



Milan Flyers Gazette

May, 2008

Coming Events - 2008

14 June Milan Flyers Fly Show
Milan Field

19 July Milan Flyers Fun Fly
Milan Field

Thursday Nights are Training Nights at the Field

Milan Flyers Minutes April 2008

Present:

Renaud Guibert (President)
Bob Hendricks (Vice President/newsletter)
Ken Gable (Secretary)
Jim Jagdman (Treasurer)
Vern Campbell
Bill Blankenship
Pat Webb
Bruce Sobby
Calvin Mitchell
Bob Hurdley
Nancy Page
Tina (guest)
Tom Naylor (guest)

Renaud called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Minutes from last meeting were approved

2008 treasurer's report: \$4,398.68 (as of May 12, 2008)

2008 Membership stands at 20 (Please send in your membership payment if you haven't already done so.)

Field Report: Vern Campbell

Mowers have been serviced. The bill will be about \$800 including transportation.

Renaud make a motion to pay \$800.00
Bruce seconded and motion passed

Vern agreed to get the mowing process started until Gene gets back. **Gene Di-Laura** volunteered to take over scheduling the mowing for Richard. Gene's phone number is **734-439-2038**. **Please call Gene to get scheduled as a grass cutter.**

Vern reported that we made it through the winter with no damage to the frequency board.

Old Business:

At the April meeting we decided that we need to finalize the dates for the Air Show and Fun Fly at this meeting. We had the thought of switching the Fun Fly and Air show dates to better accommodate vacations that conflicted with the Air Show.

The dates for the Air Show and Fun Fly were finalized as follows:

Fly Show - June 14 with rain day on June 15

Fun Fly - July 19 with rain day July 26

Renaud motioned that we buy a brick at AMA Headquarters in memory of John Cramer.

The size is 4 X 8 inches and cost is \$100.00 with John's name on it.

Calvin: second

Vote: passed unanimously

Renaud will notify John's brother and purchase the brick at AMA

Discover Milan - May 3

Vern and Calvin agreed to contact Ben Swayze and organize a table. However, a fly demonstration in the park would not be possible during the event.

Park Flyer Membership Motion - At the April meeting Renaud made a motion to ban AMA Park Flyer license at the field. The motion was tabled until this meeting.

Additional discussion occurred, including input from Tom Naylor, a guest at the meeting, who would like to enter the hobby with the less expensive park flyer equipment and license.

A clarification of insurance was reported by Renaud and Nancy.

The city (the owner of the field) the club and the club officers have the same liability coverage whether it is Park Flyer or a Regular membership. (\$2.5 million) The only difference is the flyer has \$1 million personal liability under the regular license and \$0.5 Million under the Park Flyer license.

A vote was taken and the motion was defeated (8 votes against, 3 abstain). **Thus, Park Flyer membership is welcome in the club and at the field.**

Renaud recommended that we should still advise people to get a full membership.

Calvin made a motion to change the club bylaws to read "the appropriate AMA membership is required", (which will correct the wording and cover both the Park Fly and Regular memberships) and recommend that flyers who initially purchase a Park Flyer license, upgrade to full membership as they progress. The motion was seconded and passed 11-0. Bob Hendricks to change the wording of the rule and Vern to get new field rules printed by the city.

New Business:

The club voted to purchase a \$50 planter for downtown Milan.

Patrick Webb and Calvin Mitchell volunteered to coordinate the Fun Fly and Renaud Guibert and Calvin Mitchell volunteered to coordinate the Fly Show. Please contact them to get details on the events and to volunteer to help them.

Renaud Guibert - 734-913-4741

Calvin Mitchell - 734-677-5842

Patrick Webb - 734-439-0686

Their e-mails are (respectively) re-naud@guibert.com
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The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00pm

**Minutes submitted by Bob Hendricks
from the notes of Nancy Page**

From the maintenance committee

We survived the long winter with no vandalism at the flying field. The wind sock did disappear, but somehow it was returned to the flight board, and has now been put back where it belongs on top of the pole. As of this time the field has been mowed three times, and is in good condition.

Over the winter the club approved the expenditure of \$800.00 to have the reel mowers completely overhauled. This has been done. One of the reels did need some new gears, but this was also some preventative maintenance.

We spent nothing on the equipment last year, not even to have them sharpened. This work on them should last for several years, except for having them sharpened from time to time. As the field shows, they are working very well.

Now all we need is people and vehicles to pull the mowers. We do have six or seven flyers who have signed on to help, but we could use more. We mow the field from 25 to 30 times a year, so you can do the math. We also need some people to use the hand mower around the bushes, and to do some trimming. Over the past couple of years Richard Ristow has done the scheduling for our work at the field. He has also done a whole bunch of the work himself.

Again we thank him for that, but this year he will not be able to continue with this work. He has had some health problems and had heart surgery this past week. The report is he is doing fine, and we do wish him a full and speedy recovery.

The rest of us are going to have to step up and do what needs to be done to maintain the beautiful facility we have. In its near desperate financial condition, the city has continued to service the site. The entry way mowing has been done, the portable toilets are in place and the trash pick up continues.

If you would like to help, give me a call.

Vern Campbell
734-439-7727

Special Notice: Please send in your dues for 2008. The cost is still \$30 and covers Field Maintenance.

Also, please call Gene Dilaura if you would like to schedule yourself for grass cutting. Gene's phone number is as follows-

734-439-2038

Please also call Gene if you would like to volunteer to help out the Field Maintenance Team in other ways (if you can't cut grass).

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