

# VSMA Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**March 1, 2005**

Mike Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

## **Flying Field Vote**

Mike Stokes began the meeting by discussing the land under consideration for a new flying field. He explained how much time, money and work would be required to setup a new field. Mike also revealed that the Club's current landowner is now willing to enter into a 5 year lease agreement at \$2,000 a year. While this is significantly more than last year, Mike and Sally explained this is a fair price and that last year's lease amount was under-priced.

Several members expressed concern over the lease amount and the long-term sincerity of the landowner. Mike and Dudley said the enjoyment we receive from the current field justifies the price and they believed the landowner to be sincere in upholding the 5 year lease.

Billy Kemp expressed concern that the club may not be able to pay \$2,000 per year, much less improve the field as previously planned. Mike and Dudley said the Club would generate enough money pay the annual lease and to improve the field.

Dudley Morton made a motion to remain at the current field for \$2,000 a year for 5 years.

The motion passed with 9 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 2 people not voting.

## **Landing Fee Objection**

Billy Kemp objected to the landing fee charged during fly-ins/fun-flies for club members. Billy said that while non-members should pay the fee, club members should not because club members have already paid to fly at the field with their annual dues. Billy felt this amounted to double charging members and noted that some club members did not attend last year's events because of this. The issue remains open and may be addressed at a future meeting.

## **Guest Pilot Policy**

Effective immediately, guest pilots may fly at the field twice without joining. The third day they fly, guests will be asked to pay membership dues.

## **Next Meeting Date**

Normally, the club meets at the field after daylight savings time starts. The time changes this year on April 1. Mike said the field would probably be too cold. Therefore, **the Club will meet at the Springfield Airport for the next meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2005.**

Mike Stokes adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.