

Southern Eagle Squadron

Southern Eagles Squadron Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016 Leesburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Norm Paddock at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was met with 31 members present including new members Bill Sherman, Ron Brown, Daymon Cambell, Jeff Skilton, & Leif Drexler. One guest; Randy Florinchi was in attendance.

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
- The Treasurers report given by Treasurer Jerry Rudnitsky was approved.
- Membership - Ralph Savino reported SES has 183 paid members YTD 2016. Ralph mentioned that members can pick up their name badge 3 to 4 weeks after joining. New Badges are on the bulletin board at the field.
- Field Safety - A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Club rule that states "No flying can take place when mowers are running or field maintenance is being done". The rule was amended to read "No flying can take place when mowers are running including County or Contract mowers or field maintenance is being done". It was emphasized that weekly mowing is scheduled for 11 AM on Thursdays. The County only mows every few months. Norm will attempt to find out if the County can provide him with a schedule for that.
- Mowing - Carl Angleberger stated that Tom Gagish inspected all mowers and related equipment to make sure it is ready for the upcoming mowing season.
- Field Maintenance - The shed, storage units and area under the awning will be power washed prior to the Fun Fly. Six new flags were purchased and a new flag holding bracket is being made. The County denied the Club's request for permission to add gravel in a mushy parking area at the field.
- Flight Instruction - Jim Soltysiak (352-408-1040) and Carl Dilks (352 259-5243) are available for flight instruction including buddy box. Call one of them to schedule their help. There are 4 to 5 students in training.
- A Swap Meet will be held November 12th at Recreation Plantation. This event will be co-hosted by the Villages E-fliers and the Pear Park flyers.
- Fun Fly will be held on April 2 for current SES members and their family starting about 8 AM until about noon. Free food and refreshments will be available. Watch for an Email flyer that details some of the planned activities. Bob Durst is chairing this activity. He still needs a few volunteers to help out. Please contact Bob if you can help. 352-638-9066
- New Business:
- A concern about 3D flying over the runway was brought up and was discussed at length. Club rules state aerobatic flying must be done over the tall grass not over the runway. 3D flying with small planes can take place in the designated Quadcopter flying area. On busy days 3D flyers may have difficulty finding open airspace, but

they do need to be aware of the normal flight pattern of other flyers and be courteous to other pilots.

- It was voted to purchase 100 caps with the SES logo. They will be sold at cost. Norm will have a report at the next meeting.
- Bob Durst won the epoxy door prize that was donated by Noells Hobby. The 50/50 drawing was won by Carl Angleberger.
- The next SES meeting will be held April 21, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Roethler, Secretary