



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



MEETING AGENDA HOBBY HANGOUT April 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33pm

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT:32

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Last month's minutes were approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **NEW MEMBERS, AND GUESTS**

- Rudy Sergeti introduced himself, paid 2019 dues and is raring to go
- Doug Rose Jr and Senior introduced themselves as new members. They are participating in the Intro Pilot program

- **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Dirty Fair Weekend June 1 Sponsored by Peaceful Valley Model Airplane Club, Peaceful Valley Camp Ground, Downsville NY
- CMAC Float Fly Monroe May 18, 9am -2pm
- Whitman Flyers Swap Meet Melville NY April 13
- NCRCC TAILGATE SWAP MEET.\$10.00 Seller Fee Ellington, CT Saturday May 18 2019, 9:00 AM Start
- We will have a final meeting May 1. Field rules and other agenda items will be discussed before the flying season and a decision on tractor storage made

- **TREASUERS REPORT:**

- Jay tax returns filed on line saved over \$300.
- Wind Socks Purchased and all bills are paid
- How do we approach funding deficits? A PayPal account is set up asking members to voluntarily contribute. We don't want to raise the dues. A loan to the club by individual members was discussed, over time members would be paid back at 0% interest.

MEMBERSHIP

- Bob Motta was asked to provide a list of member that did not renew. Bill will contact them to discuss why they have not rejoined.
- One new member joined through the Intro Pilot Program ad that Bob Milanese placed on Craig's list.
- Focus recruiting effort toward middle aged & retired individuals,
- Nino will proceed with a targeted Face Book posting.
- Fly RC scheduled to make a presentation at the Ridgefield men's club on July 3.
- Ron will investigate Heritage Village and Watermark in Southbury.

- Nino suggested that we place a small sign at the road entrance welcoming visitors, which Bill will investigate with Mitchell
- Nino has set up a Patch which reaches 4000 subscribers
- Club roster posted on the AMA web site needs updating the Secretary will follow up with Bob Motta.
- New Membership/Learn To Fly program was approved to put on web site
 - Trial Membership / Learn to Fly
 - FLYRC offers Potential New members a low cost, 60 day trial membership so that you may experience the exhilaration of flying a radio controlled model airplane at our beautiful grass flying site.
 - If you already have your own RC gear and have a current AMA , you will be given a brief flight check and orientation to field rules and safety code. If you haven't flown in a while, our AMA certified flight instructors will help get you current, at no charge.
 - If you are new to this exciting hobby, and wish to learn to fly, you can enroll in our AMA certified Introductory Pilot Training Program. AMA membership is recommended, but not required. We can assist you in purchasing your own appropriate equipment. Or, you can use our club flight trainers, for a small fee to cover fuel and maintenance costs. An experienced AMA flight instructor will be assigned for the 60 day training period, at no additional cost.
 - Whether you are a beginner, expert, or anything in between, you can enjoy a FLYRC trial membership and the camaraderie and support of our membership, for a \$50 contribution to cover costs. At the end of the trial program, if you decide to stay with us, the trial membership contribution will be credited towards your annual dues.
 - If you need more info, contact Bob Motta, our membership chairman, at .. rmotta26@comcast.net;

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- AMA Field Improvement Grant request for this year withdrew because the AMA requires receipts or formal quotes to be included with the request. Because we haven't spent the money or decided exactly on the details, this is not possible. The plan going forward is to save all the receipts from the purchases this year and resubmit later this year for consideration next spring. Remember, AMA only awards max of 10% of amount spent on approved project.
- Mower purchase withdrawn, Meeca donated his Craftsman Tractor. Temporarily one tractor will be stored in the shed and one under the lean-to until a new storage facility is decided upon.
- Yearly field clean up weather permitting April 13. Week day cleanup was discussed a show of hands 50% can't make it, A list of action items which has been routine over the years was presented. Bob Milanese stated the moles are back
- Bob Milanese has put a pull down sun shade on lean-to to help with afternoon sun
- Charging station is up and running
- Mowing schedule will be on the web site starts 4/13 we will only use zero turn mowing when seed is down

SOUND AND SAFETY:

- Sound requirements are being reviewed with revised field rules. A benchmark study will be undertaken to determine how our existing planes measure up to the current sound limits.
- Members must now have FAA number visible on the outside of their plane

OLD BUSINESS:

- We have received our AMA Charter renewal
- CAP Day is a two weekend event June 1, rain date June 29. The club agreed to host up to 40 Cadets.
- Club Fun Fly/ BQ in June 23, Ken Blau has been asked to organize it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raising Money

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Update Field Rules and Bylaw's
- Maintain our Out Reach Program
- Re-establish Summer Club (periodic?) mtg. at the Field

50/50 RAFFLE: John Mish won the 50/50 and donated his winning of \$60 to the club.

SHOW AND TELL:

MEETING ADJOURNED:

 Secretary