

Holly Cloud Hoppers Meeting Minutes February 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Pickett at 2:10 PM. There were 20 returning members at the meeting. We also had a guest, Dave Ditner, who has a new Hobby Shop called "Second Shot" in Holly.

Financial Review.

Jim Finch reviewed the club's income and expenses for 2010. The club started 2010 with approximately \$3600. Expenses exceed income by \$275.96. Field equipment was a major expense for the year (\$1372.90) mostly represented by the cost of the new container for the field. We spent less for the Open House this last year. We also had an additional event expense for the Mid-Michigan Fun Fly. However, we also took in more at these events because of the new use of a donation jar. We took in approximately \$250 in donations. 50/50 income was approximately the same as it has been for the last 2 years. Jim provided the president, Doug Pickett, with the financial detail and report for his review.

Jim informed the club that we already have 40 of the 59 members from last year renewed. The major difference has been the new ability to submit your renewal on line. 8 members renewed at the club meeting bringing the total renewals to date up to 48. There is an additional small Paypal expense associated with this and some additional postage to send out Field Cards in advance, but it is much more convenient for our membership and for the Treasurer.

New Business.

Scott Rhoades Building Proposal

Scott presented information on replacing the current building with a steel carport. Approximate cost was \$1985 for a 18' x 26' unit, includes installation and the cost represents estimates from Carolina Carports and TNT Carports. The current building is 12 years old and the shingles on the roof are deteriorating. Scott estimated about \$300 for materials to repair the roof.

Positives for Replacing:

- More favorable roof support locations will more than double the useable area with only a slight increase in actual roof size
- Metal roof that would hold up longer than shingles
- 20 year warranty
- Not permanent so we could take it if we had to move
- Better shade protection
- Much easier to enclose for the Chili Fly

Negatives for Replacing:

- Cost
- Membership would have to tear down the old structure
- Might not be able to see the planes as easily

A motion was made by Frank Robinson to replace the current structure and was seconded by Ken Kliwer. The vote was 9 for and 9 against with 1 abstain. The club decided to reconsider replacing the building next year.

Doug Pickett Raffle Discussion

There was discussion over the way we currently hold our raffle. At the Mid-Michigan Fun Fly Planning Meeting Doug was told we could get into trouble selling raffle tickets as we have in the past. Doug was told a license is required to sell raffle tickets. There was some discussion about how legal it was to sell the tickets in advance. There was a motion made by Doug Pickett to only do the raffle the day of the event and this was seconded by Scott Rhoades. The motion passed by majority.

Frank Robinson

Frank suggested that we purchase small flying toys (Whacky Whirlers) for the children at the Open House. Cost would be 50 or 60 cents apiece. The suggestion was we buy 100 of them. Ed Kincer suggested the Pontiac Club might want to partner with us on this so we could buy more and get a better price. Bob Hampton volunteered to look into getting them through his business, Sugar Buzz. A motion was made by Tom Andras to buy 100 of them and was seconded by Tory Showek. The motion passed unanimously.

DNR Stickers

There was a question from some of the members about DNR Stickers and whether we would need to purchase them for our vehicles this year. The answer is no. When Michigan residents purchase their license plates this year, they will have the option to add \$10 to the license fee which will get them entrance into the parks. DNR will not be checking license plates until August.

Gate Combination

There was a question about the gate combination. Will it be changed? The answer was it will remain the same as last year.

AMA Update.

Ed Kincer gave an update on the possible restrictions put on model airplane pilots by the FAA. He met with Dave Matheson who said this was brought about by the increase use of models for commercial use. The concern is one of safety. FAA is drafting a proposal which will come out in June. Then there will be a period where comments on the proposal will be accepted (could be anywhere from 90 days to a year before it would become law). AMA has hired a consulting group to represent modelers. They have pulled together data demonstrating the model airplanes are very safe, based on number of deaths. There is no safety concern for the hobby. AMA is asking members to go out to their web site where there are instructions on how to produce a letter to be sent to your Representative. The bottom line is, we really will not know the impact of this until June.

Tory Showek – Plane Inspection at Events

During the discussion around model airplane safety, the subject of an incident came up at the Open House last year where a plane crashed into several vehicles. The pilot who was not a HCH member was flying radically too close to the fence. It is the responsibility of all HCH members to say something to pilots doing this sort of thing so that we can prevent this type of accident. Also next year we will not allow vehicles to park up against the fence. Tory stated that the inspection at the Fun Fly found a half a dozen of planes that had issues and were not flown. There was discussion around whether we should hold inspections at our events that are open to the public.

No motion was made on this. There was also a lipo that caught fire at the club. Ed Kincer said the best thing for handling a lipo fire is a bucket of sand.

Frank Robinson – Shelves for New Container

Frank asked that at the work party we build some new shelves for the new container. Doug Pickett said we should only have lawn care in the original container. We should move the rest of the things into the new container. Frank will look into shelving for the new container. There was a motion made by Doug Pickett to have Frank get shelving for the new container and it was seconded by Ken Kliewer. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Rhoades – 20 Year HCH Anniversary

Scott brought up that this year is the 20th year the club has been in existence. He asked for suggestions on what we might do special to celebrate this milestone. Club members are encouraged to send ideas to Scott.

2011 Club Events

The club discussed the timing of club events for 2011. The following dates were agreed upon:

Spring Work Party	April 16 ^{7h}	10 am
Fun Fly	June 18 th	10 am
Fenton Parade	July 4th	TBD
Mid Michigan Fun Fly	July 9 th	10 am
Picnic / Open House	August 6 th	12 noon
Last Bash Potluck	October 1st	4 pm
End of Year Cleanup	October 15 th	10 am
Chili Fly-In	January 1 st	11 am

Fenton Parade – Scott Rhoades agreed to handle the parade registration.

Winter Project Contest

A brief break was held to allow members to review the winter projects and vote on their favorite. Doug announced the results of the Winter Project contest. Ken Kliewer received first prize \$50 gift card for his bi-plane and Jim Forton received second prize for his Funtana. Bob Hampton also won the door prize simulator that was donated by Frank Robinson.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers followed. The results of the voting for each office resulted in the following officers for the coming year:

President	Doug Pickett
Vice President	Tim McAuley
Secretary/Treasurer	Jim Finch
Newsletter Editor	Scott Rhoades
Safety Officer	Tory Showek
WEB Master	Larry Pittman

The club will donate \$100 to the VFW as we did last year for graciously letting us use their facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Finch, Secretary