

Northwest Scale Aero-Modellers (NWSAM) annual membership meeting.

August 14, 2015

East Wenatchee, WA- Red Apple Flyers clubhouse

Notes taken by Terri Ingram

7:05pm

Mike Ingram called the meeting to order.

Introduction of leadership.

Airplane Trivia

NWSAM Mug Winners: Michelle Boland, Paul Fleming, Doug Stewart, ???

Agenda:

- I. Oregon Area Coordinator position is open. Currently the bylaws are contradictory on how to fill open positions. Section A.4. and 5.f.i. contradict section A.9.

Mike Ingram proposed aligning the clauses and moving to a general election for scheduled openings. The election to be held at the annual meeting during the Championship. Off cycle openings would be filled by consensus of the club leadership. Anyone appointed would be up for election at the next meeting. Discussion was held. Motion was seconded and passed. Mike Ingram will draft language.

- II. Paul Fleming was recognized from the floor. Paul initiated a discussion on the score sheets.

Issue: Useable space on forms is small and don't give judges the opportunity to give constructive feedback to pilots.

Discussion/suggestions: remove logo, more use of space, one sheet per round, keep common symbols, make common feedback easier to give, put room for only three (3) flights per sheet.

Decision: will keep refining. Recognition that the static score sheets need improvement as well. Keep trying different formats until find one that improves communication between the pilots and judges.

- III. Treasurers report:

Terri Ingram

Assets:

Cash \$100.00

Checking \$ 79.50

Savings \$932.37
Pay Pal \$366.29
Total \$1,378.16

Outstanding Liabilities: \$0.00

Total membership 51

Paid expenses since last report:

9/9/2014	Mailing Expenses	\$118.90
12/21/2014	Patches	\$282.00
6/29/2015	Trophies (Bob Holman)	\$275.00
8/14/2015	Promotional items	<u>\$120.00</u>
	Total	\$795.90

IV. Proposed Rule Book Changes:

- a) Proposed: using two eligibility scores to encourage participation at multiple events. Discussion. Vote: No
- b) Proposed: touch and go be one maneuver rather than two. Discussion. Vote: Yes- passed
- c) Proposed: Spot landing be removed as a maneuver. Discussion. Proposal amended. Spot landing will continue to be a maneuver but the 'spot' will be within a 25 foot space directly in front of the judges. Vote: Yes to the amended proposal.
- d) Proposed: Multi-engine be removed as a maneuver. Discussion. Vote: Yes- passed
- e) Proposed: Creation of a Pro-Am Unlimited class. The class would open the Pro-Am Pro class by encouraging (not mandating) more experienced flyers to move up. If approved, for the first year pilots in the new class would be able to use their Pro-Am Pro eligibility score for the 2016 Championship. Discussion. Voted: Yes on a provisional basis (2016 trial).
- f) Proposed: Scale Masters changed their Pro-Am static scoring. NWSAM match Scale Masters. Discussion. Vote: Yes

V. USSMA 2016

Del Herring spoke as President of Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers (WRAF) and a member of NWSAM. WRAF has been approached by USSMA about hosting the Scale Masters Championship in 2016. Possible dates are in mid-September. If this works out the event would be a combination of NWSAM Championship and Scale Masters event.

VI. If the USSMA championship falls through then does NWSAM still want to hold their Championship in August of 2016? Discussion. Vote- Yes, August.

VII. Paul Fleming suggested a coordination of events throughout the northwest, both competitive and non-competitive, to give events a chance to succeed. Right now the northwest is blessed with an abundance of events- we need to encourage that without saturating the calendar.

VIII. Del Herring spoke about the Wenatchee War Bird meet in September. This is a non-competitive meet. The proceeds of the meet go to Veterans helping veterans. The clubhouse will be set-up like a USO club with WWII era music. Period costumes are encouraged but not required.

IIX. Don Durden brought up his observations on judging. To be fair and consistent, judges should be rotated between rounds so that everyone in a class is judged by the same judges but also so that no class always has the same judges every round. Also the possibility that judges should only judge a certain number of rounds per day. In the discussion it was emphasized that frequent rotation of judges is not always possible due to small numbers. Also flyers need to also have patience with the judges. That individual volunteered to sit and judge.

Mike Ingram thanked the group for a dynamic, interactive discussion.

The meeting was called at 8:43pm.