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NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

MEETING LOCATION: At the field—
September 2nd, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Denny Keubler.

Board Members Present-

Denny Keubler ——— President

Jim O'Brian ——— VP

Harry Minnier ——— Secretary

Treasurer's Report –approved

Secretary's Report - Approved as published

Membership Report - Total of 71 for 2023 (89 in 2022)

Field report—Jim reported, that the floor in the charging station was replaced along with a new battery trickle charger. The batteries were checked and are good even though they are 9 years old.

Safety report— Steve reported, though he has not been around very much, he has not heard of any problems. So, no news is good news.

Update on our FRIA request— Denny reported that he has not heard back from the FAA and email he sent has not been answered. Harry reported, that the Silent Flyers have got approval for their flying sight. The BCC at the Airport also got approval. And Steve Schwartz reported that Quakertown also got approval, so it is happening. Denny reported that he will be talking to John Jenks, of the Silent Flyers and find out what he did to get approval. The problem, as I understand, was that John had the flight plan flying over a road and that was a safety issue. He had to change the flight plan area where they fly over and then it got approved. That won't be our problem as all of our flight plan is over farm crop area and we also have a satellite view type of document to send.

Lockheed Martin update— Lockheed wanted a letter from landowner to fly over the farm. The club board did not want or agree with Lockheed Martin contacting the landowner for a letter. The club felt our permission to fly was enough. I sent an email to Tristan, our contact for Lockheed Martin, indicating that we did not want them to contact the owner of the farm for a letter allowing them to fly over the farm.

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We still felt that, our authorization allowing them to fly should be sufficient. He did answer indicating that the company lawyers still felt they needed a letter from the farm owner, as they were then flying as a commercial company flying over the farm.

Tristan thanked me for allowing them to be considered for flying at the field, but the Company Lawyers felt that they will have to find another location.

New Business

Fun Fly - The Fun Fly scheduled for September 9th was the subject again of more talk of the problem of members buying only part of the food or soda. The result of this practice was that extra food was purchased and we had a lot of food and beverage left over. Also, as nobody wanted to run it or be responsible for buying the food and soda as they end up paying, The club can't afford to buy food or soda as all of our money is needed to pay our monthly expenses. And, we still may have to dig into our reserve funds. Chet suggested that we start a Fun Fly Donation Fund, that members could donate to for events. We all agreed that that was a good idea and members could give the donation to any club officer. The problem with having leftover of so much food and drink was resolved with Chet agreeing to do all of the purchasing of the food and soda for an event. Having only one person buying should prevent so much stuff left over, and still not effect our club funds. It was also agreed to continue the fun fly on the 9th, but this time there will be no food.

Officers for next year—Elections are coming up and we know of some changes. There will be at least 2 open positions, the Secretary and the Presidents positions will be open, as both will not be running. All positions are open and nominations are open in October at the meeting. Actual election vote is at the December meeting.

Show and Tell— No one had anything

Motion to close—Was approved at 10:45 AM

Next Meeting— October 7th, 10:00 AM at the field

What's Happening at the field, By Electricharry

Rich Prochut with a nice looking Stearman Biplane.



What's Happening at the field, By Electrightharry

Rich Prochut's Stearman cabin is very detailed, and looks great.



What's Happening at the field, By Electrigharry

Rich Prochut again, this time letting one of our visitors fly his model plane. We made a lot of points with that family.

