

Minutes of OFMC General Membership Meeting – Sept. 4th, 2021 – Held at OFMC Field.

Board members present:

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

Called to order at 10:00 AM w/ pledge led by Bill Fuori – Vice President.

1. Minutes for the August 2021 Meeting were accepted.
2. The Treasurers Report was read by Jim Baker and was accepted.
3. Tree trimming maintenance update
 - Jim and Gary have found the trees and are marking them. Jesse is going to clear a path out to them. Still need to determine which trees need trimming behind the cook shack but this will be done.
 - Jim has reached out to a couple different places for an estimate. More to come once the estimates are in.
4. Field issues:
 - High speed turbine passes still occurring. Ed Luhrman reminded club members present of our OFMC rules, which state that you must be 100 feet from the outside edge of the runway. Please review and keep an eye on this issue.
 - Turbine started up in pit area and not on designated cement taxiway. Fire occurred and verbal warning had already been given to club member, therefore a written letter was issued.
5. BOD approved club member, Monty McMillan, to spread biodegradable (potato based) Fire Ant killer granules in the camping area.
 - Paul Manning asked at the meeting to see some data on these granules for safety purposes as he does bring his dogs out to the field with him. Can we find out what the data details are and post them for club members to read over?
 - He has noticed a bag of fire ant killer at the field which has been banned for use. Unsure where it has been used but we should stop using it.
6. Repairs to damaged Heli shelter have been completed. Thank you to club member John Almeida for getting this work done.
7. OFMC Club dues renewal process is underway. A reminder to all Club members, dues must be paid by Dec. 31st, or Club members will need to sign up as a new member.
8. Update from CDs on their upcoming events at the OFMC field:
 - Jesse Hinds – 12 O'clock High event on September 10th & 11th. Friday and Saturday event; he has volunteers lined up; cook shack will be open during the event. There will be NO swap meet, however if people have items to sell, they can bring them to the event.
 - October 9th & 10th will be the Fall Annual Ocala IMAC event with Doug Bracey as the CD. He was not present to provide an update.

- Gary West – update on the NASA Salute to Vets Scale event November 13th & 14th. Friday November 12th is set up, practice and static judging day for competitors. This event is open to OFMC club members so please consider participating. Beginner class does not have same requirements; therefore, it is a good way to start if you are interested in participating in this event. CD is Jim Baker and Event Coordinator is Gary West if you have any questions regarding this event.
 - December 11th & 12th will be a Jet EDF event, CD is Carlos Paez. He was not present to provide an update.
9. Jim Baker noticed a new member temporary badge present in the front at the meeting and asked him to introduce himself. Asked if any other new members and found 1 more present, who introduced himself as well.
10. Member Paul Manning brought up various topics, [a link to his notes is included](#), and a few of the BOD responses are listed below. BOD members asked Paul if he would come to the next BOD meeting to discuss them in a smaller setting, so all BOD members can be sure they understand what was brought up.
- [link to Paul's notes](#)
 - He wanted to know if the BOD sent rules violation letters to the July jet unescorted group. Jim let him and all club members know that there is something in the works right now.
 - Paul made a motion to make Ed Chartier an honorary lifetime member of OFMC
 - Further discussion is needed on the honorary member topic. It has been brought up at a BOD meeting and needs to be brought up again. We currently have 5 honorary members, most of which do not fly. If you are a member, honorary or not, you should have AMA per our OFMC rules.
11. Show & tell of Bill Fuori's OV-10 Bronco Hangar 9 ARF.
12. Next monthly Membership meeting will be on October 2nd at 10 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM by Bill Fuori – Vice President

Submitted 9/5/2021 by OFMC 2021 Secretary: Dawna Baker