Today was like a dream come true at Suhaka Field. After a long winter compounded by spring snowstorms that lasted into May, today was a “Goldilocks Day”: not too warm, not too cold; a steady north wind beating down the runway; and enough clouds in the sky to sense relative speed of aircraft without drowning out the bright sunlight.

These are the days we dreamed of last winter while we huddled in our workshop assembling aircraft. Some of us even built aircraft, rib-by-rib. It may have been cold and dark outside, but our souls were warmed by visions of our nascent aircraft cruising through the bright blue Colorado skies.

I have enjoyed seeing many pilots at Suhaka Field lately who I have not seen since early fall. It is great to see the enthusiasm that they feel for returning to flying and the camaraderie of Suhaka Field.

For those of you just returning to Suhaka, I expect you will be surprised and delighted by the improvements...
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Denver R/C Eagles Club Leadership

Jack Steinhauser  Dan Kellogg  Seth Rice

John Dickens  Bob Pash  Seth Buxton

Eric Sunderwirth  Doc Hamilton  Stephen Lantz

Marty Miller  Joe Bolognese

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The 03/16/16 minutes were approved as written. Roger and Bob made motion to approve minutes, and the motion was carried.

President’s Opening Remarks

Jack Steinhauser reviewed the meeting agenda with the members.

Guest Speakers

Christina Searle with the Day Camp Staff for the Boy Scouts of America at the Polson Ranch near Sedalia. She showed crafts they create on the first and last day of camp, and mentioned the theme this year of ‘Take Flight’.

She mentioned there would be maybe a minute at most for each kid to get to fly a plane with a Buddy Box (or several longer sessions going on consecutively), but said she would be happy with even just getting to see a demonstration due to the time constraint.

It starts at 8 am, and goes until 2 pm. Lunch is provided to all volunteers. There is a ratio currently of 1 adult per 5 boys, that are with them all day to assist and guide them as needed.

Officer’s and Director’s Reports

President’s Report

Jack Steinhauser reminded members to renew membership dues.

Reported that he is the process of getting an agreement with the Centennial Airport regarding keeping a safe separation of air space, and keeping pilots in the area aware when talking to the tower of our activities at the field.

Jack mentioned we send a letter or call our senators to weigh in on the legislation currently in Congress, and give them a chance to hear our needs, desires, and concerns.

Facility improvements started with Shade Shelters. Jack has attempted to get bids from two contractors. The first was recommended by the Park. That contractor gave a bid of over $50k for shade shelters. Another contractor fell through on returning a bid. Jack has now turned to Joe Apice, a member of ours, to see if he can be our contractor and help to make this happen for us. Joe mentioned that the construction guidelines of the Park are rather interpretative and confusing, and would like to meet with Park officials to ensure our proposed construction will meet their requirements prior to us doing the work.

Rotorcraft Area Improvement Project. Adam Small is directing the work starting at 8:30 am on 4/26/16 to start the initial improvements which include excavating dirt at a “Staging Site”, then laying down weedblocker and crusher fines.

Jack asked Joe to discuss the Fixed Wing Pilot Pad Improvements.
Development Project that is next on the queue. Joe explained that the finished height of the pilot pad area will be about an inch higher than the runway, to help drain water. There will be a barrier around the fines to ensure they are kept isolated within the pilot pad area and the paths to the runways and taxiways. The work will take place on May 10 2016.

Joe also mentioned we want safety as a priority so that we can have at least 1 or 2 other people who know what the plan is to help keep everyone and everything running smoothly and safely. A safety meeting will happen before we start to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Next topic raised is the protective fence and a vote to be taken. Members all had the chance, one at a time, to voice their concerns and thoughts in favor, or not, as to whether the protective fence should be installed.

Motion to propose pilot protective fence raised by Rich, and Robert. The vote was taken 16 for the fence 4 against the fence. The motion carried to install the protective fencing as proposed at the pilot stations by the pit area.

Vice President’s Report

Dan Kellogg asks members keep watch of the news with the changes with the FAA and AMA since there was a new incident at an international airport this week with a drone and a commercial airliner.

Secretary Report

Seth Rice reminded members to make sure you get some brownies at the snack table.

Treasurer’s Report and Director of Flight Training Report

John Dickens reported

114 paid up for 2016. Forty-two had not renewed their membership. When asked if they were quitting the club, 25% responded that this was their intent. The rest didn’t respond to John asking if they were looking to renew or not.

Prairie Dog Music Program

The park has lost their exterminator license, so no more “treatments” can be applied for the foreseeable future. Bob Brelsford started looking at other solutions and came around with a device that sends a sonic pulse through the ground that apparently scares the bejesus out of Prairie Dogs. These devices should be strategically positioned around where you are looking to protect.

Safety Officer’s Report

Bob Pash

Turbine Jet Policy – There was a Round Robin of member input discussed one by one on issue, though it was not put to a vote. There was a mixture of opinion, with many members wanting to allow turbine flying under certain conditions, while at the same time being concerned about the small airspace at Cherry Creek, and the likelihood that turbine jets would have “excursions” outside this airspace.
Age and medical disability of our members was also raised. Many members have experienced a decline in their piloting skills, yet still want to fly. We need to be compassionate to our fellow member in supporting them so they can still fly with our assistance on a buddy box when possible.

Also discussed was propeller safety, and the suggestion was made to paint the tip of your props with white or yellow to help avoid incidental finger/prop contact.

Director – Airfield Maintenance
Seth Buxton requested assistance with painting of tables at the April Maintenance Day. He will also have lawn spray to kill weeds and growth in the cracks of pavement.

Seal Tech motion to spend $1,900 to reseal cracks. Motion set by Bob and Joe, motion was carried unanimously by members present.

Member at Large
Eric Sunderwirth mentioned his pleasure in seeing the growth for the rotor craft area, and is excited to see the improvement focus in that area.

Director of Membership
Empty Seat

Master Chef
Joe Bolognese
Hat Inventory
19 Tan hats
20 Blue hats
1 White hat
The cost is $15 per hat. See Seth Rice the Secretary to obtain a DRCE Hat!

Events
Air Show – Saturday, June 18th 2016
Cub Scout Camp – Wednesday, June 22nd 2016

Old & New Business
None

Show & Tell
Robert Lembke – Recent Building Project
Showed his trainer, which he is selling for $280.00. This plane has been rebuilt and is a good trainer for those looking to get into acrobatics.

Sid showed some pictures on the table showing a man-powered airplane by some students at MIT, who were customers of his. He spoke to how they added some 260 sized glow engines to get it airborne so that it could then be powered by a man.

Auction
No Auction Items

Door Prizes
John Dickens ran the door prize event for the evening. The following were the results of the door prizes:

1. Colpar Gift Cart, $10 – Joe Apice
2. Head Lamp – Eric Sunderwirth
3. Heat Shrink Tubing, 9 feet – Rick Mattics
4. Monokote Trim, Cub Yellow – Seth Rice
5. CA Foam Safe Glue – Mitch Long
6. Multi Meter – Jack Steinhauser
7. 5 minute Epoxy – Dan Kellogg
Cable Ties 4 ¾ inches – Rodney Getty

Donation Table
Several items were on the table

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be May 18, 2016 at Colpar Hobbies.

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.
made to our facilities by dedicated volunteers in recent weeks.

Rotorcraft Area Improvements
In the Rotorcraft Area, big improvements have been made under a plan proposed by Adam Small and Stephen Lantz, and approved by the Park. These include a large, 50 x 250 area that has been cleared of shrubs and Yucca, and mowed like a golf fairway. A staging area has been defined and turned into an all-weather facility by excavating six inches of clayey topsoil, installing weed blocker mat, and filling the void with “Gray Breeze” crushed fines. These fines materials will compact and provide a much more stable surface than the native soil in times of heavy precipitation. Thank you, Steve and Adam, for your leadership on these major improvements to the Rotorcraft Area!

Pit Area Improvements
The work tables and wing tables in the Pit Area that had rotting wood surfaces have been covered with a layer of synthetic decking material that will likely last longer than most of us. Also, these tables have gotten new primer coats and paint where needed. This project was spearheaded by our new Field Maintenance Officer, Seth Buxton. Seth is new to this position this year, after taking over from member Bob Brelsford, who served in this same capacity for ten years. Thank you, Seth, for really stepping up to a big job!

Pilot Station Improvements
For years, pilots at Suhaka Field have suffered having to step through sloppy mud surrounding the main pilot pads located at the SE corner of the intersection of our two runways. Thank goodness we had concrete pads to stand on while flying, but the mud was a serious annoyance.

Long time member Joe Apice developed a plan to raise the grade of the pilot station area, and add crushed fines paths accessing the taxiways and runways. On Tuesday, May 10, twenty club members joined forces to transform the mail pilot station area from a mudhole to a pitcher’s mound. Redwood forms now separate fines paths that connect the taxiways and runways to the pilot pads. These raised paths are surrounded by fill dirt that will eventually be groomed grassy areas. It will probably take a year to see everything mature into final form, but the result will provide a wonderful, all-weather facility for pilots to fly planes from for decades to come. Thank you, Joe, for your ideas, your leadership, and the nifty Bobcat that did most of the heavy lifting on this job.

June Airshow
On Saturday, June 18, the Denver R/C Eagles will put on the first of two Airshows this summer. These Airshows are an opportunity for pilots of every level, from beginners to experts, to display their aircraft and pilots skills. We expect to have the “Jetman”, Dr. Bob Motazedi, put on another spectacular display of his turbine jet as the highlight of the show. Other exhibitions will include trainers, sport aircraft, World War I biplanes, World War II fighters and bombers, EDF jets, aerobatic aircraft, quad copters and helicopters. There will be a formal request for participation that will come out at the beginning of June, so please be thinking about how you would like to participate. For those who would rather watch than fly, we will need volunteers to help with food preparation and other logistics.

Cub Scout Camp
On Wednesday, June 22, the Denver R/C Eagles will be participating in the Cub Scout Summer Camp put on by the Pioneers Trail District Cub Scout organization. This program has taken place at the Polson Ranch in Sedalia, Colorado every summer for the last ten years. The program will host over 550 young campers this summer. The Denver R/C Eagles has been asked to put on exhibitions for two groups of Cub Scouts: Cub Scouts of ages 7-9 who will be very interested in seeing forty-five minute demonstrations of R/C aircraft; and Webelos Scouts of ages 10-11 who are interested in actually getting a chance to pilot an R/C aircraft. We will discuss the details of participation in this program at our upcoming club meeting.

Final Thoughts
This is a great time of year to get out and fly. I look forward to seeing each of you at Suhaka Field.

Sincerely, Jack Steinhauser
President, Denver R/C Eagles
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