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AMA CLUB # 405

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

President's Message

Hello L.S.K.

Pretty nice fall season so far. Just what the DR. ordered. Our October meeting was interesting to say the least. Wilson H. subbed in as secretary for an ailing Duane. Glad to report that Duane is feeling much better. Thanks again Wilson for stepping up. Everyone had a good time at the Don Dickey Memorial Fun Fly and at the Heli Fun Fly too! The weather was challenging at both events to say the least. Thanks again to John and Karen Knopp for providing great food on the 4th and the 14th! Thanks to Al L. for securing 4 L.E.D. light stands from Sunbelt Rentals for the Heli night flying. The striping machine and materials are purchased and are waiting for application on the runway. We have 102 paid members per our secretary, that's a nice recovery from the Covid dilemma! Nominations took place. Voting takes place at the November meeting So everyone needs to attend!!! Thanks again. Be safe. Have fun. Support our L.H.S. KC.

Secretary's Report

Once again the Lincoln Sky Knights AMA r/c club #405 convened to do great things and make big decisions on October 6th, 2023. This fine Friday evening played host to sixteen of the 102 members on the hallowed grounds of the Sky Knights field just north of Waverly, Nebraska. Calling to order this boisterous crowd of ruffians was none other than the honorable Kevin Christensen club president and all around good guy. His gavel cracked open the meeting at 7:30 pm. President Christensen then gave a big thank you to all those that helped out with the resurfacing of the runway. With some discussion about the minutes for the last

meeting a correction was ordered for the name of Dr. Glen Lau to replace Glen Rowe in the September 2023 minutes presented in the newsletter. With the corrections noted and submitted the minutes were approved and entered into the archives for further study.

VP/CD Report

Upon completion of the minutes being recorded Vice President and Contest Director Al Lyman of Triumph Tiger fame gave a lengthy report on the Warbirds-Over-Waverly fun fly event. There were sixteen registered pilots and many spectators. The whole event was a great success and will be run again next year with enthusiasm. (Someone really needs to start writing reports about the events and taking lots of pictures. Kind of like a news reporter.) There are more events on the calendar and the indoor flying season is coming up. Ron Miller is working with College View Academy to get the dates finalized for indoor. For right now it looks like the first and third Sunday of the month at 4-6pm. The address for that is roughly 52nd and Calvert. The actual dates and time will be discussed at the November meeting. Also CVA needs a copy of the insurance certificate. This season again the Spikes location is being worked up for Wednesdays at noon. Mark Brassil brought up that there needs to be a "Sponsorship" page on the website to advertise for the event supporting companies such as Spikes, CVA, and HobbyTown.

Treasurer's Report

VP/CD Lyman then relinquished the floor and let President Christensen call for the Treasurer's report. Being ready with the accounts Treasurer John Knopp called out the numbers. Roughly the savings and checking accounts were split 60%/40%. Somewhere

around \$4,400 savings and \$2,000 checking. The actual amounts can be had by coming to the meetings or contacting Treasurer Knopp directly. The Runway fund was sitting at \$3,640 and there was a donation from past Secretary Wilson Hardy to the tune of \$1,052 from engines that he had Leonard Akert sell on eBay. One side note is that the Runway fund has been completed, but will be kept active to provide additional funding when the resurfacing process needs to be done again. Treasurer Knopp then announced the new members for this last month. Shane Miller, Sean Griffin, Mike Meyers, Larry Barg, and Kevin Gilmore all were accepted into membership. Welcome gentlemen and we hope to see you all flying as much as you can this season. The report was approved as presented.

Safety Officer's Report

Luckily, Safety Officer Ron Miller had nothing to report.

Business Meeting

Mr. Reiber brought up the issue of shutting off the sprinkler system and blowing it out for the winter. With Jay Jordan's assistance the system will be readied for the winter. A new idea has been proposed by President Christensen. The team that works on the mowing could be compensated for their work. Discussion ensued; Ron Miller brought up the idea that if a member is a part of the club that is reason enough to do the work no compensation is needed. Bill Davis pointed out that the pride in and beauty of our field and clubhouse is why the work gets done not to get paid to make something better. The discussion tapered off after several other good comments. The runway report was given and after 121 buckets of tar the whole runway was sealed. The experts at Menards assured the crew that actually did the work that 65 buckets of tar would do the trick. The experts didn't count on the amount of absorption that would happen, that's why the extra numbers of tar buckets.

The stripes will be applied by the club as the bids to have them professionally applied was over \$3,000. Al Lyman made a motion to purchase

a stripe painting cart and paint. Cliff Davis threw out his "I second that!" The vote went off and a paint cart will be purchased from Menards, and that with the paint will come to \$265.44.

Rich Kuenning made a motion to run electricity to the north and south sun-shelters. Also to add work benches to the inside of the outer walls. Tyler Brown asked for a quote of the cost to be presented first. Rich did not approve of the amendment to his motion. The motion was then dropped and a motion to follow up on the quote for the cost of running electricity to the far sun-shelters and work benches will be handled first. The motion was pushed through.

AMA representative Tyler Brown then gave his findings on the FRIA discussion. The LSK club has completed the required paperwork for the FRIA certification process and has been accepted by the FAA as a FRIA location. This means that as a club the aircraft that are used at the Sky Knights field do NOT need to have transponders. Then again even the FAA has not pushed through the requirements for transponders to be located in r/c aircraft flown at off field sites. To add to that, the Lincoln Sky Knight club or any AMA club is NOT responsible for enforcing the application of FAA identification numbers on r/c aircraft.

The next point on President Christensen's list was setting Dues for next year. \$100 for each current or past member that does not have a life membership. Prorated membership dues are for First time members only. \$100 for the year, \$50 if joining after June. Dues are still required before January first. The dues structure was approved as presented.

The last item for this business meeting was the nomination of officers. A quick rundown of how they set is as follows...for President- Don Biggs, Kevin Christensen. For Secretary running unopposed- Duane Syx. For VP/CD – Cliff Davis, Al Lyman. For Treasurer running unopposed John Knopp. Safety Officer accepting the appointment- Ron Miller. Website editor accepting the appointment- Mark Brassil. Accepting the appointment for newsletter editor- Ryan Olson. Get in any other nominations before the vote at the November meeting. Cliff Davis also stated his name and address needs to be added to the "For Help

Call” list in the newsletter and website.

Models of the Month

There was no model of the month this month.

Adjournment

With several calls for motion to adjourn, the October meeting of the Lincoln Sky Knights was pounded into submission at 8:26pm. With a sigh of relief the door was closed on this gathering.

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://metrorcflflying.com/>

Who to call for help:

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2023 Event Schedule:

04/01 - LSK Auction @ Waverly Community Center
05/25-05/28 - Festival of the Giants 3D Fun Fly
06/08-06/11 - Full Pitch Fest Helicopter Fun Fly
07/16 - Fallen Pilots Jet Jam Fun Fly
08/06 - Electric Fun Fly
08/27 - Don Neill Memorial Scale Fun Fly
09/24 - Warbirds over Waverly Fun Fly
10/08 - Don Dickey Memorial Fun Fly
10/14-15 - MHB Halloween Full Pitch Fest 2023
10/29 - Halloween Fun Fly

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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