

Nampa Model Aviators September 2011 Meeting – September 8, 2011

- The September, 2011 meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by club president Jack Read. This was preceded by another outstanding Barbeque from Ed “Chief Cook” Reagles. There were 16 members present.

MOTION: A motion made seconded and unanimously approved to approve the August 2011 minutes.

President’s Report:

- Jack welcomed the members in attendance and spoke briefly about the upcoming *Warbirds Over Nampa* event coming up on the 17th of the month. Jack asked members to let him know in advance if they were planning to participate in order that he and Larry Bresson could get the T-shirts done prior to the event.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jack gave the membership the Treasurers Report. He went over all accounts and expenses. The club’s financial status is solid.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Larry Bresson said he is now updating the web page and is finishing the “past events” page. Any photos will be welcomed. E Mail them to Larry.
- Jack brought up that there are still two models left from the donation made by Leon Waterman. One of these, a Cherokee look alike, will be tonight’s raffle prize and the other, a scale Beech Bonanza is still for sale. The Bonanza is a fully scaled airplane with flaps, retracts and a detailed cockpit. Contact Jack and make an offer. All reasonable offers will be considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Going forward there will be night flying every Wednesday night at the club field, beginning around 8:00 P.M. This will be limited to electric power because of the noise limitations. Everyone is invited.
- Jack suggested that we need the use of a *Bush Hog* or some other kind of brush clearing machine to clear the weeds at the East end of the site. Anyone knowing someone that has one let Jack know. Jack will also contact our landscape provider to see if he knows someone who could help with this. **(Open Item):**
- A suggestion was made to try and sell the old lawnmower. It is never used and takes up space in the shed. Matt Ruettgers volunteered to look into the sale of the mower and to place some add in local papers. The mower is in good shape and runs good and should be very saleable. **(Open Item):**

MOTION: A motion made seconded and unanimously approved to approve the sale of the club’s lawnmower.

NAMPA STORM WATER ASSESMENT:

Jack Read was contacted by the Nampa Parks and Recreation Department concerning the issue of a new monthly/yearly assessment to Parks and Recreation and ultimately us, to provide revenue for compliance with current EPA mandates on the site.

Background: In order to maintain the city's permit for allowing storm water runoff into the ecosystem, the EPA has mandated that Nampa upgrade their storm water runoff system. These include clearing drains on a more regular basis, increased enforcement of EPA rules, training for the business and residential community and some equipment upgrades. The estimated cost to the City of Nampa is \$1.6M. Nampa has put together a committee to resolve this issue and to set up the cost assessment to local residents and business.

The committee considers the Parks and Recreation Department to be a commercial enterprise and as a result, we at NMA, fall into that category.

Discussion:

Jack Read, Larry Bresson and Ron Landram met with the Nampa Storm Water Committee Manager and the Senior Manager from Parks and Recreation today, 8 September, 2011 to discuss the issue. We were presented with the history and background of the problem and an estimate of how much it is going to cost the club. The costs are based upon the amount of hard surface and gravel areas we control. The committee's engineers drew up what they believed to be the areas of our responsibility. We determined that their drawings were in error because they assigned the paved road way leading to the club field and areas of the golf course to the east of us as part of the NMA facility. Everyone at the meeting agreed that we would measure our actual areas and schedule another meeting. We do know the actual cost of the assessment to us but we estimate it will be between \$200.00 and \$400.00 per year. Additionally, the Recreation Center Manager said he will be open to discuss a possible renewal/extension of our lease in conjunction with the lease modification to include the assessment. **(Open Item):**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 13th at NNU Wiley learning center meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Landram, Secretary, Nampa Model Aviators

Approved:

Jack Read, President, Nampa Model Aviators