

Fresno Radio Modelers Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2006

No changes noted to the previous minutes. Called to Order at 7:35 PM with about 40 in attendance.

Treasures Report – Jim mentioned that we experienced the equivalent of 85% in financial gains from events and other revenue streams between the over the 2005 to 2006 year. A financial report is available at each club meeting. Also, a motion was made and carried to reimburse Jack W. \$240 for building a small boat that would be used for unplanned retrieval at float-flies.

Guests and Members – Turson ? has moved to Fresno to work on a Master Degree and had been flying in Sacramento. He attended as a guest. Otherwise, three new members were voted in. Chris Scout, Ron Grasmick, and Chuck Walker.

OLD BUSINESS (1) Paul B. discussed the assessment from previous meetings of dues perhaps being raised by \$30. The reason followed previous meeting discussions surrounding the need for a new field. Paul obtained preliminary quotes that it may cost as much as \$65,000 for a new blacktop runway. Craig R. indicated that another less expensive and synthetic runway option might be available for \$6,000. Otherwise, much discussion continued on the merits and limitations of raising dues to cover the costs of a new field. A motion was made and carried to poll the membership on what the overall perspective would be on raising dues toward funding a new field. (2) John L. proposed that we put the ballots for upcoming club officer elections in the newsletter and allow for absentee ballots to be considered. This would require a modification of the current bylaws that would cover several months and it was decided to table this for consideration for next year. (3) Another short lived discussion surrounded our clubs non-profit status; and, whether we could achieve this if we could go into schools and offer to teach and demonstrate model aviation theory and practicum. Some members in the club suggested we let this topic rest pending further assessment into what our IRS status and reporting requirements are. (4) A reminder from Dan that November 30 was the deadline for fuel orders. Send the order to him, but make the checks out to Fresno Radio Modelers. (5) Dan pointed out that despite all the discussion taking place about the new field; that members should go out and line up the hard facts themselves - such as what Paul B. and Carl K. have done.

NEW BUSINESS (1) Jim Breen conveyed that the deadline this year to get your RSVP's and money in for the Christmas banquet is December 15. And, this year there will be no exceptions. (2) Thanks were given to those who attended this years Fun Fly, Swap Meet, and Club Picnic. Customarily this is on Sunday mornings. (3) John L. then moved that we also have a Spring picnic in addition to the Fall picnic. (4) George S. mentioned that our arrangement with Denny's was finalized so that we meet on the 2nd Thursday for the general membership meeting and the 3rd Thursday for the Fun Meeting. (5) George also suggested that we invite the Guy's as honorary guests to the Christmas Banquet; and, also invite the new land owners the Walkers as well. A motion was also made to invite Paula Lloyd to the banquet in lieu of the recent Fresno Bee article written about the club. (6) It was also decided that the gift amounts for this years banquet remain the same as those from last year. (7) Some members of the club would like the individual who walked off with Frequency Paddle #46, to please return it. It's apparently been missing for 4-6 weeks. (8) November 18, Fremont is having their annual auction for those interested. (9) Nominations for club officers for 2007 were closed. Elections will be held at the December General Membership meeting. Those vying for offices are: **President** (Matt Raymond and Roland Lamer (incumbent)), **Vice President** (Dan Sozinho (incumbent)), **Secretary** (Stan Cole), **Treasurer** (Doug Cook). Your attendance at the December meeting is appreciated.

Awards -> **Ace** - Mark (Mike) Stevens who placed Gold at the Parker AZ giant scale Dominator air races. And, Ron T. for his recent amazing luck on the raffles. **Goof** - Brett Cole for misleading others about his novice racing abilities. He tied with John L. with a 16 in race #6. **Crying Towel** - Dennis Rossi for turning his Mach Skyraider into toothpicks, Steve Mullen for his quick fix that wasn't so permanent, and Bob Hankins for plowing his plane in due to a dead battery. **At-A-Boy** - Jack Wiems for building a float-fly retrieval boat.

Show-n-Tell - Jack Wiems with another pizza-box flyer; and, Doug Cook with a pico style indoor RC helicopter. Doug took about 40 orders after demo'ing this to the group.

Meeting was adjourned around 9:15 P.M.

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Minutes respectfully submitted – Conrad Nerdahl – Secretary