

Monthly Meeting Notes

PCRC Club Meeting on 16 Dec 2024



The meeting was held at 7pm, December 16 at the Holiday Inn Express.

Members attending:

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| Jason Baker | Cliff Andea | Tom Carney | Jim Corey | Paul Dwyer | Luther Hux |
| Don Jonker | Lee Konopa | Walt Moore | George Saar | Gene Zagorsky | Dave Zona |

- **Treasurer's Report-** copy attached.
- **Old Business**
 - Pavilion Shelter- Members discussed different designs for sheltering the pavilion in the winter. George Saar and Lee Konopa took the action of providing a plan and bill of materials.
 - Chili Flight- The January Chili Flight has been postponed indefinitely.
- **New Business**
 - **New member** David Zona was welcomed to the club!
 - **January Banquet/Meeting-** The January Banquet will be at the *Italian Delight*, 640 Warrior Drive, Stephens City on Jan 18 at 6pm. There will be a quick meeting immediately before the dinner, where the club officers for 2025 will be elected. (Jan 25 will be the snow date.)
 - **Nominees for Officers-** The following individuals have volunteered to serve as 2025 officers:

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| President- Tom Carney | Safety Coordinator- Dave Zoan |
| Vice President- George Saar | Field Marshal- Gene Zagorsky |
| Sect/Treasurer- Jim Corey | |
 - **Flying Site Improvement Grant (FSIG)-** Jason Baker is assembling our proposal. Areas being considered for inclusion are our 2024 expenditures for the field stands and mower, and a possible 2025 projects for gravel drive improvement, three additional field stands, and driveway tree trimming. The FSIGs cover up to 25% of costs. (See <https://modelaircraft.secure-platform.com/a/page/grants/flyingsiteimprovementgrant> for more info.)
 - **Glow Fuel on Stands-** Tom Carney noted that glow fuel damages the finish on the newly painted stands. Signs will be posted asking that fuel planes use the unpainted stands.
 - **2025 AMA Charter Renewal and Insurance-** The group authorized the Treasurer to immediately pay the subject AMA expenses once the bill is received.

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- **!! Donation- Improving Access Near Runway !!** Fallen trees have made an area off the southwest end of the runway extremely difficult to access. A member, who wishes to remain anonymous, is hiring a tree service to cut four of the largest trees, and some of the smaller trees, into ~8ft sections. Access to the area would then be less difficult and safer. It is a \$1500 job. **Thanks to the generous member!**

Note that the field will be closed for flying when workers are present. We will notify members by email once the work schedule is known.

- **Show and Tell-** George Saar introduced the group to a small, nicely detailed Alpha warbird. It is an affordable plane with a unique pedigree... it is not from China, but hails from the Czech Republic! Luther Hux showed us one of his “planes that should not fly,” a flat rectangular panel with the livery of a US Postal envelope. He assured us that it once flew with a Cox .049 engine. (However, when the engine stops, the plane takes on the flight characteristics of a lawn dart!)

- **Dues Increase-** The members in attendance elected to increase the dues to \$100 per year, beginning in 2025. The increase is being made to get us on a track where the income from dues will adequately cover all the costs of operation. These costs include the normal recurring operating expenses, necessary long-term capital improvements, and an adequate reserve for unforeseen emergent requirements.

It was noted during the discussion that even with a \$100 annual membership cost, our club will be one of the least costly in the region. Also noted was the fact that during recent years, we have been assisted with donations of material and supplies from many members; with the increased dues, we would be less dependent on such donations.

Appendix II provides a record of our income and expenses for 2023 and 2024, and a preliminary plan for 2025.

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APPENDIX I

PCRC Treasurer's Report

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| ACCOUNT BALANCE- as of 21 Oct | \$2,615 |
| + INCOME | + \$0 |
| - EXPENSES | - \$365 |
| 29-Oct Herb May- bush hogging | \$365 |
| ACCOUNT BALANCE- as of 16 Dec..... | \$2,250 |

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APPENDIX II

Financial Plan - 2025

First Draft

| | 2023 Actuals | 2024 Actuals | 2025 Planned |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Dues | 1,600 | 1,711 | 3,000 |
| Sale of donated planes | 460 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME for the year | 2,060 | 1,711 | 3,000 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| RECURRING OPERATING EXPENSE | | | |
| AMA Charter and Insurance | 120 | 130 | 130 |
| Construction of Stands | | 140 | 250 |
| Mowers (fuel, maintenance) | 583 | 175 | 175 |
| Porta Potti service | 130 | 75 | 160 |
| Bush-hogging | 600 | 730 | 1,000 |
| Miscellaneous (e.g. grab bar, potti supplies, raffle, herbicides, postage,) | 252 | 30 | 200 |
| Picnic food, supplies | | 58 | 75 |
| LPG | | 30 | 30 |
| TOTAL RECURRING OPERATING EXPENSES | 1,685 | 1,368 | 2,020 |
| MAJOR LONG TERM EXPENSES | | | |
| New Mower | | 1,580 | |
| Major Improvement, to be determined e.g. gravel for / tree trimmig along driveway | | | 1,500 |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES for the year | 1,685 | 2,948 | 3,520 |
| GAINS / (LOSSES) for the year | 375 | (1,237) | (520) |

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