

April 2023 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held April 11, 2023, 6:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

15 members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Kris Millard – Vice President
- Bob Einhaus
- Fred Gordon
- Dave Gardner
- Ben Jones
- Randy Ling
- John Knoppi
- John Lunz
- Jim McCartney
- Bob Parker
- Shawn Parker

(Sorry if I've missed anyone.....I'm old!)

Disclaimer: These minutes have been taken by Dave Gardner, in his dotage, so they may be a little erratic. I already know they're late!

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

- The status of the new potential flying field at Thun Field was discussed. Authorization for use of the field is proceeding, with Lisa, from Thun Field management. The site has expanded to 2-1/2 acres, allowing room for 2 possible grass circles with paved centers.. Randy Ling reported that he continues communications, along with Jim McCartney. Steve, Randy, Jim and Mike will continue to maintain contact in support of the development of this plan. There was some short discussion relative to field improvement. Jim McCartney has some viable resources to produce a great grass field. There will be more information to come, as we get through the winter season. Field plans and info are in with Thun Field Management for Review and Survey. Things should be closer to completion with the warmer weather.

New Business:

- Steve Holt gave a remote Secretary and Treasury report noting our current Checking and Savings balances, our current membership of 22 paid members, that he had paid for our annual renewal of the AMA Club Charter for Club #330, the Northwest Skyraiders. He also renewed our annual registration with the Secretary of State in Washington to maintain our Non-Profit status, so the club is caught up for all documentation with national and the state for another year.
- There remains interest in holding at least one contest this year as the Covid-19 virus eases. We are evaluating the best location to hold a contest. Several sites are being discussed and looked into to determine the possibility of holding a contest.
- The annual winter swap meet is on the agenda, at the Denny's banquet room, on Saturday, Dec 3rd, per the flyer which has been sent out to all members and Flying Lines.
- The Northwest Hobby Expo was moved to October 30,31, without a lot of promotion.
- Tentative Contest Schedule:
 - May 26-28: NW Regionals, Roseburg, Oregon, events noted on Flying Lines
 - June 10-11: Stuntathon, Auburn Airport, Howard Rush, CD (see Flying Lines)
 - August 18-20: Bladder Grabber, Snohomish Field, John Knoppi, CD

- September 16-18: Sanderson Field Expo; events TBD
- October 7-8: Ringmaster Flyathon; Auburn Airport, Dave Gardner, CD.
- We should be able to continue to hold our normal meeting dates on the second Tuesday of the month at the Denny's on Central Ave in Kent, WA. The reservation for each second Tuesday evening has been established with Denny's in Kent for the rest of the year of 2022.
- There was some 'after-meeting' discussion and comment about folks driving after dark in the winter season. Several members expressed concerns about night driving and bright lights. No specific arrangements were decided, but the issue is on the table. A lunchtime meeting schedule was brought up, but that provides inconveniences for those employed. There's more discussion to follow on this!
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. ... (and it was getting dark by then!)
- Some of these items may have further discussion at the May 8th meeting.....still time for discussion!

As submitted by Dave Gardner, interim, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer

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