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The Nutmeg Crew enjoys the Holiday fixin's at Bob and Carol Ward's Holiday Party.

Holiday Party at Bob & Carol Ward's

Bob Pett

A big Thank You to Bob and Carol Ward for graciously opening their home to the Nutmeg team for a Holiday Party! Food and drink were delicious; it was great catching up with everyone. Special mention goes to Deb Stobbe and her Frosty the Snowman cake which was truly amazing. Unfortunately, a photo was not possible. Frosty didn't last long in the presence of the Nutmeg crew who quickly set upon him, reducing this influential member of Santa's inner circle to a small pile of crumbs. ♦

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Annual Meeting Saturday Jan 22 Miry Brook Firehouse

Jeff Driscoll

It's that time of year again, our annual budget meeting and biannual election of a new slate of officers for 2011 and 2012.

Please plan to attend this important meeting on Saturday January 22 at 6 pm at the Miry Brook Firehouse in Danbury. A recap of our 2010 financials will be presented as well as the proposed 2011 budget and strategic objectives for the coming year.

Proposed new slate of officers to be voted on at the Jan. 22 general meeting:

- Bob Ward - President
- Esteban - VP
- Dale - Treasurer
- Mac - Secretary
- Jeff - previous president
- Len - Member at Large
- Bob Pett - Member at Large
- Randol (to be appointed by Bob)

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NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Ward Landing, December 18, 2010

Attending: Dale Ziegenfelder, Jim Sidway, Bob Ward, Bill Kenyon, Bob Pett, Bruce Stobbe, Randol Webb, Esteban Draganovic.

Absent: Jeff Driscoll; Don McKinlay; Len Herman and Peter Veldkamp.
Meeting brought to order at 12:15

Prior to the meeting treasurer Jim Sidway spent time with incoming treasurer Dale Ziegenfelder discussing the accounting system and current status of the accounting.

The budget preparation for 2011 did not take place. It was agreed that a draft proposal will be circulated electronically for review and fine tuning with aim to have it presentable for the membership meeting on the January 22nd.

The meeting did not have an agenda, instead a review and discussion took place.

Randol- Proposes two activities for the year:

1) In the interest of maintaining membership enrichment, having a distinctive activity, and attracting new members; continue the Saturday Morning Ground School. Each Saturday have someone on duty to hold the class. Possible recurring topics:

- a) Aerobatics
- b) X-Country
- c) General knowledge

2) Hold an open house, preferably in April. Gear the open house towards the community, but especially to the other aviation groups. Some new members could result from the effort, such as power pilots desiring to add the glider rating, etc. Some considerations regarding the organization of the open-house include:

- All gliders assembled
- P. A. System
- Provide sandwich service (Country Store, or volunteers...)
- Incentives and rewards, such as Glider ride to first power plane arriving, and/or first antique plane arriving, etc...

Bob Ward- Proposes to create an advertising campaign

1) Of great importance for the success of the campaign is to create appropriate slogans. Perhaps designed for some groups such as golfers, etc. Some examples:

- Stress reliever
- The great escape
- etc.

Bob also stressed that we have a very unique Club, quite different from any glider club in the region, and we have an obligation to share it.

Bruce Stobbe- Suggests that one obstacle for potential new members is cost. He poses the question of how could we reduce the dues to attract new members.

1) Note that we are more expensive than most, if not all the clubs in the area.

- Use cash surplus to reduce annual fees.
- Stress the great advantages (value) that exist at Nutmeg (own airport, the location, the social environment, area, etc.)

Randol- Suggests to bring to the membership a proposal to reduce the membership dues by \$ 200.00 (approx.).

Discussion about Grant money and the Tractor. Can we use the tractor and how? The stated use to NYS is “to keep runway approaches clear”...

Can we benefit enough having the tractor to justify spending the \$ 7K needed to obtain the grant? Note: Currently John Benson is loaning us a tractor. This topic needs to be on agenda for the incoming B.O.D.

Fence: this pertains to the security grant, in reality two grants; one to secure the western perimeter and the other to install gates.

1) To secure the western perimeter a fence needs to be installed. The fence is to discourage vehicles to enter the airport, but not to be impassable to pedestrians. Basically a horse fence. The grant pays 100%. This should be on agenda for the incoming B.O.D. Contact Bill and Jeff for guidance.

2) Gate grant similarly pays 100%. This should be on agenda for the incoming B.O.D. Contact Bill and Jeff for guidance

For assistance and support regarding grants and government contacts, consult with Bob Griffin, Alfeld and Wayne Nelson.

Randol- Indicates that some additional signage is needed, of the type “It is a Federal Offence...” etc. The signs can be purchased from Aviation Supply outlets. They should be installed at Hangar 10 and other select locations.

Meeting adjourned at 01:35

Respectfully submitted by Esteban, for Don McKinlay.

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