2024 Club Officers

President: Dennis Young

Vice President: Marc Ceniceros

Secretary: Steve Connors

Treasurer: Tom Lincoln

Update editor: Ken Manske

Membership: Ken Manske

Club Librarian: Sam Bacon

Contest Director: Dale McDonald

Webmaster: Tiffany Ceniceros

2024 Executive Board Meeting Locations

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH UNLESS FURTHER NOTIFIED.

Monthly SkyKnight meetings are held the second Monday of each month through May at the Mountainview Christian Church and at the field from June through September.

UPDATE

March 16, 2024

Winter Build Event is Almost Here!

Our world famous SPRING OPENER WINTERBUILD "contest" is moving right along and will be held on Sunday, *April 28th* with a workparty usually scheduled the day before. We have some excellent builds coming to show off, raffles for prizes and great food. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Fun usually starts about 9am but we will be there earlier. Here are some entries already scheduled:



Model by John Shirron



Model by Shawn Berkheimer

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It's Dues Time Again!!

Gee, it seems like only yesterday that you received your superb new, shiny membership card for the SkyKnights. Get set, because the new one for 2024-25 is even better (and shinier).

The image was inspired by our illustious secretary Steve Connors. After looking at all the dozens of cards we have already made over the years, Steve noted that we evidently never made one with a Corsair F-4. So here it is!

CHANGE!! Due to the problems involved with paying over the internet, the board now requires dues to be paid by CHECK OR CASH ONLY from now on. You can either give or send your dues to Membership Chairman Ken



Manske or to Treasurer Steve Connors. Then, once your currency for AMA and Trust is checked, you will be made a personalized card and either mailed or given to you. Remember the last day for dues currency is April 30th. Several people have already sent in their dues for 2024 so don't delay. To get an idea of where your dues goes, please read the excellent minutes of our board and general meetings.

Skyknights General Meeting Minutes 02-12-2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:59 pm By: President Dennis Young

Meeting Adjourned 7:34 pm

Minutes were read and approved

Treasury Report: Checking: \$ 2695.63 Savings: \$ 4000.11

Raffle: \$ 1000.61 (\$35 is with Dennis)

Received bank cards. Setup Port-a-Potty auto payment.

They added a fuel surcharge to the bill.

Membership Report: Current number of members: 73 # Members in attendance: 18

Old Business:

- Brief mention regarding Emergency Contacts. Be prepared to call 911. (Check to see if field address is prominently displayed in the shelter.)
- Get with David Agar and John Shirron to see firsthand how they train their trainers. Make a field trip to one of their training nights.

New Business:

Pine Hollow:

- NW Seaplane Championships (Pine Hollow) is now a FRIA field!
- Dale McDonald was able to get the event an AMA sanction!
- Agreed that Dale's entry fee will be waived. (Tom R. and Marc C. as well for their work?)
- Dale, Tom, and Marc are (or soon will be) Contest Directors
- Facebook Page to be updated with Pine Hollow details (Dennis)
- Pine Hollow Entry Fee was \$35, now dropped to \$25.

There was no fee in 2023 (Covid).

• Brief discussion on organizing a Pine Hollow "committee." They should make a report at the General Meeting.

Other:

- Seating and the noise at the Holiday Party were brought up. The seating made seeing and hearing very difficult.
- We could use some "recon" by members for the next one to find a better venue.
- Dennis handled the Raffle very well!
- We need to plan ahead for the next one, and hopefully the weather doesn't throw us a curve again!
- ICE Day (#1) Saturday, May 18th
- STOL Event Sunday, August 25th
- Work Day not yet scheduled, but will be before Spring Opener
- Gravel Work Party also will be ahead of Spring Opener

Pine Hollow is Just Around the Corner!



Skyknights E-Board Meeting Minutes 02-05-2024

Members Present: Dennis Young Marc Ceniceros Tom

Lincoln Steven Connors

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:14pm by President Den-

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Meeting Adjourned 7:55 pm

Minutes were read and approved

Treasury Report: Checking: \$ 2745.61 Savings: \$ 4000.11 Raffle: \$ 1000.61 (\$35 is with Dennis)

Membership Report: Current number of members: 73

Old Business:

- Gravel: Looking at setting a date in March. Need to coordinate w/Dan and his tractor.
- Shed Doors: Dennis checking to see if he can get the materials donated.
- Pine Hollow FRIA:
- There is a question as to the time-frame that the secondary site FRIA is active.
- A date was set in the application. Should go to Dave Agar for clarification?

New Business:

Treasurer:

- Club dues will be paid by cash or check only!
- The Port-a-Potty is \$47.81 per month
- AMA Charter Membership paid, \$215.00 (covers Pine Hollow and the Church)
- Dennis, or a crew that he organizes will install a flag pole on the shelter. We will display the American Flag at all future events! (These are minor expenses)

Pine Hollow:

- Received a message from Tom Ries expressing desire to breathe new life into that event!
- Marc Ceniceros is working toward his Contest Director rating, wants to work with Tom
- Discussed several options for community outreach. We were in agreement that paying a visit to Clark County's outreach event this year would be a good idea, as well as speaking with Doug Maas.

Skyknights E-Board Meeting Minutes
Date: 03-04-2024

Members Present:

Dennis Young, Marc Ceniceros, Tom Lincoln, Ken

Manske, Steven Connors

Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 by President Dennis Young_

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:15 pm Minutes were read and approved)

Treasury Report: Checking: \$ 2645.65 Raffle:

\$965.65 Savings: \$4000.28

- Marc brought a receipt for Web Hosting for \$143.48
- Dennis to update the raffle fund at the General Meeting.

Membership Report: Current number of members:73

Old Business:

Briefly discussed "Train the Trainer" day, and getting with John Shirron, Dave Agar

New Business:

• Larger, ADA compliant Port-a-Potty. Matt Bennett mentioned looking into it to Dennis, Tom Lincoln as well.

Spring Opener:

- Dennis to schedule gravel work day, and or field cleanup work day. Need to reorganize the shed.
- Dennis to update the Facebook event with a more detailed itinerary.
- We will offer up hot dogs for a nominal fee.
- Ryan Forsyth wants to spread ashes at the field.
- We should do something to memorialize Pat Sperling.
- Dennis to make a change in Auction Rules: Once timer starts any new bid must be in \$5.00 increments.
- Ryan / Marc to look at removing stale events and whatnot on the Facebook page.
- Discussed doing an educational video: "Lipo fires and what to do about them!" Ask Drew Shepardson to shoot the video.
- Tom and or Marc to look at options for procuring additional First Aid kits. And, setting up a dedicated
- First Aid Station in the shelter. (Maybe use the Frequency Board??)
- Brady's TikTok channel, wanting to shoot videos at the field.
- Discussed the Holiday Party at length. Possibly moving it to summertime??
- We should test the tent, Steve is willing. (Should probably wait until after the shed gets organized.)