

## **Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – June 12, 2014**

### **Presidents Report:**

- Following a burgers n dogs Barbeque prepared by Ron Landram, NMA President, Mike Nipp opened the meeting at 7:20 PM, there were 21 members present.

**MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the May, 2014 minutes as provided by E-mail.**

### **Treasurers Report:**

- NMA Treasurer, Mike Jordan, presented the treasurers report for this month. Mike gave the members a summary of our accounts. All bills are paid and current. Mike Nipp told the members that for now we will only be mowing the grass once a week, on Tuesdays. This is the slow growing season. The landscape company did tell us that they were going to have to charge an extra \$40.00 to only mow once a week. This still results in a net savings of \$40.00 a week to the club.

### **Safety Report:**

- Safety Officer Rob Epley provided the safety report. He told the members that a member was observed taxiing their airplane into the pit area. The member was corrected. We may only taxi out to the runway, never into the pits.
- A discussion about the use of any system to lock out the throttle on an airplane is highly recommended for electric powered aircraft. Most new radios can utilize the throttle hold feature or can integrate a safety plug system which prevents motor startup when handling or carrying the airplane. Gasoline powered airplanes must have a power cut off switch located on the airplane that will remove power from the ignition.

### **Old Business:**

- The weather station is up and running. Judging from the several thousand hits on the site monthly, the system is very popular and is well received.

### **New Business:**

- Some of the members have applied fertilizer and insect killer to the lawn. This resulted in substantial savings to the club over having the landscape company do it.
- Mike Nipp commented that he has been asked about the possibility of having a chat page or bulletin board added to our web site. The problem with doing this is the need for someone to monitor it every day. We have a club page on *RC Groups* available and can use that to exchange information and ideas.
- Len Street advised us that NMA members are welcome to post "for sale" items on the BARKS web site's sale page. We also have a "for sale" page on our web site and if you want to sell something contact Mike Nipp and he will set you up with a link.

- Bruce Chandler brought out his roller and rolled the grass taxi and landing areas. This resulted in a very smooth surface much like the fairway on the golf course. Thanks Bruce.
- There will be an estate auction for the model airplane items from the late NMA member Don Erwin **Saturday June 28, 2014:**

Location -- His garage at:

4653 W. Moonlake Dr. Meridian, ID 83642

Bring a photo ID to get a number to bid.

Cash & Checks will be accepted.

All planes are complete & RTF with radios included & they are also in very nice condition.

Three float planes & 3 wheeled.

There is also a Top Flite P-51 kit.

There are also several engines.

Miscellaneous Modelers Tools & Equipment - Band Saw - Belt Sander. Airplane Accessories -- propellers - spinners - wheels & many other parts & pieces.

You must pay for your purchases "after" the auction is over.

The auctioneer will be Tom Cole with helpers as needed.

- Rob Epley asked the membership to consider the possibility of lowering the initiation fee (voting stock) from the current \$250. Rob said that he believes that doing so will encourage potential new members to join that currently might be holding off. There was a fairly long discussion among the members present citing the pros and cons of doing so. The club president suggested that we table the discussion for now and asked the club members to think about suggestions going forward. He asked that they send their ideas to him and he will bring them before the board for consideration.
- The members thanked Ron Landram's wife for making a great pot of chili and Wayne Warner's wife for the really delicious cakes that he brought to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:  
Mike Nipp, President