

President's Corner August 2020

Another month has passed in 2020 and we are moving closer to the start of two (2) major projects. Originally the new shelter and the fabric runway were combined as one project, but with the addition of two (2) handicapped parking places, the need arose to separate the two: The shelter is one project and the runway and handicapped parking spots is the other. The park maintenance head will soon be filing for the necessary permits for both projects; hopefully they will begin soon.

I would like to give a special thanks to Scott Campbell, Jerome Moran, Joe Fanala, and Randy Zidik. They have been making sure that the grass has been cut and the field has been in good condition for flying this year. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

As far as club business is concerned, the only funds being spent are the necessary required expenditures to continue as an AMA sanctioned club and maintain our field. The fabric runway project will be partly paid for with March for Parks funds that have been set aside for model airfield improvements, but there will likely be a portion that will need to be paid for from club funds.

At previous meetings support has been unanimous, or near unanimous in favor of installing a geotextile runway at our flying site. The decision to locate it on the property that was acquired in 2016 was made in an effort to secure our flying site long into the future. Intentions are to have a stone chip base under the geotextile runway to improve drainage and prolong its flatness. In the event that more funds are needed for this project, I will notify the membership by email of the amount needed. If we are unable to have a meeting in a timely enough manner, and if there is little or no opposition in response to the email, I will ask the treasurer and other officers to approve the funds as emergency spending.

You may be seeing some new faces at the field. We have been accepting applications for new members and offering them a probationary status of membership until regular meetings resume. At that time, we will vote on approving their membership. Please welcome them in the mean time.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, it has made serving as president a pleasure.

Mike Eiben