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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS R/C CLUB

President's Message

Hello Skyknights,

The last Presidents' message of 2021, time flies!

It's been a great year with a lot of projects completed. Our facility has never looked better. Huge thank you to all members that contributed!

You know it's not just buildings and equipment and grounds, all members can contribute by offering your time and talents or even by making a \$ donation.

Positive verbal comments to the public community about our Club is a win! We'll find a way to put you to good use!

We're making plans for 2022, 1st event is the New Years Day Fun Fly! 1st off site event is the Fun Fly at the S.A.C. Museum near Ashland, also in January. We have Fun Flies to schedule and some new wrinkles mixed in!

Don't forget to send in your 2022 member dues to our Treasurer John.

Be safe – enjoy yourselves – support our local hobby store.

Thanks again, KC

Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order by President Kevin Christensen at 7:30 pm. Twelve club members were in attendance. Motion by Lonnie, second by Ron to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2021, meeting as posted on the club website or in the newsletter. The motion was carried. Wilson Hardy was unable to attend, did advise of no report other than he will be unable to attend the December meeting. Larry Haisch acted as recording secretary for this meeting.

VP/CD Report

Al Lyman was unable to attend but did advise of no report

Treasurer's Report

John Knopp provided a copy of the club's 10/18/2021 *bank summary of accounts* indicating a balance of \$8701.46. There were no new club members to report.

Safety Officer's Report

Ron Miller reported on two incidents. Leg lacerations to a club member. Transmitter throttle lever may have been advanced and the throttle cut off switch bumped resulting in the plane advancing with prop strikes into the members leg. (Ron will check and as needed replenish the first aid kit). A turbine powered jet crashed into the edge of the club parking area with no damage to property or people. A fire extinguisher was utilized to extinguish the fire created by the ignition of the turbine fuel on impact. The fire extinguisher fill status will be checked and addressed as needed.

Old Business

2-3 new fire extinguishers of A, B,C rating have been acquired to replace those

emptied this year due to turbine fires. The need for new mics for the sound system in advance of the May auction as previously raised by Ric Feldman was discussed. Not sure about the functionality of the sound system and the type of mics needed. It was suggested to touch base with Ric. Duane Syx who has a couple mics, and will check into compatibility with the system. He may also have a sound system that could be provided to the club. Midwest Sound, 2300 O street was mentioned as a place to check for mics etc. if needed. The tractor electrical issues continue. Knopp charged the battery and got the tractor back into the shed. He will check into converting it from a generator to alternator system. He also donated a battery charger to the club. Thanks John.

For maintenance items. Loose roof panels over deck secured. There are a couple of small holes noted in spray foam coating on the club house roof. As weather, temp permits if we will patch. Property identification posts at NE and SE corners have been replaced after the previous were bent and dislodged, apparently by crop harvesting this fall. We will consider painting the same color as the entry gate. Dave R. blew out the sprinkler system and turned off the electrical to the pump at the tractor shed. The electrical quad plug-in box in the tractor shed is not impacted. Bill Davis, with assistance from one or two others, will change the oil in the tractor and the two riding lawn mowers. The tractor mower will be removed and the blade placed in prep for winter snow. Kevin C. next spring will have the club house heating/ac system checked and serviced. Kevin noted the posting of signs on the two sun shelters installed this year, acknowledging their donation to the club by 3Js Auto Repair. A directional sign to the flying site has been purchased which may be placed at times of club special events at the intersection of Waverly Rd and N 134th St. Kevin Asks that “younger” members get involved with some of the field maintenance: assist with grass trimming around the pits, runway mowing via riding lawn tractors, etc. The flying field has been in the best condition in recent years thanks to some of the “old” guys. Let’s keep it up. Craig Schroder reported that he had been in contact with flying clubs in Loveland and Longmont Colorado to determine what they have been doing to attract new members, especially youth. They are reported to have good youth programs. He has also visited with leaders of the Omaha Hawks to see if the Sky Knight and Hawks

could convince corporate HobbyTown to offer discounts to members of the clubs as membership incentives. There are beta flyer kits at cost of \$3-4 which may be used in attracting youth members. Club members who work with youth programs were mentioned as youth contact resources. Craig will continue to work on membership expansion. Ron Miller has been in contact with the Lincoln Sports Complex and the Belmont Rec center as indoor flying sites. Per club direction he will work with the Sports Complex to arrange for night flying dates at a cost of \$50 for two hours. Club members may be asked to indicate dates when known that they would attend. Attendee cost may be \$5-10/session. Look for more information via email or on the club web site.

New Business

Ron Miller and possibly Duane Syx will check into the production of Lincoln Sky Knight decade shirts of blended fabric that could be provided for sale to club members in various sizes of L, XL, XLL. The club agreed to the dates of June 3,4, 2022, for a Helicopter Fly event as proposed by Duane Syx. He will oversee planning, advertisement, fees, etc. Knopp will arrange for food. It’s hoped that Wilson Hardy could arrange for a generator lighting system as in the past for night events. Duane Syx reported he had been working on a proposal for a RC car track at the flying club in Council Bluffs which has now closed. Would the Sky Knights be interested in a track which would attract youth and others as a means for creating additional interest in RC flying and membership, plus additional revenue. After discussion with support of the idea, the club identified a location most favorable for a track. Just to the north of the shelter belt, east end. Likely less prone to surface water issues than the areas to the west of the UMX field and the utility camping hook ups. Was indicated that fill material if needed could not be brought in from outside due to the properties flood plain designation. Fill from the property could be used. Duane is to specifically locate the proposed track site, work up a proposal of costs to build a track, consider liability issues possibly not currently covered, costs to individuals to utilized such as required Sky Knight membership, how to operate i.e., Needs to consider what the cons may be and address in the proposal. Since he will be in Florida the next couple months, Duane will provide the

club the requested information in as much detail as possible via electronic means. At the October meeting the existing officers were nominated to serve in 2022. Motion by Craig, second by Duane to elect the nominated slate of officers. Motion carried. 2022 LSK officers: President Kevin Christensen, VP/CD Al Lyman, Treasurer John Knopp, Secretary Wilson Hardy, Safety Officer Ron Miller. No other action taken other than the assumption the Executive Committee members (Ron Miller, Cliff Davis,Ric Feldman) , the Webmaster (Mark Brassil) and Newsletter editor (Ryan Olson) will continue their willingness to serve. Thanks to all for their past and future service.

Models of the Month

No model of the month this month.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ron, second by John, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Models For Sale

In order to get your plane in this section, fill out [THIS](#) form

LSK FIELD RULES

1. The AMA SAFETY CODE must be followed at all times.
2. All pilots must be current members of the Lincoln Sky Knights R/C club, or their guests, and have a current AMA card.
Guest pilots are allowed to fly three non-contest dates per calendar year if a current Lincoln Sky Knight member is present and they must have a current AMA card.
ALL PILOTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT A.M.A. CARD.
3. All aircraft with fuel burning engines larger than .051 must have a functional muffler system.
4. Frequency Control Procedure for radios other than 2.4: After determining that your frequency is not in use, take your radio from the impound (if used) and place your current AMA and LSK card or a photocopy of them on the frequency control board. Do this by raising the tag corresponding to your frequency number and pinning it to the cable above your pin. At completion of flight, remove your pin from the tag and place your radio back in the impound (if used), making sure the switch is off.
5. Pilots must use one of the six flying stations and remain behind the safety barrier while flying. Pilots are allowed to stand behind the plane on the runway, only during take-off, if they feel it is necessary.
NOTIFY OTHER PILOTS when you are taking off, landing, going onto the runway, or if you are in a dead stick or other emergency situation.
6. **NO FLYING** over the pits, spectators, or parking area at any time! **WARNING!!!** This rule is strictly enforced!
7. All flying is to be done to the East of the asphalt runway (or West of the camping hookups for heli and park flyers) and do not fly within the field boundaries; that is the runway, except for take-off, landing and practice approaches.
KNOW AND OBEY THE DIRECTION OF THE PATTERN.
8. **NO SMOKING IN THE PIT AREA.**
9. All aircraft and field boxes (when not in use) must be kept in the pit area. No spectators, children or pets in the pit area without escort.
10. Aircraft must be restrained while starting and running.
Taxiing only East of the red safety line.
Walkways between the runways and pilots stations must remain clear.
11. Do not start engines in the pits. Engines must be started in the designated starting area.
12. Discharge of firearms is prohibited on club property!!!
13. Please, remember to be courteous to both your fellow pilot and the club field!

**THE AMA SAFETY CODE AND CLUB RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES!
THESE RULES ARE IN PLACE FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF
OTHER PILOTS, SPECTATORS, AND PROPERTY.**

Every club member is a Safety Officer. Please do your part. If you see a rule violation, politely confront the pilot. It is your responsibility as an AMA and LSK club member to inform offending pilots of a rule violations. Politely explain to the pilot the rule and how they violated it. Most pilots want to fly safely and obey the rules; however, if the pilot continues to violate the rule, you may file a formal complaint. Contact a club officer for information on filing a formal complaint. We take safety very seriously. Repeat rule violations or filing false formal complaints may result in the loss of flying privileges and/or club expulsion.

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For information on the web about local
events and activities
<http://metrorcflying.com/>

Who to call for help:

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<http://www.lincolnskyknights.com>

2021 Event Schedule:

4/17 Jet Jam @ LSK Field
8/28 Don Neil Memorial @ LSK Field
9/4 Warbird Funfly @ LSK Field
9/18 Propeller Funfly @ LSK Field
10/2 Fall Funfly @ LSK Field
7/11 Don Dickey Memorial @ LSK Field
10/9 TBD @ LSK Field

Please remember:

*If you are the last person leaving the field, Day or evening,
Please be sure that the clubhouse and the gate are
locked!!!*

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