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BAS MEETING MINUTES 6/9/ 2010 CHANDLER FIELD BOULDER, CO

Meeting called to order by PRESIDENT Rich Anderson at 7:00 PM. He welcomed 34 members and guest to the meeting. Rich asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the last newsletter. Motion by Mark Bradley with a second by Dean Ehn to accept the minutes. Motion voted and passed.

TREASURE REPORT-- Treasure Dean Ehn gave a detailed report of the clubs finances.

1st VICE PRISIDENT REPORT-- 1st Vice President Augie Bruno informed us the club has five new members they are John Mack, Cooper Lull, Jason Mendelson, Michael Abraham and Ryan Smith. This brings the total membership of the club to 105.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT--2nd Vice President David Goodnow warned us to be careful of electrics starting accidentally, and to stay in flight stations while flying.

OLD BUSINESS--The drainage pipe has been installed and the blacktop paving completed. Rich stated he was concerned about the quality of the paving and is withholding payment to the contractor until he has more information. Rich informed us he has a student about to solo as part to the Mal Meador youth program.

NEW BUSINESS--A discussion was held on changing the date for the club picnic. A motion by Joe Sherran with a second by Tony Kilwein to change the date to August 14. Motion voted and passed. David Goodnow volunteered to paint the front gate. Dean Chandler volunteered to weld the hinge on the gate. Rich asked for people to help out on a workday in the near future to spray weeds. 5 of the old timers agreed to do it during the week. The members who are trained boat inspectors will begin inspecting boats next Monday at the reservoir. Much discussion was held on the city of Boulder Parks department new Guide lines for the use of the clubs field because of a nesting Harrier bird or birds in the marsh area south and east of the runway. Rich stated it is unclear what the restrictions are to be implemented. He stated he will set up a meeting with Matt Claussen the Ranger for the parks department to clarify the restrictions. Augi Bruno had made a list of options for the club to pursue to help us keep the field open. After more discussion a motion made by Augie Bruno with a second by Arnold Peckar to set up a committee headed by Skip Miller and James Mack and 2 club officers. This committee is charged to pursue all viable options to keep the field open. They will meet with the management of the Boulder Parks Department to resolve this issue. Motion voted and passed. Arnold Peckar stated the Arvada club is willing the let Boulder members use their field if our field is Temporarily closed. Motion by Joe Sherran with a second by Dean Ehn to adjourn the meeting. Motion voted and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Rudy Glick.

Over the past month we have tried to share updates, via e-mail, concerning the status of our flying field. It became evident that based on the restrictions that the City of Boulder placed on our activities at the field due to nesting Harrier's it was not practical to try and leave the field open for limited flying without the potential of someone (club member or non-member) violating the restrictions and creating a major problem for the club. As such we have voluntarily closed the field until the end of July. The lock on the gate has been changed and will be restored at the end of the temporary closure.

As a result of our closing the field we have received many comments from our members. Some comments helpful, some just venting, and some indicating they are leaving the club. Those are choices we all have to make but the club officers are not sitting back without providing interim opportunities to continue to fly during the temporary closure.

Options have been extended to our club members to fly at the LAMA Field, the Arvada Field and the Leaf Field during the time our field is closed. As club officers we also met with a reporter from the Boulder Daily Camera and an article about the closure was published in their Sunday paper on June 13th. For those that have not seen the article you can still read it at this web site:

http://www.dailycamera.com/portlet/article/html/fragments/print_article.jsp?articleId=15329361&siteId=21

At our last meeting we discussed the following options for keeping our field open year round in the future:

1. 'Find a new field'. This met with no support due to lack of resources and \$\$\$\$. The LAMA folks reminded us of how they lost their field, got another and lost that and finally found another. It was EXPENSIVE. This option is always open of course.
2. 'Enlist the help of a bird expert'. Well Dan Lawry's email and contacts with an Audubon ornithologist kind of puts this to rest. His bottom line was 'close the field'. This is the kind of reaction you get from 'professionals' and it's hard to find a 'bird friendly' ecologist. If we could find one, Boulder could find 5 in 10 minutes to say the opposite. Still, another option for the committee to discuss.
3. 'Close the field until the birds leave'. One or 2 members felt this would show good faith. But a bunch were against it (emphatically). 'We don't know for sure when Boulder will consider the problem over". Valid comment. Also, we are in the exact place where the 'permanent' and 'breeding' ranges of the harrier overlap. And we know, for a fact, that these birds are permanent residents except for, possibly, the dead of winter.
4. 'Get a lawyer and fight the City'. It was not felt this was a good approach at all.
5. 'Enlist the support of AMA'. This might be possible. In fact Augie was asked earlier to draft a letter to Western Regional Coordinator for Flying site assistance to Wes DeCou @ AMA. He sent the officers a draft copy for comment. Right now this is on 'hold', but available to us.
6. 'Form a committee'. Lively discussion here. This option was met with enthusiasm.

The motion was made to form the committee and was passed unanimously, with about 30 members present.

The charge of the committee is NOT to simply be a 'think tank'. Rather it is expected that the committee will meet to review the above suggestions, along with others the committee members can come up with. The committee will present their recommendations to the BAS Executive Board for approval. If approved, the committee will carry out the recommended actions.

Since the June club meeting the committee has been formed and will be called the **“Boulder Aeromodelers Society Preservation Committee (BAPC)”** with the following members:

Skip Miller, Chair

James Mack, Vice Chair

Secretary, Augie Bruno

Members: Rich Anderson, Greg Hine, Charlie Miller and Tom Aune.

The committee met on June 28th and agreed that the mission of the committee is **“To secure the Boulder Aeromodeler's field forever as a safe and responsible facility where interested modelers gather to perfect their sport/hobby/education of radio controlled model aircraft”**.

In this capacity the committee reports to the Executive Board of BAS.

The committee's responsibility is to assess, communicate and resolve ALL issues, short and or long term, pertaining to the longevity of the existing BAS flying field which has been in continuous existence for 39 years.

A sub-committee of Skip Miller, James Mack and Augie Bruno was formed to meet with the senior management of the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department to represent the committee (and all club members) to change the perception of the authorities regarding the interaction of BAS with existing wildlife. Hopefully the first meeting will have already happened before the July club meeting.

We know this is a frustrating time for all of us but with continued help and support from each of our club members we are confident that we will be able to maintain our great flying site for many years to come. Please join us at our July meeting to share ideas and comments that may help the committee in working to preserve our field. Due to the field being temporarily closed we will hold the **July meeting back at HobbyTown in Longmont at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 14th**.

Respectively submitted:

BAS Executive Board

Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs, and remember takeoffs are optional, but landings are mandatory.

Thank you, Al Coelho for editing the June Inverted Flyer. Very well done.

See Web Page for Event Listings
www.boulderaero.org

NOTICE
BAS Meeting, JULY 14th
6:30 PM HobbyTown
Longmont.

Members Birthdays for the Month of July

Wendell Wickstrom	Rich Anderson
Rob Nebgen	Rich Levy
Jason Mendelson	Russ Larsen
Jesse Simon	Ron Metzner