



KITSAP Aircraft Radio Control Society



Monthly Meeting: Aug 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:58 pm

Tonight, 11 members participated in the Club's general meeting at the field.

New members or guests:

Phil Hanthorn, whose primary interest is scale plastic models, was in attendance; welcome Phil. Hopefully your passion might develop into RC Scale models.

Meeting Minutes

- The President asked if all had a chance to read the July minutes, then asked for a motion to approve them.
- Motion by: Slim Second by: Floyd
- All were in favor to approve the minutes of the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The current treasurer's report for July was given by Floyd.
- The President then asked for a motion to approve the report.
- Motion by: Slim Second by: Ernie
- All were in favor to approve the current treasurer's report.

General Announcements

- CAUTION: We've had a request from parents to not announce or document youth's names in our reports. We deeply apologize to those involved and we will do our utmost to not do so in the future
- Tim Stebbins, Ernie Woolridge and Rick Ellis were invited by Trish Williams to speak at the local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) meeting on August 9th. Trish reported that the EAA members in attendance were extremely impressed by the presentation and thoroughly enjoyed the FPV drone that Rick brought. Attendees all had a chance to try the FPV goggles while Rick scanned the room with the drone.

Trish is diligently working to screen the Young Eagles to determine the best candidates for their winter building sessions.



Competition Results

- The Saturday's Competitions on August 5th were held, and Duane has posted the results on the website.
- We did have Combat and it appears that this is beginning to be a staple in our monthly competition events. I'm personally excited to see this return. I also believe that many members are becoming interested because there appears to be more members watching.

Regional Events (tentative)

Mark your calendars for 19 and 20 August. The 'Wings over Washington Airshow' has a new home.....Bremerton National Airport. Tickets will be available at the event.

Safety:

Duane was not present but I'm echoing his comments about not arming aircraft under the covered structure. And with the extreme heat, please remember to bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Field Maintenance:

We're in the time of the year when mowing the field is primarily dependent on the height of the weeds. It's important for us to mow regularly to keep the scotch broom under control. We mowed the field on August 14th and we're looking at the next mowing 3-4 weeks out.

Old Business:

- Here's the latest from Duane regarding adding a new class of warbird racing:

All: Here are the results from the club vote on adding a new "War Bird" Class of racing. The entire club was canvassed, and this is the results. The canvass for votes ended July 31st, no more voting.

- *The club voted to keep "T28" as is no changes.*
- *Add an "1100mm War Bird" class with my take at the rules approved as written. They made need some changes in the future, such as a max speed, maybe prop size and blade count. We need to get them flying and see what we need. As written the T28s could also compete in this class if you so desired.*
- *As for home/scratch builds in the new "War Bird" class the vote was close, but no home/scratch builds, which is good really since I didn't want the same thing to happen that happened when Neil M. made the Reno class. If you want to build your own, then use the "Reno" class. When Neil M. tried to put together the Reno/War bird class, everyone built*



their own and nothing resembles an actual "War Bird" of the era. This new class will be PNP/BNF/RTF production War Birds of 1100 mm class or larger that fly with a 3S battery.

- *We will start this officially in April of 2024. If enough of you show up with them in September or October, we can give it a trial run early.*
- Thank you all again for your understanding in moving this month's meeting to the third Tuesday. This was because all of the club officers were out of town on the second Tuesday.

New Business:

I've been in communications with the KCPD regarding the status of our License. They've stated that they are modifying our license to become a 3 year license, with provisions to extend it 2 more years by simply requesting the extension. I view this as a positive, ultimately meaning that it is a '5 year' license.

Show and Tell: None.

Comments from the Membership:

Brian Campbell commented that the club's combat racing rules are not being followed. In reviewing them, I admit that they need to be brought up to date. I'll be working with Rob to make them more applicable to the aircraft and power systems being utilized.

Because the event hadn't been held in several years, I was doing my best to bring it back. I admit that I never reviewed the rules. I was flying by the seat of my pants. I wanted to have airplanes in the air competing, minimizing the rules changes so we could just enjoy the event. The more participants, the more fun to be had; we adjusted the rules on the fly. Out of necessity, we changed the duration from 4 minutes to 2-1/2 minutes because we were mostly using electric airplanes.

Adjourned: 7:42 pm