

Minutes of OFMC General Membership Meeting – Oct. 2nd, 2021 – Held at OFMC Field.

Board members present:

Carlos Paez – President, Bill Fuori – Vice President, Jim Baker – Treasurer, Dawna Baker – Secretary, Peter Ferguson – Field Marshal, Jesse Hinds – Safety Officer, Gary West – Representative and Mike Redys - Representative

Called to order at 10:00 AM w/ pledge led by Carlos Paez – President.

1. Minutes for the September 2021 Meeting were accepted.
2. The Treasurer's Report was read by Jim Baker and was accepted.
3. 2022 Membership renewals underway; reminder to renew by Dec 31st to stay at existing member rate of \$75.00
4. Tree trimming maintenance update
 - Work was completed for \$1,500.00
5. Helicopter station work complete – pole & concrete fixed
6. Updates on AMA/FAA questions from last meeting
 - Carlos has reached out to our AMA representatives after reading through the material that Paul Manning shared.
 - Take the Trust test, it is mandatory for all AMA members
 - Carlos reviewed the email he received from the AMA reps. They are working on this, so they have stressed that we do not bother the FAA on this matter or with questions regarding this matter. Let the AMA reps do continue their work on this to represent all of us.
 - AMA is doing the Class G LOA process
 - What every member can do to prepare for what's coming
 - Safety is #1 category; top concerns are in this order:
 - Gliders (explained why #1 on the list)
 - Jets
 - Large Scale IMAC planes
 - F3A planes
 - We as a club and club members can start becoming stringent with following the rules.
 - Any pilot and plane which will be flying over 400' MUST have a Spotter. This designated spotter is to watch for any full-scale planes, so your spotter should not be someone sitting under the pavilion. If you don't have a spotter there is technology that can be added to your plan which will tell you how high you are to be sure you don't cross that 400' threshold.
 - Club is looking into a certification program for the pilots within our club to be ready to show what steps the club has taken to prove we are flying safely.
 - Just starting to look at and try to formulate a plan

- Will be making sure that the Lead trainer, Robert Vey is included in discussions
- BOD hopes to have a program outline in the next meeting
 - Club member asked about other members or guests not following the rules.
 - All of this will be taken into account in the discussions for this program

7. Upcoming events at the OFMC field:

- October 9th & 10th will be the Fall Annual Ocala IMAC event with Doug Bracey as the CD.
- November 13th & 14th will be the NASA Salute to Vets Scale event with Jim Baker as the CD and Gary West as the Event Coordinator.
- December 11th & 12th will be an EDF Jets event with Carlos Paez as the CD.

8. Field issues – none reported

9. On Top of the World will be hosting a fun fly on October 30th, no turbines allowed but please join them for this event if you would like

10. Reminder to please stop driving on the grass

11. Dom suggestion to finish the road into the club, since the club has funds built up. What is on the road is just the base coat of material.

12. Mike Candelori – would like to know mower payment and interest amount. His suggestion is to pay off the John Deere so that we aren't paying twice as much for the machine.

- Jim Baker looked up the interest rate, and it is 2.5%. We are about half done paying for the John Deere based on the terms of the loan that the prior to 2020 Board agreed upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM by Carlos Paes – President

Submitted 10/10/2021 by OFMC 2021 Secretary: Dawna Baker