

# Southern Eagle Squadron

## Southern Eagles Squadron Meeting Minutes March 16, 2017 Leesburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Angleberger at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was met with 26 members present. Three guests were present; Jeanne Angleberger, Carla Murphy and Brandi Sanborn. New member Rod Vigneau was present.

- Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.
- Treasurer's report - Brian Carinder gave a detailed report on recent expenditures and deposits. The Club is in good financial shape. His report was approved.
- Membership - Ralph Savino reported 158 paid members.
- Carl reported the highlights of two officers meetings. The following topics discussed:
  - Foul language and swearing at the field
  - The need to accommodate a new pilots' choice of a trainer airplane. Out of these discussions came the decision to create a guideline for training new pilots and a ground school program. The final draft of this guideline has been given to 3 pilot instructors. A meeting with these instructors and the officers will be scheduled soon.
  - All members must wear their club ID while at the flight line.
  - Quad copter concerns were discussed at length. A new flight station with a board on the top will be built in the current heli/quad area to accommodate controllers. The current rules regarding quad flying are on the bulletin board, but they will be posted on the new flight station. According to AMA, it is permissible for a pilot to operate more than one quad at a time as long as they are both being controlled by the pilot. The pilot must be holding controllers for both aircraft at all times.
  - The club flight simulator has been setup and is operational in the white building. All officers and flight instructors will have keys to the building. Feel free to use the simulator. Instructions for use are on a laminated sheet by the simulator. Reminder; turn off the computer and lock the building when you leave.
- Field Report - Under the direction of Mickey Murphy field manager the following projects have been completed. The table for the flight simulator in the white building, the underground electrical wiring to the white building, posting of a new sign that forbids profanity and foul language at the field, installed a new sign holder on the North side of the work shop building so important information for members can be posted in a conspicuous place, straightened the cement parking blocks, restriped the center of the fabric runway and installed a second windsock. There is now a windsock at each end of the field and one flying direction arrow near the middle of the flight line.

- Mowing - The mower rodeo had low attendance due to inclement weather. Carl has asked for volunteers for 3 mowing teams. If you can help mow once every few months, please contact Carl.
- Field Safety - Carl Dilks suggested that pilots with new airplanes ask for help from a more experienced pilot before they attempt the first flight. It is better to have the plane checked out and perhaps even have an experienced pilot get it airborne and trimmed out before you fly it.
- Events - Chris Bell reminded us about the upcoming tailgate swap meet this Saturday March 18 from 9 AM to noon. Coffee and donuts will be served. The annual family funfly picnic will be held Saturday April 8 from 9 AM to noon. Hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments will be served. This is usually a well attended event and Chris said he expects to have some fun flying events.
- Old Business:
  - Carl Angleberger and Joe Hudacky cleaned up the two extra rolls of Geotech material. The Gainesville Flying Gators picked up the material and paid the club \$800 for it. They were also given blueprints of the new handicap flight station after they saw ours and asked for the information.
  - The new Club Charter and insurance certificate have been received and are posted on the bulletin board.
  - Materials for two new flight stations are going to be ordered.
- New Business:
  - Quadcopters - A younger member asked about setting up a quad racing course at the field. After discussion by the officers, the following decision was arrived at. Quadcopter racing does not fit into the SES operation and should not be allowed at our field. Some reasons for this decision are, racing quads have a small silhouette and fly very fast causing a danger to other pilots. The course would require obstacles and hoops, which would be in the way of planes during takeoff.
  - Joe Panghorn is a new flight instructor.
  - The New Pilot Training Guideline is based on the premise that new members come to SES to enjoy the hobby and the thrill of piloting their own model plane. After their initial club dues, AMA membership and the purchase of trainer plane, they have close to \$450 invested. We should accommodate them rather than dictate that they spend more money for a certain type of radio system before we train them to fly. Trainer airplanes with stabilization help new flyers get more stick time with fewer crashes. This type of equipment should be encouraged for new pilots.
  - Steve Daley, a new SES member volunteered to start a short newsletter. If you have any photos or info that Steve could use, please email it to him at [sedaley23@aol.com](mailto:sedaley23@aol.com)
  - A discussion about fixing the ruts in the access road to the field was held. A proposal using asphalt millings was made. It was estimated the resurfacing would require at least 85 tons of millings at \$35 per ton. The cost of trucking the material and renting a front end loader to level and pack the material would double the cost. The members present voted to spend up to \$4000 for the project pending County approval. Nothing can be done until the County agrees since it is

their road. They may offer other alternatives. Also, the residents living farther down the road will be contacted.

- Wayne Roethler brought his 3D printed P38 and Lee Richter brought his 3D printed Edge. Wayne demoed his 3D printer. A prop spinner printed out during the meeting. Go here for web links to airplanes available to 3D print, <https://3dlabprint.com/shop/> For the computer savvy tinkerer, go here to get information on free CAD/CAM design software, <https://www.tinkercad.com/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Pizza and refreshments followed the meeting.

The next SES meeting will be held April 20, 2017