



March 7th 2018 Meeting Notes

Secretaries Report

- Secretary report was read from the February meeting and approved.

Treasurers Report

- Treasurer's report was read and approved with the following transactions.
 - \$195.00 in dues received
 - \$107.46 paid to Neil for the annual website fee.

Old Business

- The possible Veterans Fly has been dropped due to the logistics of getting the older veterans to the field to see the event. It is not logistically feasible.
- The Peoples Press is looking for more information from Dick for the article on the club. Sounds like they are trying to make it more about a person and the hobby versus the club. More to come as we hear more.
- Field Lease Agreements have been emailed to the event organizers. Waiting on them to sign the agreements and send back this month.

New Business

- The meeting was held in the airport lobby because the door was locked again and we could not get into the meeting room. 6members were present at the meeting.
- The Sledworks Aerotow organizers would like to open the safety fence to the left of the south taxiway at the center of the runway. They would like this spot open to 28 feet. We have discussed and a motion was made and approved by membership to remove the fence from that area and to put runway material down to double the width of the taxiway.
- Field turf repair and skunk removal was discussed.
 - Dick says the skunk trap is ready to go we just need to be able to get into the field to set the trap when the weather cooperates.
 - A plan was discussed that Dick put together for the turf repair. The plan was motioned and approved by the membership to do the following. We will purchase the grub control chemical for roughly 43,500 sq. ft. This will be used on the northeast corner of the field from the left side of the north end of the main runway to the east side of the area that we mow and will go south to the intersection of the cross wind runway. This chemical will rid this part of the field of grubs that are food for the skunks and also eat the roots of the grass. We will over seed with grass seed the north end of the field from the north edge of the main runway to the field to the north and east to the edge of where we mow. The cost of these repairs will be just under \$1000.00 but if we do nothing the field will be destroyed but the rodents and the grubs. The grub chemical may need to be done on other areas next year to continue to preserve the quality of our field for all pilots that use it. We will rent an over-seeder so the grass seed is not

wasted in the winds and also look at renting or purchasing a drag to level the soil before seeding and putting down chemical.

- The water barrels will need to be repaired and we are looking into purchasing a large 4' x 4' water tank which will allow us to water in the chemical for the grubs.
- Repair projects for the field as of now are replacing the bad doors on the one shed, painting the items that need new paint at the field and working on staining and painting the boards on the sign at the entrance to the field.
- The event organizers will be contacted this month to get the signed lease agreements back so we can proceed forward with planning the events from the clubs perspective.
- At the April meeting we will discuss the possibility of moving the monthly meeting night to the first Thursday of the month. This is the club flying night and would be a good way to get more members to the meeting and more people to the field to watch the flying. The other possibility is getting back into the library for the winter months as we have been locked out of the room at the airport 2 months in a row.

Next formal business meeting will be on April 4th @ 6:30PM at the Owatonna Degner Airport. May meeting should be at the field weather permitting.