



Wolverines meeting 5/6/2013

The meeting was held at the Mt. Clemens Public Library
There were 12 members present. Donuts were provided by Dave B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by V.P. Bill Welser.

Treasurer's Report:

Glen reported that we started the last month with \$2106 and ended it with \$2671, which is \$582 over the minimum needed for this years operations.

Since \$500 was allocated to the dozer as per April's meeting, this would cut our surplus to only \$82.

Later in the meeting the dozer was cancelled, but a motion to spend \$250 on the road was approved.

And the Fun Fly plans were cancelled by vote, so the \$300 allocated to this was cancelled. Glen will have to figure this all out, and we will get the results in our June report.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

Secretary's Report:

Dave read the Minutes from the April meeting, as posted on our web site, and that was accepted by the members.

General Discussion:

Old Business:

Grass Cutting:

This was included by Dave in the Secretary's report, but not discussed further, so this is still not unresolved.

Cutting Paths in the Brush:

Bill W. met with the owner who cautioned us that the paths we want to cut may become an attraction to "4-wheelers" and that may lead to destruction of the runway and pits area. Also that our plan came close to or actually exceeded the lot lines, further opening it up to off-road activity.

Instead, he volunteered to take his brush-hog out and cut the paths for us. The membership expressed a wish to do something special for the owner, especially since he is saving us a lot of rental cost of the dozer.

Mower Repair:

Bill Welser has a cherry-picker and a lift to assist in the mower repair, so we must still be sure he is notified to keep Jerry from doing this repair alone, so we must call Bill if we see Jerry approaching the mower.

Porta-John Service:

Our report from Glen revealed that the rental and clean-out schedule are a package, and we cannot cut back, as that money is what it costs just to rent the porta-john. Further, as all things do, the price is going up from \$75 per month to \$80 per month.

The porta-john is not yet in place for this season, as the road is not firm enough for their truck. Normally this goes in at the end of May anyway.

New Business:

Riding Mower Needs Work:

The mower runs fine, but the battery is bad, so it needs to be jump started. We should determine if a new battery is needed.

Tractor Condition:

The tractor needs an exhaust leak fixed, and Chuck was going to do that.

The Owner is looking for a "Landscape Rake"

for the tractor. Keith H. said he has one the owner could use, but he doesn't want to part with it.

Road Condition:

The road has 3 spots that need filling. Glen said for reference, we spent \$225 last year for the road materials. Bill W. said we get "scrapings" which are picked up after various loads are handled, so they contain many grades of material. These are not always available, so he will ask the supplier to save the next load for us.

Keith H. made a motion that we set aside \$250 for road improvements to be spent at the time the opportunity to get "scrapings" arrives. Seconded by Steve M., the vote passed.

Field Condition:

The field is still wet, but usable, if we are careful. Bill W. said someone went in and made ruts again, in the pit area, they aren't too bad, but that we still seem to be subject to this, when we know better. We rarely can get in without leaving ruts until late April, so please be cautious. The road is much better now, but where it ends you must be very careful.

Fun Fly for 2013:

The Fun Fly was appreciated by the other clubs, but our own people didn't participate much, which was rather disappointing. The East Wings President called Dave W. to find out or plans for 2013, because he wanted to make their schedule around our Fun Fly. It was also felt that the turnout would be better than last year, as so many commented on what a good time it was.

Unfortunately, we lost \$150 on it in 2012, and most of our members were not enthusiastic about it, so it was put up for vote, and the membership did not vote to have the Fun Fly in 2013.

It was decided we will plan an open fly, no contests, because it is a lot of work, and we have no new volunteers. This would scratch the \$350 budget we had for this, but \$200 would be allocated for food for the Open Fly. We could collect on the food, so it may come out even.

Make an Effort to Greet the Owners:

When you arrive at our entrance, and you pass the second house, please wave at the owners, Chuck and Alvea, as they would like assurances that you should be there, and are not just a common trespasser. Plus, they like us!

Spelling Errors:

Keith mentioned that sometimes people spell his name wrong, as "Kieth", politely saying it probably comes from: "I before E except after C", Dave Bacon agreed that it could trick someone, but we should be more careful, after all it is a person's name... Then your loyal secretary reviewed the minutes he has posted on the "web", and found out he had misspelled it about 90% of the time. Keith, please accept my apologies, and as punishment, I will recite: "I before E, except after K" while I rewrite all the minutes back to 2009, where the errors seemed to start.

Emergency Medical Info:

Dave Bacon want to provide a form for every member to put in their flight box that give emergency medical information to anyone giving care or assisting an injured member. He got this idea from Jack DeLisle, as it was published in his Eagles News Letter. Dave requested information from the members on GPS location and how to express it, and best medical facilities in the area. Glenn will give Dave the GPS information, and the members said there are two types of medical emergencies, trauma, best handled by Mt Clemens General, and we may call for an ambulance to meet us at the highway, and simple injuries, handled at the River District Hospital. Dave will edit the form he got from Jack with our information, print a bunch up for our members, and put them in the storage shed for all to have.

It was also brought up that a poster of this info should be put up at the field in a prominent place, such as the frequency box, so Dave will do that too.

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Show and Tell:

Dave brought in three "aircraft" in a little box about 1/2 the size of his lunch-box. These were Quad-Copters from Hubsan in China. Keith demonstrated how stable they were with a few test flights. Their stability comes from the built-in 3 axis gyro, augmented with a 3-axis accelerometer, as part of the Rx board in this tiny aircraft. However they are even uglier than a helicopter...

Dave put links for a couple of sources on our Wolverines page ("Links" section, of course) with one costing only \$37, including shipping.

Next Meeting:

Will be June 1, Saturday, at 11:00AM, at the Field. See you there!
