

BAS CLUB MEETING - Minutes
Online meeting via Zoom
March 13, 2024



The online Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Greg Cooper. There were 9 members in attendance.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Ken Jochim reported that the club AMA charter has been renewed for 2024, and that he will put a copy of the charter document out at the field to replace last years. Our FRIA does not need to be renewed for a couple more years (FAA vs AMA).

Webmaster Mike Gulizia brought up the “modernization” of the website. Several suggestions were offered on how to make the main page less busy, such as grouping items on pull down menus and things like that. Ken Jochim offered to work with him on some concepts.

Dean Ehn reported on the state of the treasury.

It was agreed we would continue the Zoom account for another year, and Dean will send Ken a check for that. Ken needs to send an invoice.

Membership chairman Bill Mansfield reported that we have 68 members at this point, vs 50 last year. There are 27 float fly members.

We discussed the CU payment for this year. Chester said he had been in contact with them. The situation is that they would like to work on a yearly basis, renewing each July, since that is when they originally paid for last year. We will need to bill them in June for 2024-25. Bill will provide them with the current Gate Code. Chester needs to coordinate what he is doing with Bill going forward.

There was no safety report.

Old Business:

Greg reported that the City will be doing some spraying for noxious weeds some time in the near future. The City also noted that there was a fellow that was working on commercial use permit for his flying.

Weed Wranglers is supposed to provide a cost estimate and schedule to Greg.

We were contacted by folks from the Longmont Airport who asked if we would like to participate in their Airshow this year. It was mentioned that we had done so several years ago (before Covid). There was some interest in doing a static display, so Greg will talk to them and find out exactly what they are looking for. Date is September 14th.

New Business:

Ken noted that we will need to do a minor work party on the float fly retrieval boat. He just needs a few

folks to help turn it on its side so we can wash out the sand & mud that accumulates in the boat over the season.

Greg indicated he is still planning to put a metal rack on the end of the bench in the shelter to hold the Downed Aircraft Log. We discussed the issue with the Online Log form not having the map that it refers to. Greg will talk to the City about that issue.

We noted that we will need a future work party to repair the broken barrel under the flight bench, and to replace some of the carpeting material that is torn on some of the tables.

Ken indicated that his recent student had soloed his own new aircraft (Turbo Timber) and is now flying on his own. Congratulations, Gray!

Ken also learned of an issue with Spektrum Smart Batteries and Chargers. Apparently if you leave a battery plugged into the charger and disconnect the AC power to the charger, the charger will run the battery down to zero volts and ruin the battery. His student had that happen on two batteries.

Greg noted that he would be starting a new job in the near future, and may be doing some travel that could affect his availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Jochim, Secretary