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MARKS is AMA Charter Club #333.
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Waybright Field
1918 Saint Lukes Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

On the cover: John Burnett flying his Flite Test Retro Rocket.

Upcoming Events

April 2024

April 1

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for 2024 are due. Members in arrears are no longer permitted to fly at MARKS Waybright Field.

April 27 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Field Work Day

MARKS Waybright Field

Get the mowers serviced and the field ready for the flying season.

April 30 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The SBY UAS Center of Excellence

31856 Crosswind Drive

Salisbury, MD

For more information visit <https://marksrc.com/events>

All Season Flyer for 2024

Do not forget to mark the list at Waybright field if you want your flights to count. The list is currently in the shed. As of 04/10/2024, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

John Burnett
David Hess
Jeffrey Powers
Scott Richards
Shye Sarig
Harry Semenka
Logan Smith

Jon Watson
Jim Waybright
Rick Witherow

Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2024

- MARKS March 2024 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 14 members present.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Ray Carlson.
- A motion was made to forgo reading the February minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Jon handed out the MARKS financial report.
- The major expenses this month were for the porta-potty and electricity.
- There was a \$15 charge for a bad check that was received. Jon will be investigating and hopefully clearing up the issue.
- Seven additional members have paid their dues this month, three through PayPal and four by check. A total of 19 members have paid their dues so far this year.
- Jon had the porta-potty cleaned out in March for the spring season. He plans to get it cleaned out every other month through the flying season. John Burnett indicated that when they cleaned out the porta-potty, the driver also left some Holding Tank Deodorizers. John put the bag in the pump house.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Field Report

- The irrigation system was primed by Cajé Chandler for the season.
- The roller was filled and the runway rolled by John Burnett. John has also started mowing for the season.
- Harry Semenکو picked up the trash from the field, and performed a safety inspection.
- David Hess put together and delivered to the field lawn mower maintenance kits. They contain fuel filters, oil filters, and air filters for the five mowers due for service.
- David Hess procured two gallons of paint for the pavilion ceiling, and is storing it until the weather warms up. If anyone is ready for the paint before then, give him a call.
- An expense report was submitted for the following items:
 - John Deere L120 fuel filter, air filter, and oil filter
 - John Deere D105 fuel filter, air filter, deck belt, and oil filter
 - White Zero Turn 50 fuel filter, air filter, blades, and oil filter
 - Gravely fuel filter, air filter, and oil filter
 - Cub Cadet fuel filter, air filter, and oil filter
 - Gas
 - Paint for pavilion and tables
- The munchie stocks have been replenished when running low, but there are some low sale items that have fallen out of date. The out-of-date items will be disposed of this coming month. If there are any items you would like to see stocked, drop an email to David Hess.

Membership Report

- No report

Old Business

- Ray Carlson wanted to know if anyone knew whether Jason Taylor had contacted the fire companies to update their GPS's for Waybright Field. Nobody knew if Jason had done anything. Ray suggested that until Jason updates the GPS's for Waybright Field, that in the case of an emergency, we have someone stand at the driveway entrance to guide the first responders.
- The revised By-Laws were sent out to the membership on March 8. Ray Carlson wanted to know if anyone had any comments before we vote on the changes? Jeffrey Powers indicated that a catastrophic loss isn't defined. For example, what if someone from the public gets injured at one of our events, or some kids are joy riding on 4 wheelers at the field and get severely injured running into one of the tables and they sue us; is that something that each member is liable for? Do we need umbrella insurance to cover us? Dave Hess read the new Section IX, which addresses financial setbacks, but doesn't cover major liability issues. These are more insurance questions, than By-Law issues. Ray Carson said he would ask Jason Taylor to look into this issue, since he is more familiar with the AMA insurance coverages. Since there

were no other comments on the By-Laws, Ray asked for a motion to approve the By-Laws as written. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the By-Laws as written.

- Ray Carlson wanted to know whether we still wanted to run electricity to the shed? John Burnett asked why do we need it, since you can't charge the batteries for the trainers unattended. If you need to charge them, you can do so at any of the existing electrical outlets. After some discussion, it was decided not to run power to the shed.
- Ray Carlson said that Jason Taylor looked into the AMA grant for the AED and you have to purchase one, before you can apply for the grant. Rick Witherow said there are grants or aid from the American Red Cross or other agencies that will help with the purchasing of an AED. Ray said he would have Jason look into this further.
- Ray Carlson said in Jason's email he relayed that we have received our new charter from the AMA. Scott Richards has the charter on file.

New Business

- Harry Semenکو performed a safety inspection at the field. His findings are listed below:
 - The barrier fence fabric needs to be stapled down in a number of places to prevent it catching on to something.
 - The hose clamps that hold the wind sock pole to the fence need to be covered or otherwise protected.
 - There is a hole in the ground, at the end of the fence, for the irrigation shut off valve that needs to be covered, perhaps with a steel plate. Bill Renshaw said he would take a look at it and see what he could come up with.
 - A few of the corners on the tables are coming apart and need to be fixed.
 - Need a fire extinguisher for one of the mowers.
 - There are two first aid kits, which should be probably combined into one. We also need a tourniquet and clotting powder as part of the kit.
 - Need to have face shields or goggles available when working on the mowers.
 - Look at getting a separate shed to house flammables, such as gasoline cans and propane tanks.
 - Spoke to someone at the AMA about requirements for fencing around the control line circle and none is required. Harry suggested a pole in the center would give you something to hold on to when flying.
- Rick Witherow said you can get a first aid kit online that contains everything you need, including tourniquets and clotting powder for around \$69. He also said we should add an EpiPen to the kit in case of allergic reactions. Jim Waybright suggested putting the new first aid kit in the shed, housing the trainers, because it is cleaner and closer to the field. Ray Carlson said if we do that, we should put a large sign with a red cross on the outside of the shed and a smaller sign inside the shed indicating where the first aid kit is located. Wally Makuchal said he would fabricate the necessary signs. Someone also suggested putting a sign-up sheet by the first aid kit to indicate when something is used from the kit, so we can know to replace that item. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve up to \$100 to purchase a new first aid kit. The motion was seconded and approved. Harry Semenکو said he would purchase the new first aid kit.
- Since we are now placing the new first aid kit in the trainer shed, Jim Waybright indicated that having a light in the shed would be helpful in working with the kit and providing first aid. Dave Hess thinks we may be able to come up with the required material to install the lighting without much expense. He thinks we need around 20 ft. of 1/2" conduit. Harry Semenکو, Bill Renshaw and Steve Hallman all think they may have some items laying around that we can use. Dave Hess suggested looking at this in more detail at our next meeting when we can see what materials are available and what funds we have to work with based on our membership renewals.
- Ray Carlson indicated that we need to set up a Spring Workday. After some discussion, a motion was made to hold the workday on Saturday, April 27, starting at 9:00 am. The motion was seconded and approved. Jim Waybright will be the supervisor for the workday. Tasks include Harry's list of safety items to be worked on, along with the mower maintenance and painting of the pavilion ceiling and tables. Rick Witherow said the table legs also need to be repainted as part of the Spring Workday. Someone could power wash them a week before the workday, so they would be dry by the time we paint them. He thought that a Wagner sprayer or small roller would be best for painting them.
- Rick Witherow suggested we get some pizzas for lunch for the Spring Workday. Jim Waybright said he would pick up the pizzas. Ray Carlson said he would bring donuts.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.
- Spring Workday at Waybright Field on Saturday, April 27, starting at 9:00 am.
- Next meeting Tuesday, April 30, 2024 starting at 7:00 pm at the SRS UAS Facility at the Salisbury Airport.