

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

The March meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday March 13, 2024 and was called to order at 7:07pm by Secretary Chuck Johnson. There were 12 members in attendance.

The minutes from the February meeting were read by Secretary Chuck Johnson and accepted by the membership as read.

The February treasurers report was then read by our Treasurer Terry Thomas and it was reported that after expenses of \$205.00 for our AMA charter renewal, Yoncalla field insurance and the City of Sutherlin permit fee for the Plat I event and membership renewals of 320.00 the club account balance for the month of March was \$4,125.60. The current registered membership stands at 23, 21 members paid. The treasurers report was accepted and approved by the membership as read.

In addition to the Wilbur and Yoncalla Fields having both being approved as FRIA sites by the FAA, the Plat I Reservoir is now an approved and certified FRIA flying site too. The membership voted to obtain annual AMA insurance for Plat I, allowing for year round float flying. We need to notify the park attendant when we plan to fly so that we don't impact other activities at the lake.

Once again the repairs have been made to the sheep fence at Yoncalla. The fence is putting out the proper voltage and keeping the sheep off of the field. The problem with the system is the lack of sufficient sun to recharge the battery. The purchase of a second solar charge panel at a cost of \$96 to help boost the charge was voted on and approved if needed.

Dale Bensen rolled the Kingery field runway in multiple directions, leveling out the humps and bumps. Dale reported that he had not had time to secure the materials for the new Wilbur flight stations and the structure painting was still on hold due to the weather.

There was prior discussion about using plastic electrified fencing in lieu of the wire we are now using as a better sheep deterrent. The cost of that fence material was \$156.00/80' roll and still more susceptible to damage from aircraft prop and runoff damage. It was determined that due to the high cost of maintenance and panel replacement due to aircraft damage, it was not a feasible alternative to our current fencing.

Gus Philips was going to obtain the AMA sanction for the Big Bird Fly-in and Airshow to be held on August 10-11, 2024. The club had voted to move the date from the previous July date to August, due to the many holiday activities in July.

Gary Williams reminded us that the setup for a club table at the YMCA for the Healthy Kids Day on Saturday April 27th, would need to start at 8:00am. The event runs from 9-11am. Any and all help would appreciated and it helps to get exposure for the

club.

Dale Bensen reported that Nick Pitman of Sutherlin had contacted him and was a possible new member but was not in attendance for a meet and greet.

Just a reminder, if you haven't done so, it is time again to renew your club dues for the new year. The club dues are still \$80, \$20 for Juniors 15-18 and were due starting January 1, 2024. Be sure you have renewed your AMA and acquired your FAA registration. Our club fields and Plat I are FAA-FRIA approved sites, so your FAA registration is not required at our fields but you are still required to have your AMA and FAA registration to fly elsewhere.

We are trying to alternate our meeting locations, between Roseburg and Sutherlin. The next meeting will be in Sutherlin at Abby's Pizza on Central Avenue at 7:00pm.

The club meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary

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