

Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2007

Present were: President: Walter Grasmick
VP: Elliot Sussman,
Safety Officer: Don Brooks,
Treas and acting Sec: Steve Henderson

- 1) There will be a meeting Wed: 6/20 at 6:30 pm at the club field for Tri Club meeting volunteers.
- 2) Regarding the new gate: It was resolved that the existing sign on the south entrance road will be placed on the post by the gate. Also resolved to put some reflective tape or similar on the gate.
- 3) The irrigation pump needs service, including oil change and possibly air filter
- 4) It should be mentioned to those assigned watering dates: starting and running the pump is not very intuitive. Those who've never done it should go out with an experienced operator to see how to start and engage the pump.
- 5) Barry Cazier was thought to have said that he would re-build the pump for us. I can't recall the source of this information, but we should gently ask to see if we could indeed get this done for us in his company facility next winter.
- 6) The pump engine is still shutting down on over-heat. It is not at all clear that it is really running hot vs shutting down because of a faulty temperature switch. Also, the charging system isn't working. Plan on using jumper cables from shed, until we can get the electrical/charging system overhauled.
- 7) Buy a mower discussion. Several members have mentioned that it seems silly to spend 95% of our yearly budget on a mowing contract. If we had more members and budget, it would make a lot more sense. Some ideas:
 - A) Increase dues by \$25 per year, refundable after mowing once and irrigating once.
 - B) Creatively finance a \$3500 to \$4000 commercial-grade mower with a wide deck and fast cut speed. We need to prepare a well-thought out presentation to the membership on this idea and find out if they would be receptive to dues increase, dues refund concept, financing a mower with the money we currently pay into the contract, and most important, would they commit to riding the mower? Need a group of interested members to finance the mower to the club in exchange for a three to four year payback. Elliot and Steve are looking for likely used mowers to present.
 - C) Get rid of cheesy existing mower and its attendant maintenance hassle and expense.

Submitted: Steve Henderson for Russ Crawford