

The December meeting of the Pine Barons was called to order, attendance was taken, the number of attendees (14) noted, among them Chet, Truck Driver John, Steve Schwarz et al., and the agenda was read to the group, first item on it: badges and the importance of having them on the field.

Chet told of a story of meeting a stranger on the field flying his plane and the confusion that can result when membership badges are not readily available and displayed. The consensus of the club was that a list of current members should always be on display on the bulletin board. In concert with that, everyone should have their badge with them on the field. How the badge is displayed was not agreed upon. Some wear it around their neck, while others thought doing so might create a hazard from a dangling badge getting caught in the prop. Some keep it in their battery box. Whatever one does, make sure you have it, and other members can see it.

Annual membership fee holds steady at \$150. With less members, certain cost cutting measures have been enacted, namely reducing the port-o-potty's cleaning to once-a-month from once-a-week and making it "pee-only."

The blades on the mower need replacement. The club is in possession of replacement blades and a tune-up kit. Jim will continue to mow the strip in the spring and summer although he is no longer club president.

The annual Frosty Fingers extravaganza is still scheduled for January 1 weather permitting. The club may provide donuts and coffee for the event while the alternative, expanding the menu to include hot dogs, was deemed not feasible.

An election was held for a new president of the club. Larry Williams, a member since 1997, volunteered to assume the responsibilities. To formalize his election, Larry made a motion to nominate himself president, Chet seconded the motion and the "ayes" were unanimous in his favor.

Tony will remain treasurer, John DiSenta vice-president and Jim Heffern secretary.

The next quarterly meeting is slated for the first Saturday in February, February 7, 2026.

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