



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, Jan 31, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM:	All About Electrics
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, , 2014 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

Winterfest Time!

OK. So it's winter out there. And it's cold. Really cold. Really, really cold. And there ain't no flying nowhere. It's just one long season of suck. (Did I mention that it's cold?) A situation like this could get anybody down.

But there is hope on the horizon. It's almost February and time for the Omahawks' annual season opening event, Winterfest. As you well know, this is the event where the club opens the

flying season by crowning the Queen of the Omahawks for the new year. Then, just to prove that we are really that crazy, we all attempt to fly our planes, no matter what the weather conditions are at the field. Entrants throw in a paltry sum, the club kicks in a few bucks and, at the end of the day, those who successfully flew their planes split up the prize money at the expense of those who either failed to fly their planes in a complete 360 degree circle or just chickened out.

After the day of flying, the frivolity continues at the Venice Inn where we dine with our significant others to celebrate our victory and the opening of the new flying season.

It's a good time for everyone involved. If you haven't ever been to Winterfest, you owe it to yourself to come and see.

The Queen is crowned at 12:00 sharp with flying afterwards and dinner is at the Venice Inn. 6:00 cocktails and 7:00 is dinner.

Come to the meeting!
Sign up for Winterfest
And Join the FUN

JANUARY
MEETING AT
MAKE-A-WISH
FRIDAY, JAN 31
7:00 p.m.
Make-A-Wish
11926 Arbor St
Program:
All about electrics
with Greg Nelson
Raffle:
50/50 Raffle
(Winner gets half!)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Jan 31 - General Meeting
- ★ Feb 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ Feb 8 or 15 - Winterfest
- ★ Feb 8 - Lincoln Sky Nights Auction

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THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

General Meeting.....11/2013

<no minutes submitted>

Business Meeting.....1/8/2014

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitzlspenger, Dennis Bender, Kevin Hyde, Steve Earl, Bernie Baker, Mikey Furrow
Visitors: Dick Behrens, Harry Perkins, Brad Perkins, Jacob Brown

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

- o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde – Looks to be a good start for 2014
- o Membership Chairman Report: – N/A
- o Membership Count: – Count as of 01/06/14 – 37 current members
- o Hawk Field:
 - o Field Chairman position still open – Board looking for possible candidate
 - o The old "Eye-Sore" porta potty has finally been removed by the city and hole filled in
 - o Jacob Brown would like to start up a Brush Removal fund to help pay for the upcoming brush removal project
 - o Donated the first \$100 to start this fund, Bob Wheeler agreed to match
 - o Review proposals for Brush Removal Project & make recommendation for General meeting
 - o Bob W and committee met with several companies at the field to show area for clean-up
 - o Received 2 bids to work on the brush cleanup in the outlying areas
 - o Parks Dept and Army Corps have given the green light for the club to move forward on this project
 - o Kevin to look into liquidating Club CD to pay for this project
 - o Kevin made motion to allow up to \$5500.00 to be spent on this project – Dennis Bender 2nd motion - Board Approved - to be brought to General Membership at January Meeting for final approval
 - o Project to be completed before March 31st due to Migratory Bird patterns in area

New Business:

- o Welcome to 2014, New Board Members (Bernie)
- o 2014 AMA Charter Paperwork and 2014 Gold Leader paperwork
- o Kevin and Bob W to get this submitted to AMA
- o Kevin requested approval for magazine subscription to local area high schools for Gold Leader status – Dennis Bender made motion – Bob Z seconded motion - Board Approved
- o Training Program (Equipment Inventory)
- o Bob W to send email to Larry and Harry to put a list together of all equipment available for training program
- o Training Program revitalization updates ("returning to basics") to be completed by April 2014
- o Bob W to work with Larry and Harry to get these updated.
- o 2014 Events proposals:
 - o Scale Contest (Request to move to Bud's Field) and need a sponsor
 - o To be held the first weekend in Aug (Aug 2nd and 3rd)
 - o Interest in adding a Turbine class and also availability of larger planes to be in attendance

- o Looking to move to Bud's Field and Omahawks to still sponsor this event for 2014
- o Dean Copeland to present option to field membership @ Buds Field.
- o Old Timer, Float Fly's, Sailplane events (Dick Behrens, Dennis Bender)
- o 18 events slated for the calendar year – Dates approved by Board members, to be presented to General Membership at January Club Meeting for approval
- o Club received \$1000 donation to support these events for the upcoming year
- o 3 dates for Boy Scout training and field cleanup (Dennis Bender)
- o Request for 2 Mondays (June 16 & June 23) for flight training
- o Request for 1 Monday (August 25th) for field cleanup for Labor Day Airshow
- o Requested for \$40 for each event
- o Board approved – To be brought to General Membership at January Meeting
- o Auction 2014 – request by Kevin to submit reservation to Millard Social Hall for upcoming auction Oct 12, 2014
- o Dennis Bender made motion to accept – Bernie Baker 2nd motion – Board Approved
- o Bernie Baker inquired about progress on search for secondary field
- o Inquired about idea on consideration of a shared field and also multi-club field permit
- o Winter Fest Date (Steve Peck)



Here are photos from the first fly of winter contest. 10 degrees, wind from north at 15mph, light snow. Bob Wheeler was first up and qualified at 9:04 am. Others attending were Steve Earl, Brad Perkins, Dennis Bender, one new member whose name we can't remember, Harry Perkins, Jeff Pindt, Frank Wisiniski, Ron Pacana. Breakfast followed at Hyvee.

- Harry Perkins



Hawk Field News

All of you are well aware and probably have experienced the pains of trying to retrieve downed aircraft from the north and east sides of Hawk Field. Over the years brush and some trees have sprouted and have now become a major thorn in the Omahawks side. It has come to a point that membership is probably being impacted by this as some Flyers just do not want to deal with it. The Omahawks Board has been working with the City Parks Department; especially our Park Planner (Dennis Bryers) to see what could be done about this problem. Through continued communications, discussions and reviews of Hawk field the Parks Department has agreed there is a problem and the Omahawks can address the issue. If you know anything about how the city works this was a major task just getting to this point.

Well, good news is on the way! The Omahawks have been given the green light to remove the vegetation around the field that is causing issues. A committee was formed to research what options were available for removing the vegetation. The committee came to the consensus it was too big of a job for the membership to do, safety was the primary concern. A couple proposals were requested and received from contractors. The Parks Department as well as the Army Corp of Engineers have reviewed the proposals and gave their recommendations. The Omahawks Board reviewed the proposals and has agreed on a final solution.

The Board will request to spend up to \$5500.00 for this project at the January General membership meeting. If approved by the membership the funds will come

out of the Field Fund. The project will be completed during the winter months to lessen the impact to the surrounding area. Once the work is complete the Omahawks will work with the City to develop a maintenance plan to keep the surrounding area in good shape. This project is for the Brush removal only, mature trees at Hawk field are another story and the Board will continue to work with the City on that issue once the surrounding vegetation is removed.

Thank you to the volunteers who joined the committee and the extra time you put in for the effort. Dick Behrens, Larry Inness, Dennis Bender, Steve Earl, Rick Thomas for the lead

- Bob Wheeler, President

Looking for something to do?

Check out the Lincoln Sky Knights Annual Auction

When:

Saturday February 8

Registration starts at 8:00

Auction Starts at 10:00

Where:

Waverly Event Center

11120 N.141st Street

Waverly, NE

Admission is \$5.00. Check out the Sky Knights web site for more details.

www.lincolnskyknights.org

Donations for the Field Maintenance Fund

The project to remove the brush from the surrounding areas at hawk field is no minor task and will require the use of over half the Field Fund reserves. It is a very important project that is for the betterment of the club and field and is a project we can't afford not to do.

There is still a lot more to do in the areas of vegetation control and this project isn't accounting for all of it. There is still work that should be done in the future to remove more undergrowth as well as maintaining what was already removed. This is not a one-time effort, rather something that will require continual maintenance.

With that said, it was discussed by a Brush Removal Committee and was also requested by Jacob and Skip Brown to start a fund raising effort. The funds collected will be used for the Brush and Vegetation removal project which will help offset the amount the club needs to extract from the Field Fund. Jacob was the first to donating \$100 towards that fund.

As someone that sees the benefit of the project and the work that will need to be done in the future I will match Jacob's donation.

Not everyone can or will want to give that large of amount, if you can donation anything to this effort it would be appreciated.

Kevin will be managing the donation fund so anyone that would like to add to it please let one of the Board member's know.

These funds will be used for the Vegetation removal purpose only whether it is this project or for future vegetation removal projects.

Bob Wheeler, President

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It's time to get organized!

Winter is here and there's not much going on in the R/C world. Some people are building new planes and such but mostly we're just sitting and waiting for Spring. But there is one thing that needs to be done. It's time to start planning out the events for our big year in 2014.

In order for us to have a successful year, all of our events need to be carefully planned and scheduled well in advance. Who is going to do what, how much will it cost, and when will it take place are just a few of the questions that need to be answered before a successful event can take place. (Not to mention who will write an article for the newsletter promoting the event. An activi-

ty that has been sorely neglected in recent years.)

Now is the time to get together with your fellow Omahawks and plan out the activities you want to take place in the upcoming year. Get a plan, get a budget and come to the general or business meeting and get your spot on the 2014 events calendar.

Your event doesn't have to be really elaborate or complicated. It only has to be fun, which really isn't that hard to achieve when model airplanes are involved.

So get up and get cracking! The new year awaits your plans to make this the best year ever!

- editor