



Meeting minutes

Date: 6/15/21

Location: Quarry Field

Time called to order and by whom: at 18:00 by Pres TR Miller. All officers in attendance.

of members in attendance: 18 Members

Secretary's report:

Read and approved by Club Secretary Tim Stadler

Treasurer's report:

Read and approved by Heath Bartel

Current Membership Count: 72

Heath reported club finances are in great shape

Quarry field report:

Open and flyable. Field in great shape!

Sod farm report:

Open and flyable. No site reports available.

Old Business:

June Fun Fly Complete (June 10th, 11th and Saturday June 12th)

- Decent donations for various vendors
- Tim Monday won the STOL and Touch and Go events
- Event proceeds met expectations – turned over to club Treasury.
- Swap meet mildly successful
- Great weather this year!
- TR reported a little short on volunteers.
- Build night led by Heath was a really great event
- 32 pilots registered

Feedback on event:

- People want schedule on when Aces will fly
- Events required specific type of plane
- Flying site is really a great place to fly

Amateur radio club: Event to be held on June 26/27th. Space is already being maintained. Please do not move orange cone – porta potty already scheduled to be positioned there.

Weed Killer – Project complete and under budget. Thanks to John Robertson for getting that done.

New Business:

Club apparel – TR to organize in future months after fun fly event settles down

EAA Chapter Meeting – As part of our ongoing partnership with EAA Chapter 41, they will hold their annual off site meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at Quarry Field to watch combat and socialize with VAM members. VAM will participate in Brennand Days at the airport later this summer.

Sod Farm LOA Update – The LOA process is ongoing. VAM continues to navigate the process required to make this an official flying site.

Jeff contacted AMA approximately 2 weeks before the meeting and provided some information or recommendations as a result of a conversation with Tyler Dobbs, Government Affairs Director with the AMA. Here are some bullet points Jeff mentioned in the meeting:

- Some control towers are slow to respond which could account for our LOA wait time.
- Without LOA, 400' AGL altitude limit is in place
- There is question on the distance or diameter of the flying space – possibly 700' but not sure if 700' from center or if that is full diameter
- To fly at the Sod farm and to be in compliance without LOA, each pilot must request and receive permission to fly via the LAANC app before taking off. LAANC is the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability service to apply for and quickly (within 90 seconds) receive approval from the FAA to fly outside of AMA Club Locations and within controlled airspace. Not all airports covered by LAANC but ATW/Appleton is covered.
- Sod farm near Appleton Airport & located in Class D airspace and thus is controlled airspace.
- Quarry Field is Class E and thus is outside of controlled airspace.
- AMA is attempting to get waivers from FAA for flying sites.
- Must be an AMA member to fly at AMA flying sites
- An updated LOA request is in progress (last request had incorrect GPS coordinates)
- AMA indicates that no enforcement model is currently in place

Club discussion and members voted and approved amendment to Sod Farm field rules. Updated field rules will be reviewed at next club meeting.

Motion was approved to spend up to \$150 on signage for Sod Farm to give pertinent information for LAANC request and altitude limit of 400 feet.

Tim S. will go to Sod Farm and attempt LAANC request and create and share instructions on the procedure at the next club meeting and see if we can put procedure on signage.

Club reminders and upcoming events:

Combat – VAM continues to hold combat events every Tuesday night at 6pm at Quarry Field. For those interested in sanctioned competition, there will be a combat competition event at Green Bay club in July.

Training – VAM will host training events on Thursday nights starting somewhere between 5 and 6pm (depending on when instructors can get there from work).

Adjournment: motion made and approved to adjourn at: 6:36 pm

Submitted by

VAM Club Secretary
Tim Stadler

