

Sky Streakers July 13th. 2025 Business Meeting Report

President David Skillings officially opened the meeting at 9:20 A.M., under overcast skies, with seventeen (17) members present on Sunday June 8th.

Since most of the members had been sitting ready for the meeting to start, for 20 minutes or so, President Skillings asked if the start time should be moved to 9:00 A.M. and most agreed.

The Secretary's report was as follows:

The June business meeting report was e-mailed to members and placed on the club's web site.

One omission was reported. Ray Labonte's offer to donate \$200.00 for food for the high wing event was inadvertently omitted.

New members are still joining the club. An adult member joined Thursday the 10th., to bring the membership to a total of 74; Three (3) youth members and seventy one (71) adult members.

Correspondence: From the Propsnappers:

Propsnappers Warbird Event on July 19

The Propsnappers Warbird and Civilian Fun-Scale Fly-In is on the horizon...Saturday, July 19 to be exact.

Bring your military aircraft or civilian scale model (Piper Cub, Beaver, Cessna...anything remotely scale looking) for a day of flying, friends and lots of fun. We'll have our world-famous solar hot dogs at lunchtime and water/sodas throughout the day to keep you hydrated. Open flying starts at 9AM and continues until around 1PM.

- **Military & Civilian Aircraft Only**
- **AMA / FAA Required for Pilots**
- **Other Clubs Welcome**
- **Food & Refreshments**

Rain date is the following Saturday, July 26. Visit <https://propsnappers.org/> for details and directions to the field.

The report was accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Attwood reported that deposits for June were \$2438.12 and expenses were \$476.29.

The end of June checking account balance came in at \$6,408.65.

When queried about CD's or other funds, Attwood replied that there were no CD's, but the club has a \$5,000 savings account.

The report was accepted as given.

Old Business:

IMAC: President Skillings reminded members that next weekend, July 18,19 and 20, is scheduled for the annual IMAC event at our field, members can fly Friday "Setup day". Only iMac flying on Sat and Sun.

Tyler McCormick will be the CD .

Eric Guilmet gave some more details explaining that on the 18th. IMAC pilots are allowed to practice, but members can also fly. On Saturday and Sunday, members can fly (electrics) before 9:00A.M. only. On Sunday afternoon after all IMAC rounds are flown and awards have been presented ,members may fly.

Visitors are welcome and lunch will be available on the 19th. and 20th.

New Gloucester Seniors Visit:

President Skillings reported on Seniors field day visit. There were 33 visitors , some children, and some dogs, all when well , everyone enjoyed our program , great flying and aircraft displays by Ray, Seth, Jeff, Ron, Eric.

There is a thank you card from the town coordinator posted on the club's bulletin board and they wish to visit again next year

Porta Potty Cleansing Frequency Report:

Paul Attwood has been in consultation with the porta potty rental/cleaning company to determine if an every other week servicing instead of a weekly cleaning could be a cost savings to the club.

The club pays \$185 a month (including tax) for monthly rental with weekly servicing.

Switching to an every other week servicing would cost \$110 plus state tax per month.

After brief discussions, Skillings directed Attwood to make the change to every other week (after the IMAC event).

Wednesday Night Flight School Update:

President Skillings asked if one of the instructors present could give a brief update. (There is no designated head instructor".)

Eric Guilmet reported the following:

There are about seven (7) students each week.

There is a great team doing support work in the pits.

One of the trainers is in need of a replacement motor which is ordered.

Secretary Field recounted a snafu involving a youth pilot's membership (a long story) and asked that the flight staff be careful to obtain more detailed student information and, in the case of youth members, explain that membership is for the calendar year and the club secretary must be notified for a renewal. Field also brought up the AMA's "Introductory Pilot Program" and asked if that was being followed for insurance protection.

High Wing Fly-in and Swap Meet:

Eric Guilmet thanked Peter Flanagan for hosting the Peter Flanagan High Wing Fly-in and Bill Reeve for overseeing this year's swap meet which were held on the same day.

David Skillings was also thanked for his work as a chef and Ray Labonte was thanked for funding the food..

September 7th. Fun Fly:

Eric Guilmet reminded members of the proposed September 7th. fun fly which is open to members and others.

Some of the maneuvers in this event may be:

How many landings in takeoffs in certain amount of time.

How many loops in a certain amount of time.

Spot Landing

Maybe a dice roll

Fast and slow flyby

Possibly the limbo

This is intended as a FUN event, not a serious competition. It is for all levels of pilots

David Skillings hinted that free FOOD will be prepared and served to attendees.

New Business:

Bush Hog:

President Skillings reminded members that some recent very generous donations had been given to the club which would be very helpful in a potential bush hog purchase.

He told members that a quote for a good quality brush hog had been received from Wallingford Equipment for a cost of \$3,200.00 with a delivered inclusive price of \$3,376.00. The cost for hiring an outside contractor would be about \$1,500 and the job would not be as thorough or extensive as one done by and under the direction of the field marshal.

The floor was opened for comments; edited as follows:

Comment: Machinery requires maintenance; is there a plan? Answer: Bush hogs do not require much regular maintenance.

Comment: What are land owner's feelings about this? Answer: Eric Waterman was present and said that he was in favor of a purchase.

Other assurances:

The bush hog will not be loaned out.

It will be stored appropriately.

The brush can be cut every year if needed.

A tractor is available, on loan, and one can be rented in the future if a loaner is not forthcoming.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to purchase a bush hog from Wallingford Equipment.

The meeting was adjourned. (Did not record the time as there was a distraction.)

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Field, Secretary .