

Southern Eagle Squadron

Southern Eagles Squadron Meeting Minutes January 16, 2014 Leesburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Tim Harrison at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was met with 28 members present. One visitor John Richards also attended.

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
- Tim thanked the outgoing officers and also thanked Mickey Murphy, Carl Dilks, Gene Davis and Carl Angelberger for their service during the last year.
- The Treasurers report was given by Treasurer Jerry Rudnitsky. Jerry said because of the income collected from 2014 membership dues, the Club is in good financial shape again. Donations to the runway fund have reached \$1306 most of it came from SES club members.
- Membership, Ralph Savino reported SES had 159 paid members in 2013 and has 105 paid members year to date for 2014. Based on previous years, he felt that the Club would reach 150 plus members by the end of 2014
- Field Safety, Pratt Carter and Ed Popp reported no problems at the field. Tim expressed concern about pilots not calling out landing or taking off loud enough before doing so. He said the biggest problem he noticed was pilots taking off without looking to see if it safe to do so. Tim said he thought that the violation of rules is a matter of forgetfulness rather than malicious intent. He asked that when one of the safety officers are not present then SES officers should step up and help enforce the safety rules by correcting the violator in a positive way. Go to them and mention what you observed. Do not shout out from the bleachers.
- Mowing, Carl Angleberger reported on the state of the mowers. The blades were sharpened or replaced on the 3 big mowers. Do not drive over the gravel drive way with the blades turning. It picks up rocks and quickly dulls the blades. He will take the old Snapper mower to a welding shop to see if the deck can be welded since a replacement deck cannot be located. If you cannot mow at scheduled time, then please let Carl know. Carl is trying to defoliate around more of the permanent structures and stationary objects to prevent the mower decks from coming in contact with them.
- Field Maintenance, Mickey Murphy said the trailer needs to have the wood floor replaced because the old floor is rotted. If you can help with this project, please contact Mickey.
- OLD BUSINESS;
 - The North South runway will now be called the secondary runway. Pratt Carter gave his committee report and said they recommended returning the runway to grass and do some safety upgrades. After much input from Tim and much discussion from the members present, they voted to restore the runway to grass. The county brought in 15 yards of fill dirt and will fill in the low spots. Once that

is completed, the Club will spend up to \$300 on seeding the entire runway. Along with the restoration, the safety will be improved. Some flying stations will be moved and one or more eliminated to bring pilots close together to enable better communication during landings and takeoffs. Tim will be coordinating efforts with the county and will be asking for help during the seeding and safety improvements.

- Primary Runway: The East West runway will now be called the primary runway. Ron Tibbetts reported on the efforts of his committee to decide how to proceed in the battle to prevent soil erosion under the Geotec runway mat. Ron suggested we work on the problem in 2 phases. Short term, it was decided to loosen a portion of the mat and fill in the ruts and then reinstall the hold down staples.
 - Long term, it was decided that the committee should ask one or more experts to give us a quote on a topographical survey and the possible cost of installing drainage options.
 - It was voted to spend up to \$300 on fill material to fill the ruts as a short term fix.
 - Which Runway to Use: Please review SES Safety and Flying Site Rule # 7, regarding runway changing. The emphasis is on Mutual Agreement of the Flyers. This should not be a contest of wills. Sell your case like a gentleman.
 - Gate Code Change: The gate code will be changed on February 15 2014. Paid members will be E-mailed the new code prior to the change date. Paid members without E-mail, will be contacted with the code.
- The 50/50 raffle was won by Wayne Stevenson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next SES meeting will be held February 20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Roethler Secretary