took place by secret ballot and the results are as follows:

President - Mike Nipp

Vice President - Dennis Kirouac

Secretary - Ron Landram

Treasurer - Mike Jordan
Director - Charles LaBass
Safety Officer - Rob Epley

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws and Safety Rules:

The Board of Officers and Directors have been reviewing the club by-laws and safety rules and are making the following recommendations for changes in order to make our guidelines more current and to more closely follow AMA's rules and policies.

The recommended changes are as follows:

Article IV. Membership

5. This report will include a recommendation of action to be taken. The only actions that may be recommended are:
 1. No action
 2. Formal letter of warning sent to member including corrective actions ~~and a requirement to reapply for membership the following year.~~
 3. 30-90 day suspension (determined by the Board) from utilizing Corporation privileges with no reimbursement of dues for the period of suspension ~~and a requirement to reapply for membership the following year.~~

(Note: The requirement to reapply for membership for the following year is redundant because it is covered in another section of the by-laws which requires every member to reapply for membership annually.)

Article VII. Meetings

1. **Annual** — The annual meeting of the Corporation's membership shall be held in the month of ~~September~~ **January** of each year. The Corporation's officials elected at the previous ~~May's~~ **October's** regular meeting (as provided in [Article IX](#), below) are automatically installed and will conduct this meeting.

(Note: This is a housekeeping change to correct the dates as amended in the 2012 by-law change)

6. **Notice** — General Members shall receive notice of regular and annual meetings through the Corporation's newsletter ([Article XV](#) #1). Notice of a special meeting will be **E**mailed to all General Members ten (10) days prior to such special meeting in the form of a letter.

(Note: Changes "Mailed" to "Emailed". Members with no Email can request a mailed notice by contacting the club president)

Article IX. Election of Officers

1. Election of Corporation officials shall be conducted annually in ~~September~~ **October** at a regular corporation meeting. The term of service for all club officers and directors shall run from January 1 through the last day of December each year.

(Note: This is a housekeeping change to reflect the correct month for election of officers)

Article XII. Committees

1. The Board of Directors, by resolution, may create such special or standing committees, as they deem advisable.
2. The Board of Directors shall ~~appoint a Nominations Committee of three (3) members for the purpose of~~ present ~~ing~~ to the membership eligible candidates for office at the general meeting next preceding the general meeting for election of officers.

(Note: Change eliminates the requirement to form a committee for the purpose of submitting a slate of officers for the next election. Submission has been traditionally done by the Board of Officers and Directors. This change does not preclude other nominations by the membership at large.)

Proposed changes to the club safety rules:

Rule:

~~6. Muffler must be used on engine with .09 or larger displacement; 4 cycle larger than .50 displacements.~~

(Note: This rule is redundant, sound levels are specified in rule 15.)

9. No **72 Mhz. or lower** transmitter shall be turned on without the frequency control paddle.

Note: Specifies 72Mhz or less frequencies as the frequency paddle requirement is not necessary for 2.4 Ghz systems.)

15. Noise **limits at 96-** 98 decibels at ~~9~~ **10** feet on concrete or ~~94~~ **96** decibels **at 10 feet** on earth or grass is the maximum.

(Note: Noise dB level requirements are being raised Only 2dB to match AMA guidelines. However the AMA guidelines are to measure the dB levels at 20 feet. We propose to stay conservative and measure the dBs at 10 feet to continue our good relationship with our neighbors. Even large 100cc and larger airplanes with canned mufflers are meeting these conservative noise levels.

20. Pilot training must done with a "buddy box" system.

(Note: This rule is being added to preclude the unsafe practice of handing a transmitter between student and instructor. This rule does not preclude handing a transmitter off between two experienced pilots.)

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the proposed changes to the by-laws and club safety rules as submitted by the Board of Officers and Directors.

(Note: Per the current by-laws, final approval will be made by the membership at the November 2013 meeting).

These minutes will serve as notice of proposed rules changes.

- After a short discussion it was agreed by the membership to have a Christmas Party on the 2nd Thursday of December. The party format will follow that of the prior two years' for this event (pizza, soft drinks and a gift exchange). More info to be provided later.
- Mark Bell showed some charging bunker boxes he made for charging lithium batteries. Charles LaBass showed a pretty P-51 airplane with an OS-91 4stroke resembling that of the Reno Racer "Voo Doo".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:
Jack Read, President.