

Largo Flying Club General Meeting
Minutes of March 3, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Gearheart. There were 38 members present.

1. Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were read and approved. Motion to accept by Steve Philbin, seconded by Dan Lemiesz. Motion carried.

2. Reports from officers:

a. Vice President Tom Wojciechowski reported the fun fly will be March 14. The events will be a downwind take-off with a 10 second climb then glide without power, a balloon pop, and limbo of fire.

b. Secretary Mary Tittle sent a sympathy card to Kate Philbin on the loss of her mother.

c. Safety Officer Ray Crumrine reported there were 3 seven day suspensions for crashing out of bounds.

d. Field Maintenance Officer Robie Riggle reported the new runway has been completed, with leveling and new covering. He has located a source for four batteries for \$1440.00. Will continue to use the current batteries as long as possible. He asked for volunteers to paint the "out of bounds" sign at the west end of the field and to clean the signs in the pit and parking area. One member suggested we continue to add to the battery fund for replacement solar collectors.

e. Chief Flight Instructor Steve Philbin reported on changes to the safety rules for checking off guest pilots and temporary members. The following changes will be added to the first safety rule:
LFC Inc. members only are allowed to fly at the Club field. Qualified pilot guests are permitted three (3) visits per year. Guests must be members of the AMA. Guests will be issued a "guest sticker" and a list of the guest members with the dates of each visit will be in the shed. Guests must be checked off by an officer or member of the Board of Directors and a qualified pilot of the LFC. Temporary memberships are available for out-of-town visitors. Temporary members must be able to fly solo. Temporary members must be checked off by an officer or member of the Board of Directors and a qualified pilot of the LFC. Exceptions will be allowed at public-invited events such as open fun-fly's as determined by the Board of Directors

f. Newsletter editor Russ Cromwell reported there is a bulletin board in the newsletter for advertisements.

g. Youth Program Director Larry Tittle reported we had 16 volunteers for the mud run. He thanked Vic Walters and Jerry and Janell Cleveland for the video submitted to the city. He read a letter from the mayor of Largo, thanking the Club for assistance with the mud run. The winter camp was completed February 24, with two families.

h. Webmaster John Miller reported we are in the planning stages for a Paypal account.

3. Old Business

a. Capital expenditures: The results on the vote on capital expenditures indicated the members prioritized the runway as first, followed by the battery fund and then the shelters. The runway has been completed. A battery fund has been established with \$1500.00. A member of the club is considering donating \$2000.00 toward the purchase of 60 feet of shelters at the east end of the pit area. He asked to remain anonymous.

4. New Business:

a. New Members/Guests: Cedric Leeds

b. There is a swap meet in Perry, Georgia this weekend.

c. A Paypal account is being set up with a link to the website. It will be used for full payment, donations, and renewal.

d. Discussed the safety issues while flying combat events. The following will be added to the safety rules for combat:

1. Pilots will fly from the north side of the runway
2. No nitro planes allowed to fly combat
3. No combat event if there is a direct north wind (decision to be made at the time)
4. Each pilot must have a spotter
5. If it is determined the pilot is fling out of bounds, they must land immediately.

e. Discussed the issue of having pets at the field. Motion not to allow pets at the field by Steve Philbin, seconded by Richard Birchmire. Motion carried.

5. Open Floor:

Steve Philbin reported that someone shot at the port-a-john. Dave Gearheart will contact the sanitation department.

6. Show and Tell

- a. Mike Bluestein presented the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club RC Flying Circus.
- b. Jerry Cleveland had the mud run video.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 by Russ Cromwell, seconded by Ed Rouisse. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Tittle

Copies to: Dave Gearheart, Ted Wojciechowski, Webmaster