

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES January 1, 2025

The January meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Kingery Field in Yoncalla, Oregon on Wednesday January 1, 2025 and was called to order at 12:30pm by President Dale Bensen. There were 25 members and numerous wives and guests in attendance for the meeting and the annual Polar Bear fly-in and chili feed.

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

The November/December treasurers report was then read by Treasurer Terry Thomas reporting that there was very little banking activity for the month. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3,585.26. We received \$80 for one new membership in November and another \$80 renewal in December and receipt of \$20 for the sale of a gallon of donated club fuel. There was a charge of \$265.00 for our website domain service and no other expenses were incurred for the month. The ending balance for the month after the dues receipts and expenses was \$3,500.26. The treasurers report was accepted as read.

Jim Yourdon gave a short dissertation of the history of the Polar Bear event for the members who were new or have never heard the story of its beginning.

Secretary, Chuck Johnson was asked about the status of the astro turf for the taxiways and reported that he and Dale Bensen would make a run up to Creswell to pick it up when the ground on the field was firm enough to drive on with the 1600 pound weight on the truck and trailer. It will also require the use of a tractor to lift the roll in order to cut the necessary lengths needed.

Chuck Johnson reported that he would talk to Don Harris regarding the donation of the 1/3 scale Ford Fliver for the Big Bird & Airshow in August.

John Piri reminded everyone that indoor flying has begun again on Wednesday's up in Springfield at the Pape Sports Center. A day use fee of \$9 is required to fly unless you are a member of the sports center.

John Piri talked about the possibility of using an Ultra-Sound System for a deterrence for the sheep in lieu of using electric fencing. He said that he would look into the system for feasibility.

Don Harris donated a bunch of old kits and motors to the club to sell for whatever the market would bear. They were given to him from an estate of a fellow modeler over on the coast. As a result and support of everyone we raised approximately \$340.00. There are still about 8 kits and 5 or 6 motors still available if anyone is interested.

Dale became ill and left early. Without any further business, Chuck Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm. The field was re-opened to flying and continued indulgence of the great chili catered by Jim and Myra Yourdon.

The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on February 12th , 2025, hope to see you there.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary