

THE EUTAWVILLE FLIERS CLUB NEWS LETTER

JUNE 2007

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ALPINE RESTAURANT IN EUTAWVILLE

There were 18 members and guests who attended the meeting. They are listed as they were seated.

PHILLIP WINNINGHAM HELEN WINNINGHAM GENE GUTHAN
HENDERSON DUPREE DENNIS MARTIN MARTY CRESSEY
CRAIGH HILL BOB LOVE LLOYD SANDERSON NELSON CARTER
PAUL GONYA EDNA GONYA FOSTER BOONE ROY SMITH
ROBERT ROKUS FRED PETERS MAXINE PETERS
SPENCER EDMONDS

The President opened the proceedings at 1900 hrs and called the meeting to order. Phillip made an opening statement about the airfield grass and present conditions. He had a large calendar on the table and asked that any of the members who could help with the mowing, list their names and the dates that they could do so. Phillip said that Bobby had approached Danny at the mower shop to see what it would cost to service the mower on a regular basis. The price was \$40.00 for a service once a month to sharpen the blades and clean the air filters. Kind of steep for a service the club got free for the last 14 months when Gene took care of it.

Phillip thought it was an expensive way to go, he asked Spencer if he would keep the mower and the club could compensate him for maintaining it. Spence said that compensation wasn't necessary and he would try to keep it based on his schedule, but could not guarantee anything. Phillip said we need volunteers and if we could not get them he would have to task the membership into duty schedules. (It appears that the grass cutting and maintenance of the mower that got done every week for the last year plus 2 months with out a hitch has become a problem 2 weeks after the mower was turned back over to the club.) EDITOR'S NOTE ONLY.

Phillip then proceeded to say that if we did not get enough workers he would assign each member 2 weeks a year to cut grass, if that person could not do so they would have to find someone to take their place and possibly pay them. Phillip said this was done in years passed. Any expenses incurred cutting the grass such as fuel, mower parts will be paid by club. A receipt must presented to Treasurer for payment. This has been the practice for the last 14 months anyway, since mower was purchased.

The next topic Phillip brought up was moving the metal shed to the intersection of the new runways.

Some members said it would be better to purchase a new one rather than move the old one. A few offered some money toward a new shed. Phillip said that with the offers we would still need \$400.00. Nelson voiced his disapproval of the operation and didn't think we needed to move the shed. Phillip said for the members to think it over and discuss it at the next meeting.

The next topic was the fence at the East end of the runway; Phillip said that with the new runway, we were not getting any use from the fence location.

At this point, Dennis interrupted Phillip to ask how long this meeting was going to run out of format before we got to Old Business. Phillip said the President had a right to an

opening statement. The fence was put off till cooler weather arrives. At this point the President started the meeting and asked for any:

OLD BUSINESS:

Phillip called for old business, no one responded, Paul spoke up and said we needed to get the Secretary and Treasurers reports dealt with first. Phillip called for the Secretary's report to be approved as received in the news letter, this was done. He then called for the Treasurer's report. Gene stood and read the report. It was approved as read.

Now to Old Business, Marty took the floor to discuss the shed placement at the field, he stated that he was in favor of a shelter to be able to get out of the Sun. He went on to disagree with spending money for a shed or the labor involved in moving the existing shed. Marty went on to say we have a shelter existing, it is the cook tent. The top is replaceable for around \$40.00 and the pipe structure could be anchored down to resist blow over. If the club went this route it would not cost the club a dime and we could put it up in a short time. Marty said that even to try it on a temporary basis would be worth the effort. Dennis said that if we went thru a top each year, we are only looking at about \$40.00 cost. Phillip agreed that the money would be better kept in the event that the club had to move, we would have some start up monies. He reminded the membership that the new runway was cut in to take traffic away from any neighbors and keep the flying over Mr. Rut's property. At this point Dennis spoke up and said he wanted to make a motion; the motion was to take the cook tent and erect it near the intersection of the new runways. The proposal was to set it up, stake it down and see how it works out. He said he and Marty would see to the project including the stakes and lines needed. Nelson voiced his opposition, stating that visibility of that runway would be cut off. Phillip explained that the structure would be set back in the ready area, clear of runway. Phillip went back to Dennis's motion, Marty seconded it and a vote was taken. The motion passed. Phillip explained that the metal hut will be used when flying on the East-West runway and the new shelter used when flying on the North East-South West runways. With that settled Phillip was moving to new business when Dennis asked to discuss one more thing. Dennis wanted to go back and talk about the fence project. Phillip said the fence moving should be thought about, but any action be postponed till cool weather returns. Dennis said the fence should be left where it is and not moved. This issue will be dealt with down the road.

Phillip said he had one more topic in old business. The topic was the sticker bushes that have invaded our runways; these stickers can cling to the mower, clothes, tires or anything else to be spread around to infest other areas. He had approached Holly Hill farm center with the problem. He said they would come out in November and spray our field for \$38.00 per acre; they would spray again in February as it takes 2 applications to get rid of them. Another \$30.00 per acre would get rid of the Highway grass. This comes to about \$900.00 for this treatment. Phillip said this was for the members to think about and address at a later meeting. He also mentioned the possibility of getting some centipede scraps from Santee and trying to replant the bare spots. The original grasses were Bermuda, Centipede and Rye. Fred voiced his opposition to spending any money on the field if we don't have any guarantee that we will be able to stay there. Phillip said he wasn't attempting to push any action but rather offering information to the members. We moved on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phillip asked for new business. Dennis said “how about the lawn mower”. Phillip Repeated the price that Danny wanted to service the mower and the fact that Spencer offered to take care of it for a time. Dennis said that we needed to talk about more than that. Phillip asked Dennis what more needed to be discussed. Dennis answered that the schedules need going over. Phillip said that is why the calendar was there for people to sign up for cutting. Dennis said there is a problem with where the mower is kept. If a person is scheduled to cut grass and does not have the means to go get the mower, then what? He wanted to know how we were going to address that. Phillip said he realizes that there would be problems and that some people cannot cut grass for reasons of work or health or what ever, that is the reason for the sign up calendar. Phillip said if a week comes up and no one is signed up, that he and Nelson would have to deal with it then. Nelson said that some people may only be able to do it on the weekends and Phillip answered, if that was the case, flying would hold until the grass was cut. Robert Rokus offered to cut the grass on a Friday, but had no hitch to move mower to the field. Dennis said this was exactly what he was talking about. Phillip said that he, Spencer or Nelson would see that the mower was at the field for the designated person to use, He also said that is why the mower should be centrally located to the field. Paul ask if Spencer could put the mower in the shed the night before it was to be used. Marty suggested that the mower be stored at the field all the time. He didn’t think that would be a theft risk. Phillip said he would not like to be the one to put the mower in the shed and have it gone the next day that was his feelings.

He said if the club wants to do that, it’s fine, but he did not want to do it or be responsible. Marty said there are mowers down the street in the open and not bothered, why would they bother ours? Phillip again said he would not suggest keeping the mower in the shed. Dennis and Marty were for the idea and stated their reasons. Spencer said nothing was ever stolen from his place, but there is that chance and he would not be responsible if it was stolen. Phillip said enough talk, if anyone has a better idea than keeping it at Spencer’s, speak up. Dennis then said he would make a motion to keep it at the field, under lock and key to see how the members would go. The motion was made, Paul seconded it and a vote was taken. Phillip counted the votes as follows 8 for it and 4 against it. There were 3 no votes. The motion carried and the mower will be kept at the field. Dennis and Marty will be in charge of securing the mower in the shed. A short discussion about locks, keys and chains followed. The meeting went on.

CRASH AWARD:

Dennis nominated Bob Love for the award. A short story about the mishap followed, and the meeting was adjourned at approx. 8pm

GOD BLESS OUR CLUB AND IT’S MEMBERS

Gene