

## **July 2018 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)**

**Meeting held July 10, 2018, 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.**

Fifteen members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Bill Darkow
- Bob Einhaus
- Al Fernandez
- Fred Gordon
- Mike Havenick
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Wayne Terry

### **Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.**

The financial report was presented by Steve Holt. The checking and savings balances were shared along with the income from 2018 Membership Renewals to date. The current paid membership stands at 35 members.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Contact with Tacoma Parks and Recreation to Secure a Flying Field:**

- Mike Potter and Steve Holt met June 28th with Phedra Redifer, Tacoma Regional Parks Manager, Joey Furtado, Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Parks Manager and Amber Stanfill, Permit Specialist of the Tacoma Parks and Recreation Department. The meeting was held to follow up on prior correspondence to pursue next steps identifying a prospective flying site in Tacoma. A good dialogue about the club's requirements and the Tacoma Parks Department's available properties was held, but no immediate areas were identified by the Tacoma Parks representatives. A follow up email did provide contact information and names for several other communities or organizations in Tacoma for us to contact. A follow up has been promised for a name at the Tacoma Port Authority.
- Mike Potter let the club know that a group of club members flying at Roegner Park near the Auburn White River High School ball parks were approached by the school security officer who inquired about permission to fly. Mike Potter spoke with a person at the school and was steered to a form to fill out and submit requesting permission. Steve Holt has the form and will fill it out and Mike and he will follow up with the Auburn High School.
- Several other possible flying sites were suggested and discussed. Bob Parker suggested the fields behind the Old Soldiers' Home in Orting as a possible flying site. And, John Knoppi mentioned a field near 240<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines where people fly.

### **Schedule for Contests for 2018 for NWSR:**

- The Raider Roundup will be held September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with Howard Rush as CD.

### **New Business:**

#### **Improvement Discussion for the Chehalis-Centralia Flying Site:**

- The club discussed the possibility of sealing the concrete surface at the Chehalis – Centralia Flying Site. Mike Potter did some research before the meeting and the costs he estimated are very substantial for the area of the primary flying circle. The cost, coupled with the fact that we are allowed to use the location for free discouraged many in the club from suggesting that we move forward to reach out to the owners and managers of the airport. We want to continue using the site and several members expressed concerns about approaching the airport board about anything such as the proposed improvements. There is fear we may not be renewed for future flight access if we engaged with them for approvals or requests for changes. The loss of our access to the Auburn flying site due to growth in General Aviation and hangar construction that has never happened suggests caution would be in order. We have a good site, not a perfect site, but we would like to sustain our relationship so we have a guaranteed site for contests in the future.

Mike Potter asked for any other new business and adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**By Steve Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer**

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