

FRM Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2004 – Corrected

Call to Order: At 7:30, Roland commenced the meeting with the first order of business being the approval of the previous minutes---that went unchallenged.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers' report was accepted as read. Jim Breen then gave an accounting of the Make-a-Wish fun fly that had 31 pilots in attendance and ultimately raised \$1319.75. A proposal was made and accepted that the club would round this up to and present a check for \$1,400 to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Those in attendance approved this measure.

Guests: Dennis Rossi ; **New Members:** Jay McCoy and Odell McCoy, Eric Luis, and Kirby Smith. All were voted in with little but the customary opposition.

Old Business: None Mentioned.

New Business: [1] Thanks went to everyone for helping with field maintenance prior to the Make-a-Wish event. Thanks were extended to Chuck Kissell for his diligent PR efforts and to Don Tatum and Breanne for their food service work. Appreciation was also extended to all the participating members that made this a successful event; as well as, Craig Roberts for his Master of Ceremony (MC) efforts. [2] Manuel suggested the club research acquisition of a storage container to house the race flags/lights and other essential field maintenance items. Dan Sozinho provided relative cost information where such containers might run \$1,000 to \$4,000 depending on size. It was suggested we first needed to clean up the stuff in the building, explore ripping the current shelving out, and rebuilding those with something that has more utility. Then, explore the size of storage container needed. The field maintenance committee will explore this further. It was suggested that prior to any "stuff" disposal, that a mention be placed in the next newsletter to alert members of the liquidation of any left-behind items. [3] With the Dominator Race occurring the first weekend in April, the awning needs to go up. Chuck mentioned, that for PR, KMPH will come out the day before (Friday) and push a PR spot. [4] In addition to this event, on March 27th, the Inter-Club challenge fun fly will be hosted at Morgan Hill. Several members from FRM will be making the trip. [5] It was suggested that pre-event signups with needed volunteer positions will be posted on the FRCM.ORG website for members to refer to should they wish to help. A proposal to be brought back at the next meeting on how this will work. [6] Also on March 27th, Leroy Sabatin (Dakota/Ashlan) will be hosting a collectible event trader show; which, will include small engines etc. [7] Treasurer Jim Breen proposed setting aside funds for capital reserves to be used to offset major infrastructure events; where, movement of the funds to a more liquid "check-book" area requires both Board and Membership approval. The suggested starting point was \$3,000; and, members present debated different points. Legitimate concerns suggested that enough funds should be retained in checking to cover annual event costs. More discussion ensued regarding starting points, savings accounts, and operational checking; where, it was further suggested that we start conservative and adjust the contributions to this capital account as we know more about potential operational issues encountered. Motion was made to move funds and begin monthly transfers immediately. The first transfer was \$3,000 as originally proposed. [8] The Pattern event Contest Director thanked FRM for allowing the event to be hosted locally and extended an invitation to any FRM members who might be interested in competing. [9] Allen, who is a retired GM employee had 2-3 discount vouchers available for the purchase of a new GM product; however, these had to be used by March 31, 2004.

Awards - Ace: Chuck for the successful Make-A-Wish event.

Awards - Goof: Jack for flying with a loose tail on his plane.

Crying Towel: None Noted.

Show and Tell: J. Lockwood for displaying an overflow fuel-filler bottle; where, fuel can be captured/recycled, and helps protect the table tops. Apparently, the plastic bottles used are fuel-proof.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. **Raffle:** As usual, Milt and Bob provided some exceptional items such as a new Futaba Radio, Plane, and Engine.

Respectfully submitted - Conrad Nerdahl, Secretary - March 20, 2004