

**Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club**

**Meeting Minutes 3/5/2007 @ 7:30 PM**

**Location: Aeromark**

- ! Walter Grasmick, Steve Henderson, Elliot Sussman, Don Brooks and Russ Crawford were the board members present. Thirteen other members attended the meeting.
- ! Walter opened the Club meeting and discussed the meeting with the County. The lease fee for our field was paid. Also, we need the County's permission to install a gate on the south entrance. Walter has written a letter requesting their concurrence.
- ! Walter has obtained some pit run gravel for placement in the low spots in our road. He also obtained use of a dump truck for hauling the gravel and the use of a front loader to smooth out the gravel. Walter will do the hauling and dumping, hopefully next Sunday. The club will be responsible for fuel costs. This expense was voted and approved by the club members.
- ! We need to get going on advertising for our open house, etc.
- ! The members voted and approved the expenditures for fencing materials need for the gate installation.
- ! Brent Belnap will be asked to update the cost estimate for the pit area sprinkler system and to describe the installation.
- ! Don Brooks will look into safety fence requirements. Safety fence needs and various structures were discussed.
- ! Steve gave a financial report. We have \$1217 before tonight, now about \$1500 with new dues collected. We also have \$1297 in a CD.
- ! Bob Kirchner gave a show-and-tell on a Sig Rascal ARF that weighs in at about 12 lbs. It has a E-Flight 110 swinging a 19 x 8 APC prop using an 8-cell 5000mah Lipo battery. At 1680 watts, this is about 120 w/lb and 28-29 volts. A separate BEC is used.
- ! Bliss Wheeler gave a show-and-tell on a new "A123" lithium battery That will NOT explode when a nail is driven through it. As of now, they are available in battery packs for DeWalt tools. Cells are 3.6 volts, C is 3600 mahr. discharge is 30 C, burst discharge is 50 C and can be charged at 8 amperes with an adaptor (if you have a Lipo charger with that much capacity.) Cost is about half that of present Lipo batteries and weight is slightly more. Information is available at "a123.com". (?)

Submitted by the secretary, Russ Crawford