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Meetings - Third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Whispering Hills Community Center, located at 3703 N. Richmond Road in Johnsburg IL (go east on Johnsburg Road to Oeffling St).

Online Forum - The COL Eagles forum is via email: membersforum@coleagles.com

Calendar

February Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday February 15th, 2016 - 7pm – Whispering Hills Community Center

March Monthly Meeting:

Wednesday March 15th, 2016 - 7pm – Whispering Hills Community Center

From the President (Richard Powell)

Our first 2 meetings (December and January) were somewhat awkward due to the change in meeting places. The turnout was 20 members which is almost half of our membership. I hope we can do better in the future.

We need our membership stronger so we can accomplish the members' true goals for 2017 and we need your input as a Chain-O-Lakes Eagles member.

We have a lot to discuss and plan, old events and starting new ones, so come on down to our February 15th meeting and talk for our future flying fun.

I am pleased that Mike Schulz will be continuing on as Vice-President in 2017.

Richard Powell

Secretary's Report (Ed Pate)

Meeting Minutes for January 2017

Richard started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business/ Old Business

Richard asked any visitors to stand and introduce themselves. Tim Anderson stated that he has been flying for a while and wanted to check out this club. Sharron Powell is Richard's wife and is learning to fly. She joined the club tonight and this is her first of two meetings to be approved as a member.

Ed Pate will miss the January and February meeting for personal and business reasons. Sharron Powell will take the minutes during his absence.

Richard noted there is a need for Safety Office, Dave Brown volunteered.

Richard led a discussion on club finances. He has reviewed the financial reports in the past newsletters and noted a decline. In 2015 the club's total expenditures were \$8,158 with \$3,956 spent for tractor, labor, parts, fuel and storage while the 52 members paid a total of \$3,900 for dues. In 2016 spending amounted to \$4,395 with \$1,519 spent for tractor, labor, parts, fuel and storage but only collected \$4,050 from the 54 members in dues. From 2012 to 2016 the club has lost \$2,851. For 2017 Richard suggested that the only events held should have minimal spending since there is only \$1,400 left to spend after the lease and equipment, field costs based on membership of 52. The members voted and approved this suggestion.

Ed Pate and Larry put forth ideas for events during the flying season. These will be discussed at our subsequent monthly meetings. At this point the only events that have been approved are the Touch-a-Truck and Float Fly events.

Ralph Warner brought up budget concerns over the events. Per Larry's December 2016 President Report he plans to fund and run it himself and work with other clubs. So there should be no cost to the Chain-O-Lake Eagles club. For other events it was agreed that the members can bring their own refreshments or might chip in for extras. More details will be discussed prior to each event. The club will contribute as finances permit.

Field maintenance

Richard suggested that April 8th be a work day. Richard and Paul to discuss and provide more details.

New website

Joe Dopp noted there is a need for Webmaster, Sharron Powell volunteered and members approved. She will contact Mike Schulz to discuss plans to replace the existing website with the new one.

New members

Richard noted that there used to be 5 hobby shops to get possible members from and now there is only Hobbytown and one in Rockford. Richard asked members to come up with ideas to increase membership. Dave Harvey mentioned there is a flyer rolled up in the flight box.

Field lease

The lease is due on March 19th. Larry has talked to Barb Miller and he and Richard need to sit down with her and discuss a 2 year lease with recurring 2 year option if the property changes hands. Barb is in good health but Wally is bedridden.

Property

Richard thinks that leasing is a bad option since no permanent buildings are possible. Joe Dopp said that this subject has been discussed for years and various options have been explored with no results and there is no money in the budget to buy property. Larry said that no other options have panned out in the past because there has been no pressing need since we have the Miller property. But if that option is in jeopardy the officers will be sure to solve it then.

Larry has been asked to speak to the Libertyville Senior teachers group in June. Please contact him if you would like to attend and talk to them about RC planes.

The Northwest Herald needs to be contacted to change the address for the club's meetings.

Please remember to take your trash home with you when you leave the field.

Treasurer's Report

	Field	General	Total
Starting Balance	\$2586.28	\$5268.43	\$7854.61
Deposits			
1/19/17 Dues rec'd	\$70.00	\$480.00	\$550.00
Subtotal			
	\$2656.28	\$5748.43	\$8404.61
Debits			
1/24/17 Ck #1855, Refund, D. Wehrheim Overpaid Dues		\$100.00	\$100.00
Subtotal			
Ending Balance	\$2656.28	\$5648.43	\$8304.61

Jan.2016 ending balance was \$8754.60 so we are - \$449.99 compared to where we were this time last year.

Two items MUST be presented to get a member card & gate combination. A copy or original of your 2017 AMA card and the By-Laws signature page.

Dues checks (\$75) payable to COL Eagles can be mailed directly to me at: Trimcraft Aviation PO Box 488 Genoa City WI 53128.

The club has 25 paid 2017 members so far.

Pending Expenses:

Event Schedule for 2017

Touch-a-Truck

Float Fly

Show and Tell

None.

Upcoming Local Events

Feb. 18 Fox Valley Swap Shop

Mar. 25 Rockford Swap Shop

Apr. 7-9 Toledo Show R/C Expo

Membership Manual

All members will be required to download the club manual and return the last page with their signature stating that the manual was read and understood before they may receive their membership card. The manual can be downloaded from our website at:

http://www.chainolakeseagles.com/modules.php?name=Downloads&d_op=getit&lid=33

Please take some time to read the manual. If you have any questions, attend the next meeting and they will be answered.

Membership Handbook

The membership application form, handbook and acknowledgement form have been updated for 2017.

All members will be required to read the membership handbook and return the handbook acknowledgement form with their signature stating that the handbook was read and understood in order to receive their membership card.

The handbook can be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/club-documents/72-membership-handbook>

Once you have read the handbook, download, print, and sign the following acknowledgement form:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/club-documents/80-handbook-ack-form>

and bring it to the next meeting.

Every club member is required to sign a new acknowledgement form each year.

Please take some time to read the manual. If you have any questions, bring them to the next meeting and they will be answered.

Membership Application Form: To access the Membership Application Form, click on this link:

<http://www.coleagles.com/index.php/membership-forms/76-app-form>

AMA Membership Dues Reminder

To protect you, the club, and the field property owner from liability, membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is required.

You must have a current AMA membership in order to fly at the COL Eagles field!

FAA registration for all types of aircraft

faa.gov/USA/model_aircraft.com