

SWAP MODELERS FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Pat Murphy president presiding. Last month's minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was given and also accepted.

There were no new members present but Cliff Hally from the CBRC club attended as a visitor.

Art Vail requested that all members supply him with their FAA registration numbers. New and renewing member applications will have a space for the new numbers. A motion was made and passed to change the Club bylaws to require anyone using the Club Field to have an FAA number as well as an AMA card. A new sign stating the new rules will need to be posted at the Field. Ray Stinchcomb stated that the AMA is working to have some of the FAA regulations relaxed. One in particular was the 400 foot ceiling. He said that any changes will take time. Pat Murphy said that in view of the recent shutdown that we all should recognize that being able to fly RC is a privilege that should not be taken for granted, therefore we all should be diligent about observing safety rules and any regulations that affect our hobby. There was concern about how to go about applying the FAA number to scale models so as not to compromise their scale qualities. Some constructive suggestions were made. Neil Kutchli reminded members to program their planes failsafe feature to prevent runaways in the event of signal loss.

Tim Stem suggested sending a letter of appreciation to the Eastern Shore Areomodelers Club for welcoming our members to their field during the time we were shut down. Art said he would take care of it.

Bob Pollokoff said that he would talk to the County Reps about enforcing the requirement that all RC operations in the park be limited to our Field. He also said that he would contact law enforcement agencies so that they would be aware.

Field conditions were discussed. It is agreed that the Field will need some work when weather permits.

The Charm City Memorial event was discussed. Art said he would like to go back to having it a two day event instead of the three day event that it was last year. It will be held on the 24th and 25th of September. Dates for other events will be discussed at March's meeting.

Dave Zisow extended a thank you to Bob Pollkoff for making the empty warehouse in Glen Burnie available for indoor flying. The thank you was echoed by other Club members. Dave also brought up the subject of the Club website and offered to take over maintaining it.

Nominations for Club officers was held. All Club officers were re-elected to their current positions.

Dave Zisow showed the ZDZ 90cc engine that he will be installing in the 1/3 scale Cub that he is building. Art Vail showed the progress he is making on his Stintson and showed pictures of the full scale plane that he will be using as a model for his color scheme.

A 50 50 drawing was held at the end of the meeting with Trinidad Mike the lucky winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. 31 members attending.