

Holly Cloud Hoppers Meeting Minutes February 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Pickett at 2:10 PM. There were approximately 27 returning members present.

Financial Review.

Jim Finch reviewed the club's income and expenses for 2009. The club had a positive cash flow for the year of \$0.37 with an end of year cash balance of \$3,720.17. Club dues and initiation fees were down from 2008 because of a decrease in the number of new club members. Overall income was down from the previous year by approximately \$560. Expenses were also down from the previous year even though the club purchased a radar gun and software for the newsletter totaling close to \$500. Jim also purchased more club hats early in 2010 to replenish the supply for new members and returning members who might want to purchase one. Jim provided the president, Doug Pickett, with the financial detail and report for his review.

AMA Update.

Jim Finch just recently received AMA material. There were not many changes this year. Clubs will fill out a little more paperwork in the way of a new survey. Jim also received a large poster size set of AMA rules for the field.

2009 Club Events

The club discussed the timing of club events for 2010. The following dates were agreed upon:

Spring Work Party	April 18 ^{7h}	10 am
Fun Fly	June 19 th	10 am
Fenton Parade	July 3 rd	TBD
Mid Michigan Fun Fly	July 10 th	10 am
Picnic / Open House	August 7 th	12 noon
Last Bash Potluck	October 2 nd	4 pm
End of Year Cleanup	October 16 th	10 am
Chili Fly-In	January 1 st	11 am

Open House – Doug Pickett suggested that the flyer should state “weather permitting” for guests to try flying on a buddy box. Last year several planes were crashed because of high winds when members were taking guests up for first flights. The club agreed this was a good idea.

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

The Mid-Michigan Fun Fly is being hosted by our club this year. The following items were decided during the discussion:

- Ed Kincer suggested we provide food for all participants but have a donation jar present. The Pontiac club has been doing this and receives more donations than they received when they were charging for the food. Jim Finch agreed to provide a donation jar at the events.
- Frank Robinson suggested we also sell 50/50 tickets at our Open House and other events. There was consensus on this suggestion.
- There will need to be parking for approximately 50 vehicles that day. Parking will need to be set up on both sides of the entrance into the field. Noah

Hampton will look into getting flags on a rope to help with parking coordination.

- There is a rotating trophy for the club with the most members present. Club participants will need to sign in and have their club cards. Doug Pickett will make the sign-up sheets. Pilots meeting will be held at 10 am.
- All planes must have a safety check. Volunteers to help Tory Showek were: Mike Wizynajtys, Tim McAuley, and Jeff Hooker.
- Spotters are required for pilots who are flying.
- A separate transmitter impound needs to be set up to impound all radios including 2.4 transmitters. Richard Lengel and Bob Hampton agreed to work the impound. Pilots who are not from the supporting RC clubs must have AMA membership and will be charged a \$10 landing fee. Transmitters will have some type of sticker with a number designating their line up out of the impound.
- Hot dogs, pop, and chips will be provided. Jim Finch agreed to cook the hot dogs.
- The event will be sanctioned by the AMA. Ed Kincer agreed to handle this.
- The club will hold another meeting to coordinate the event on the Spring Work Party date.

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

There was a suggestion made by Scott Rhoades to include the Web Master as part of the HCH board. Ed Kincer indicated this was the way most clubs were handling this given that a lot of communication is posted via the web. There was a motion to add this position by Scott Rhoades and Noah Hampton seconded it. This is posted in the minutes to give members an opportunity to consider it because it will require a change to the by-laws and a separate vote. A vote will be taken at the Spring Work Party meeting.

Other Business.

Mike Wizynajtys suggested the club purchase and maintain a trainer at the field. Ed Kincer commented that Pontiac does this but does not allow students to take off or land with the club trainer. Pontiac also has registered club trainers. These have to be submitted by a club officer and there is a \$5 fee for each trainer. Dale Matteson suggested that Hobby Town might donate a trainer (with the Hobby Town name on it). Noah Hampton will look into this. A motion was made after the discussion to purchase a club trainer by Mike Wizynajtys and seconded by Frank Robinson. The motion passed.

Volunteers for Registered Trainers

Jeff Hooker
Joe Savine
Chuck Beach
Mike Wizynatjys
Scott Rhoades
Tim McAuley

Larry Pittman indicated he had a 12 x 18 foot shed he would donate to the club. There was some discussion on how it could be moved to the field and if the DNR would allow us to put there. Jim Finch will check into the DNR requirements and if it is possible, we will proceed with estimates on what it will take in expense to move it onto the field and set it up. Larry's target for getting it moved is May.

Larry Pittman added a classified section to the web page. He is going to run it for members only for 6 months to see if it will be valuable to the members and feasible for him to maintain. The requirements are posted on the web (only posted for 60 days, small jpegs, only RC). Larry also suggested the use of the web for club surveys using survey monkey. There is no cost associated with this and it can be used to pole club members on various topics. Results are not binding but could be used as input to the board members when making decisions.

Scott Rhoades suggested a change to the field entry code. A motion was made and seconded to make the change to the last 4 numbers of Chuck Beach's phone number (4844). The motion passed. The number will be changed at the Spring Work Party.

Frank Robinson asked all of the club members to take raffle tickets to sell for the Open House event. The aircraft the club is to raffle off was displayed at the meeting (very nice).

Scott Rhoades suggested we make sure to have some small events at the Open House to provide more interest to the spectators. Last year we did a small bomb drop fun fly and it went well. The club agreed this was a good idea. Another attention getter was a guess the speed event. A \$25 gift certificate was given away to the closest non-member guess.

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. Two \$25 Hobby Town gift cards were given away at the meeting. Torey Showek received first prize recognition for his winter project sea plane and Jim Finch received second prize for his speed 400 electric spitfire. Special thanks to Hobby Town in Grand Blanc for donating the gift cards for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Finch, Secretary