


The Transmitter

Suburban RC Barnstormers - P.O. Box 524, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

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Coming in November and December

November 2nd, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.

November 16th, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.

December 7th, Monday, Member Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start.

December 21st, Monday, Board Meeting, ZOOM, 6:45pm login, 7:00pm meeting start. Tentative?

Leadership Elections

By Merv Keeney

At the August Zoom meeting Hector Rivera announced his plans to step down as President at the end of the year and noted the club elections coming in November. In contrast to the 2018 election when officers were willing to continue in their roles and were re-elected by members, this year we have a number of openings (President, Treasurer, Secretary). Descriptions of officer, board, and chairman responsibilities can be found in this newsletter.

The election is an opportunity for members to nominate persons you would like to lead your

club, or even to nominate yourself! If you are not ready to consider an officer role, there are open spots on the board and other club functions, i.e. Safety, Fun-fly, and Flight Instruction Chairman.

Start thinking about how you would like to serve the club in the coming years, and contact Merv Keeney, Membership Development, at membership@suburbanbarnstormers.com with your nominations and suggestions.

2020 Election Process

This year we will be doing something a little different due to being unable to meet in person. We have a number of officers to elect and Board members to approve, so we will be using the November ZOOM meeting to determine a slate of candidates. We will publish the slate and an email sent to members

with a request to vote. We hope this will allow more members to participate in the process and give us a more representative result.

If you are able, please join us at the next meeting to help determine the candidates. Better yet, volunteer to be one yourself!!

“Zoom” Meetings Continue in November

Topic: SRCB November Membership Meeting
Time: Nov 2, 2020 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81161500429?pwd=MVRKK21OTHUwOVVRbFg3N0tLRjIwZ09>

Meeting ID: 811 6150 0429
Passcode: 547431

Meeting Notes for Membership Meeting

October 5, 2020

Membership Meeting was called to order on October 5, 2020 at 7:05 PM.

Attendance: There were 11 people connected to the online meeting held through the Zoom application hosted by Scott Taylor.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Hector Rivera stated that next month the elections will be held. The next meeting will be held on November 2nd and the next board meeting will be October 19th.

Vice President: Paul Kramer confirmed that he still had the Senior Cadet. Bill Schrader had put in an offer. The plane has an OS36 engine and no radio. Paul had rebuilt the wing.

Clubs are open in District One. St. Johns Church has closed the bottom floor and does not reserve it for third party meetings. The AMA is putting together a test regarding safety and knowledge that sounds reasonable. The test should be ready around the end of the year with around 22 questions. Refer to page 115.

Secretary: Ruth Egging thanked Scott for all the work he does.

Treasurer: Bob Vance stated that he had written a couple of checks during the month and the current balance is \$5,529

COMMITTEES

Safety Officer: Larry Amiot did a battery presentation. The presentation was interesting.

Membership: Merv Keeney was concerned on how we should do the election of officers. Scott Taylor suggested that we do it like the Static contest. Send an email letting them know which positions are available. Merv will put something together. How to get some candidates – maybe an email process. Scott confirmed.

The AMA has a web site could give us some ideas on how to generate new members. New people may look at how we could do things differently.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Vance has an airplane with a Spectrum receiver that he finally got to work properly. There were no Fun Fly updates.

NEW BUSINESS

We need to work on the procedures on selling club planes. There was a discussion on the Apprentice airplane that belongs to the club.

RAFFLES

Sep: Door prize - Douglas Penny, Turkey - Scott Taylor
Oct: Door prize - John Goetz, Turkey - Bob Vance

Officer and Committee Responsibilities

(As defined in the SRCB By-Laws)

Officers

President

The President will preside over all meetings and conduct them in a responsible parliamentary manner. It will be his express responsibility to check on all club activities and records to make certain that everything is being handled in the best interest of the club. It will be his further responsibility to assign specific duties to Club Officers, Committee Chairpersons and members, as the need arises, to enhance and promote member interest. The President will call a Club Officers meeting as required, prior to regularly scheduled meetings, to plan the format for the next club meeting. He will be required to conduct the meetings from a written agenda so that the business portion of the meeting is conducted efficiently and in the shortest possible time. No officer of the club can assign duties to club officers or members other than the President or Acting President. The President must familiarize himself with the AMA rules and regulations. Lastly, the President will be the primary point of contact with the DuPage Forest Preserve District (DFPD) regarding field issues, modifications and maintenance, possible field rule changes, and promote overall goodwill between the club and the DFPD.

Vice President

The Vice President will take over the duties of the President at the regularly scheduled club meetings in the absence of the President. In this instance, the President is to provide the Vice President with a written agenda so that the business portion of the club meeting can be handled in an efficient manner. The Vice President will have the following responsibilities:

1. Become thoroughly familiar with the AMA rules and requirements of our club and our club members
2. Oversee all committee activities being performed without board representation
3. Conduct the club raffles at the regularly scheduled club meetings
4. Report on the raffle treasury status at each club meeting
5. Obtain gift certificates and donations from hobby shops
6. Plan entertainment for club meeting such as visitor talks, movies, etc.
7. Present plans for the annual club Christmas Party

Secretary

The Secretary will have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain a club roster and provide an electronic or written copy to members in good standing upon request. The club roster is to be used only to accommodate communication among the membership
2. Take attendance at each club meeting and keep a record of attendance
3. Take the minutes at each of the Board, Officer and Club meetings
4. Be prepared to read the minutes of the previous meeting, if requested
5. Update the club roster at least once every six (6) months or as necessary
6. The club roster will include member name, address, phone number, email address (when available) and AMA number
7. Keep an updated version of the club bylaws on the club website and provide an electronic or written copy of bylaws to members upon request
8. Provide Club Membership Cards to members
9. Provide minutes and club roster information for publishing the newsletter
10. Enlist club members to assist in authoring and distributing a periodic newsletter to club membership

Treasurer

The Treasurer will collect all monies and keep a record of same. The Treasurer will have the following responsibilities:

1. Give a report at each meeting of all receipts, expenditures and account balance
2. Collect member dues
3. Maintain a bank account in the club name and arrange for transfer of same to the succeeding Treasurer
4. Develop the annual operating budget for the club and present it to the Board of Directors
5. Maintain an archive of all financial information and provide an electronic or printed backup of club financial reports at least every other month
6. Obtain permits from the Forest Preserve for Fun Fly event dates

Committee Chairperson Duties

Fun Fly Chairman

The Fun Fly Chairman will have the following responsibilities:

1. Work with the Board of Directors to define:
 - a. the number of Fun Fly events that will be held during the flying season
 - b. the dates of the Fun Fly events
 - c. the number of events that will have food
 - d. arrange for trophies, ribbons and/or prizes for club contests
 - e. any unusual requirements
2. Work with the club members to:
 - a. recruit a Fun Fly director for each event
 - b. recruit Fun Fly helpers for each event
 - c. assist in determining the events held
 - d. ensure arrangements are made for food and drink
 - e. arrange any inter-club Fun Fly events
 - f. ensure adequate notice is provided the club for upcoming Fun Fly events
 - g. encourage the membership to participate
3. At the Fun Fly (if attending):
 - a. ensure the event is conducted safely and responsibly
 - b. if necessary, act as a backup for the director, the cook, or a helper

Flight Instruction Chairman

The Flight Instruction Chairman will have the following responsibilities:

1. Arrange with the Board of Directors to:
 - a. develop a plan for instruction programs
 - b. maintain a list of active / qualified instructors
 - c. ensure available instructors to members
 - d. obtain and maintain any required equipment used for instruction
2. Work with the club members to:
 - a. determine the members' needs
 - b. distribute the list of active instructors
 - c. award solo certificates
 - d. recruit / train new instructors
3. Work with the instructors to:
 - a. ensure they are ready, willing and able to train
 - b. develop an 'at the field' program for identifying available instructors

Safety Chairman

The Safety Chairman will have the following responsibilities:

1. Arrange with the Board of Directors to:
 - a. develop a plan for safe field operations
 - b. develop club literature / awareness program
 - c. ensure compliance with current AMA requirements
2. Work with the club members to:
 - a. determine club members' needs
 - b. create awareness of known hazards
 - c. develop a safety program that:
 - i. concentrates on awareness
 - ii. does not penalize or evict
 - iii. solves safety problems
 - iv. involves the club membership
3. Work with Flight Instruction Chairman to:
 - a. promote safety awareness in novice pilots
4. At the field:
 - a. ensure club, field and AMA safety codes are followed
 - b. work out problems diplomatically
 - c. identify, raise and / or resolve safety issues
 - d. work with Flight Instruction and Fun Fly chairmen to promote safety
 - e. make safety our #1 priority

