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Next Meeting: February 8 at National Coney Island in Warren, 7 PM.

From the Editor

Hi everyone, I know it's been a while so it's time to get you all up to speed on a few things. We didn't have enough members to call an official meeting in August, but we were able to make arrangements for the fun fly, which actually had a bigger turnout than we expected, thanks to everyone for coming. We did have enough members to hold an official meeting earlier this month and a few things were discussed that I would like to review here for those who weren't able to make it.

First of all, it looks like our club president Mike Grant is going to be moving up north and will not be able to retain his position. For now, we haven't decided who his replacement will be, so if you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, then please let us know.

In the interest of increasing our membership, we have decided to waive the \$10 initiation fee for new members joining from now until Feb. 8 of next year. If you know anyone who was thinking of joining our club but was put off somewhat by the cost, please let them know. Lowering dues for all members was also discussed, however such a change cannot be implemented without a proposed

change to the club's bylaws, review period and vote, etc. so that was put aside for later review. This was the only change that we could make on short notice and without a vote from the entire membership. Again, if any one would like to discuss this further, please let us know.

The club's fun fly was a success and again a big thank you to all who attended. This year's event just about broke even cost-wise and this was due in large part to raffle ticket sales with the grand prize being donated to the club. It is unlikely that we will have such a prize donation for next year's event so a repeat performance financially will also be unlikely. That said, we have decided to schedule the fun fly anyway since the club does have funds available and who knows what the future holds. On that note, we have also decided to donate \$200 to the MMRCHA so that they can hold another helicopter fun fly like we did last summer. This fun fly also had a larger than expected turnout.

Well, that's about all I have to discuss this time. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in the spring.

John

Recap of November Meeting

The Meeting was held on Wednesday November 9 at National Coney Island in Warren and was called to order at 7:20 PM. There were 7 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

It was decided that the club will host a fun fly at the St. Clair Propbusters field as in the past.

The members in attendance also passed a motion for the club to donate \$200 to the MMRCHA club to host a fun fly in the summer.

Perry Maniaci volunteered to pick up the club banner and a few other items from John Lewinski who is moving and wants to get rid of them. Dave Larson volunteered to store the items at his house.

It was decided to register the 23 Mile Rd. flying site with the AMA and purchase insurance. It was also decided that we would install the "video surveillance" signs that the club had already purchased, date for installation of the cameras themselves is to be determined. The members decided not to arrange for having the grass cut at the site at this time, as the owner might have it done as well.

There was a discussion about lowering the membership dues, but it was decided to temporarily waive the initiation fee instead as changing the dues would also require a change to the clubs bylaws.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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The Michigan Whirlybirds welcomes new members of any skill level and will help novices with equipment selection, set-up and flight training. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in R/C helicopters. Dues are \$30.00 per year. Dues for new members enrolling after August 1st are \$15.00. Initiation fee is \$10.00 to new members and others renewing after February. Current AMA membership is required. Applications are available at most hobby shops, from the club, or by contacting AMA directly.

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