

**THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER**  
**JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2008**

**THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN  
EUTAWVILLE**

There were 28 members and guests present at the January meeting of the Eutawville Fliers club. .

They are listed as they were seated in the dining room.

*PHILLIP & HELEN WINNINGHAM      BRUCE BRESKY      GENE GUTHAN*  
*GORDON ACHTERHOF      HENDERSON DUPREE      DENNIS MARTIN*  
*NELSON & GWENN CARTER      SPENCER & JANIE EDMONDS*  
*FRED & MAXINE PETERS      BOB & JOY LOVE      BOBBY JOHNSON & DENNIS*  
*MARTY & TAMMY CRESSEY      ALLAN & LINDA PERNIGOTTI      PAUL &*  
*EDNA GOYNA      CHARLES & BARBARA MORRIS      ROY SMITH*  
*KEN MAHONEY      HERB AVINGER*

The meeting started promptly at 1900 hrs. This would be the final meeting for Pres. Phillip Winningham.

Phillip welcomed all the members, wives and guest and thanked them for coming. He opened the meeting by asking for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as received by the membership. Dennis made the motion and Gordon seconded it, the motion was accepted.

Phillip then called on the Treas. to give his report. Gene gave the report covering two months. A motion was made to accept by Dennis and seconded by Bob, motion was accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Phillip opened Old Business by charging the election team, Fred and Henderson to count the ballots and report their findings later in the meeting.

Phillip first explained how the count was to be made so that no improprieties could be charged. The election team retired to another room to sort and count the ballots.

At this point Phillip went to new business until the ballot count was finished.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Phillip started by saying he had received several phone calls from other clubs asking when our Flyin dates were. They did this so they could schedule their meets and not be conflicting with our dates.

He replied that the first Flyin in May was schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month, but the remaining meets had not been scheduled.

Phillip told the members that tonight we need to set the dates and pick the contest directors and to get the information to AMA headquarters.

Dennis stated that we need to have the normal Flyins that we have every year to bolster our Treasury and although some do not bring in a lot of money, every little bit helps us along.

Phillip said that as of now the club was in good shape as far as money goes, but there are several things that will have to be addressed. Our well pump froze up this year and cracked, it will have to be rebuilt or replaced. This will be several hundred dollars. Bobby said the Snapper mower needs fixing as one of the safety switches was defective, cost unknown. Phillip asked Bob to look into it and same with the pump. Bobby stated that someone had taken the pump heat tape and that is why it froze up. We do have a problem with things walking off in this club, it's a shame, but a fact that we face. Phillip said before we replace the pump he will check with ACE where it was purchased to see what needed to be done. Paul stated that we should go ahead and authorize the cost to speed things up. Paul made the motion to authorize Phillip to replace or repair the pump. Bob seconded the motion and Phillip called for a vote. The motion carried and Phillip will take care of it. Gene will provide the funds needed from the treasury.

Phillip went back to the flyins, where we went off the subject a long paragraph ago. He stated that with the fund we now have, we don't need to hold any more flyins after the May event.

Marty took the floor and made a statement that our club exists to fly and promote the hobby of model aircraft flight. He said regardless of the monies we have, we should have all the Flyins that we have always had and get on with it.

Phillip said he always viewed the Flyins as an educational experience and the chance to mingle with the other clubs for the social and learning experience that the get together brings forth.

Marty restated his suggestion that we have all the Flyins that we normally have.

Tammy stated that a big problem is, that we have 40 members listed on our roster and it is always the same handful of members that actually show up to do the work and run the Flyins, These same members do not get a chance to mingle and enjoy the activities because they are busy keeping the event going. She said it is unfair to ask the same people year after year, for 3 or 4 events to keep doing it. There would be no events except for this handful of dedicated members.

Phillip acknowledged that fact, and added that every club has a hard core of members who work and further the cause and it also has a hard core of people who are perfectly happy to sit back and watch the others work, its' a fact of life. He only knew of one club that all members participated and they owned shares of the club, providing incentive. Dennis jumped in at this point to state we were getting off message and we needed to get back to the scheduling discussion, everyone agreed.

A discussion on the floor followed about how many Flyins we should have this year and how to get people out to help. A lot of suggestions were given.

Paul said we had to get back to the motion of having a flyin in September. The members voted yea and that was settled. The C/D for the event will be Bobby. The event will be one day, fly what you bring and the date will be Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 2008. The next event was voted on, The November event will be a fly what you bring, a one day affair and will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the C/D will be Dennis Martin.

Dennis suggested an event in July and dedicating it to Allan Wehman, this was discussed in length, and Bobby suggested that the event that he will C/D in September could be dedicated to Allen. This was accepted as a good idea.

Fred said we could recognize Allan for his years in our club by extending to him a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. This was voted on and accepted unanimously by the members present.

Phillip asked if there was any more New Business before we get back to the ballot committee.

Herb asked about the old gang mowers that are still on the field. No one wants them and Herb is willing to take them away, they are an eye sore anyway. It was agreed that Herb will remove them from the property. With no further new business, Phillip asked the election committee to take the floor and announce the results of the ballot counting.

Fred took the floor and stated that the ballot box was opened and it contained 35 envelopes. The envelopes were opened and the ballots separated from them. When all the envelopes and ballots were separated, the ballots were tallied. Fred announced that Spencer was elected President and Bobby was elected Vice President. The members gave there approval with a round of applause. The new officers were installed.

Fred made a closing statement that glow-fuel prices have gone up dramatically, that is \$4 per gallon and is due to the shipping and handling cost increases. It is a fact that we have to accept with oil prices rising all the time. Electric is looking more & more better according to Fred.

#### **CRASH AWARD:**

Spencer was nominated for the award, losing control of Bobby's Stik when the battery failed, Bobby was guilty by ownership of the weak battery.

Marty said this was a good time to pass out his article on batteries and their care. Everyone got a copy and it is also on the web site of the Eutawville Fliers.

At this point the meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting will be February 27th, 7pm at the Alpine. Hope to see y'all.

#### ***GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND ITS' MEMBERS***

Gene