

Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – January, 2016

Presidents Report: Club President Mike Nipp opened the January and 2016 Annual NMA Meeting at 7:05. There were 20 members present.

Treasurers Report:

- Mike Jordan presented the Treasurers Report and presented the members with a summary of income and expenses for 2015. The presentation reflected a general budgetary outline of funds required going forward for 2016.

Safety Report:

- Safety Officer Bruce Chandler provided the safety report. Bruce read the members excerpts from two articles regarding the hazards of handling armed electric aircraft. Members are reminded of the dangers and are encouraged to use either a mechanical safety system or throttle hold found on most of the newer transmitters when plugging in batteries and handling the aircraft. Electric helicopters are especially hazardous if not handled safely.
- Members were also reminded never to taxi their aircraft towards the pit areas.

Old Business:

- The Polar Bear event held on New Years Day was a big success. Present were many of our members as well as modelers from *BARKS* and the Emmett club.
- Mike Nipp updated the members regarding the FAA registration. AMA is now recommending that members register with the FAA. Flyers can register on line at www.faa.gov or there is a link on the AMA website. The cost is \$5.00 per pilot and is good for 3 years. Once registered the FAA will provide each person with an identification number which must be put on or in every RC aircraft weighing more than ½ pound. The ID number must be readily accessible without using tools. Avery Mailing Labels are a good solution for doing this.
- Presently the AMA is not asking member clubs to require or monitor the FAA registration; however they might in the future. We will follow their recommendation if and when this happens.

New Business:

- Our friend Sandy at Action Hobbies has opened an RC Car track located on Caldwell Blvd, at the former Dewey's Hobbies building. He will not be stocking airplane items but will be stocking some RC Car parts. If you are interested give him a visit and remember that NMA members receive a 10% discount on all purchases at Action Hobbies.
- We have developed a tentative event schedule for 2016. We will finalize the dates at the February meeting. The tentative schedule is as follows:

1. Swap Meet – March 5, 2016
 2. Fun Fly – June 4, 2016
 3. Public Day – TBD in July. (note: We will only present this event if we can secure a volunteer to coordinate it).
 4. Jets n Breakfast – August 13, 2016
 5. Warbirds Over Nampa – September 10-11, 2016 (note: this will be a 2-day event this year).
- The Board of Officers and directors presented a proposal to reduce the initiation fees going forward for new members from \$250.00 to \$200.00 and as in the past year to waive the pro rata dues for new members. This in an effort to generate new membership and garner needed revenues needed to continue operating. The action taken in 2015 resulted in 19 new members and \$3750.00 for the club. After a discussion this was presented to the members.
 - **MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to reduce the new member initiation fees from \$250.00 to \$200.00 for 2016.**
 - We have a slight problem with our monthly meeting dates in that whenever we hold an event it is usually within a few days of the prior monthly meeting. This often does not give the club enough time to prepare. The Board recommended that we move the meeting from the 2nd Thursday to the 1st Thursday of each month.
 - **MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to hold monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month going forward. Times will remain the same.**
 - The club has been invited and accepted to participate as part of the annual exhibition held at Karcher Mall. This will involve showing our aircraft to the public. We will also be on hand to answer questions regarding membership. The event will be held on February 6th (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested contact Mike Nipp.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:
Mike Nipp, President