

Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, April 29th * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM: Parks Department Update

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 17th * 7:00 PM * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

BE SURE TO RENEW YOU OMAHAWK MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016!

Upcoming Events

Training Night Hawkfield **Every Thursday** 6:00pm-Dusk **Old Timers** Hawkfield Weds - 5/18 9:00-Noon Float Fly/Pizza Standing Bear Lake Sat - 5/28 9:00-2:00pm Mon - 5/30 Egg Burn Hawkfield 9:00-Noon Train & Toy Show Ralston Arena 6/4 - 6/59-4 Sat, 9-2 Sun

Offutt Airshow Offutt AFB 7/30 – 7/31 TBD

This month's club meeting will still be held at Make-A-Wish. We'll be meeting at Hawkfield starting in May.

Kicking off the new flying season – Spring Cleaning. A good number of Omahawks came out for the spring cleaning on April 16th, organized by Field Chairman, Greg Nelson. Projects included mending the woven fence north of the shelter, clearing brush and trimming limbs along the rail fence at the north end of runway, trimming branches and clean-up at the parking entrance, laying sealant on the runway; and staining tables, a bench, and charging station. Dennis and Pat Bender provided a hearty lunch of hamburgers and all the trimmings. Participants included Dennis and Pat Bender, Greg Nelson, Fred Wilke, Gary Vohnout, Larry Inness, Matt Carlson, Hague Howey, Dick Behrens, Harry Perkons, Bob Wheeler, and Bernie Baker. (Apologies to anyone I may have missed.)







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Offutt Air Show Update. As many of you may recall, the Omahawks have been invited to once again participate at this year's Defenders of Freedom Air Show, July 30-31. However, one wrinkle has developed. We will no longer be providing aerial photography for the event. Due to FAA restrictions and further discussions at the board meeting about flying over crowds, the Omahawks have declined to provide this service. Further information will be provided at Friday's club meeting if anyone would like to know more details. Thanks to those who offered their services and drone equipment. We will still have a strong presence at the air show and are looking forward to the event.

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Omahawks Board Meeting Notes - April 19, 2016

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

Board Members in attendance: President Mikey Furrow, Kevin Hyde, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, Dennis Bender, Greg Nelson, and Rick Sessions. Guests included Bob Wheeler, Dick Behrens, and Hague Howey. Special guest was Dennis Bryers City of Omaha Park Department.

Finances: Kevin Hyde summarized the financial report. He will send Dennis Byers a full report after it is completed, which is a requirement of our agreement with the City of Omaha. Kevin also shared the current membership stands at 98 members, which is roughly equal to last year at this time.

Hawk Field: The City Park planner, Dennis Bryers, who oversees our facility, attends an Omahawk business meeting once a year. At the April meeting, Dennis received a recap of the club's activities for the past year, and heard the club's needs and concerns. Dennis also used this opportunity to update club membership on concerns or opportunities the Parks Department has for the club.

Foremost in our minds was the status of the long term lease agreement on Hawkfield (which expires at the end of 2016). He said the Parks department has had ongoing internal meetings regarding the term of the lease, which has traditionally been 15 years. Due to legal concerns, their counter-proposal will be a ten year term with one option to extend five years. Furthermore, we should be seeing a draft of the new lease document and letter from the Parks Department in the next couple of weeks. He will touch base again with the individual in his department who is preparing the document.

Another piece of good news was that Dennis was not aware of any negative letters or complaints (e.g.: noise) from the neighborhood around Hawkfield. He also covered some items that may be beneficial to the condition and status of our facilities such as:

- The repair of the split rail fence on the north end of the runway to be installed by the summer youth program.
- Use of parks department employees and equipment to move rock up to the top of the parking lot that keeps washing toward the bottom of the hill.
- Getting parks department assistance to remove brush east of the runway. He also said that he will contact the Corps of Engineers (Jolene?) regarding the possibility of removing larger trees to the east of the runway. (Bob Wheeler made a good case for the unsafe flying conditions caused by these large trees.)
- A possible replacement for the Hawkfield sign that was stolen in the past.
- Dick Behrens commented on the dock used at the lake for Float Fly's. It is narrow and does float up or down with changes in water levels. We asked that it would be replaced at some point with a wider, floating dock.
- Also, there is a large tree east of the dock that was approved for removal (we believe) but no action has been taken.
- Lastly, Mr. Byers also suggested that one of the city or state engineers might have some suggestions for our runway reconditioning efforts. He will get back to us when he has had those discussions.

Greg thanked Dennis for supporting the club and for his time attending the meeting tonight.

After Mr. Byers left, Bernie Baker raised a concern about the FAA requirements (333 Exemption and COA) needed to perform aerial photography at the Offutt Air Show, and the risks associated with flying aircraft over crowds. After some discussion, it was decided the Omahawks would decline this request from the Air Force.

FLOAT FLY

Saturday, May 28, 2016 Fly 9am-2pm

STANDING BEAR LAKE BOAT DOCK

138th & Fort St (~2.5 miles west of I-680) 135 acres - one mile long



\$5 fee - pizza/pop/retrieval boat

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