



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



ZOOM MEETING Minutes, Feb 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:36 pm

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT: 26 Members present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: POSTED ON WEBSITE...Any comments?

No Comments. Minutes seconded and approved

TREASURES REPORT: Jay

Accepted as read

MEMBERSHIP: 51 members paid to date

That's down approximately 14 members from last year of which about 1/2 are definitely not returning mostly because of health issues.

We will be following up with each to encourage continued membership. We plan on having a more in-depth discussion on membership/dues and budget next month.

But let me leave you with one thought....We need new members and we should all be advocates to attract new folks

Paul Ivey will Print 2019 Membership cards.

Nino suggested we might advertise our club in the Patch.

Welcome Bob Cucci as a new member. Bob is an experienced flyer and recently relocated from New Jersey.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Field is in good shape, nice and smooth with the stripes still there.

Be careful of parking on the far side, ground will get very smooth when it warms up and you will get stuck.

Parking lot is an issue in light of recent rain and warm weather. Bob Milanese suggested we might need a load of gravel this spring.

In lieu of these facts the club President has CLOSED THE FLYING FIELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Mike talked about the club doing its own mowing using FLYRC members. There was a good response to the request for volunteers. Mike will be sending email requests. Weed whacking will also be discussed.

It was suggested morning cutting not good because of the grass wetness.

Thinking ahead to the coming warm weather, Spring Field day will be ~mid-April, depending on the weather

AMA Grant...reimburse up to 10% for approved project.

FLYRC will apply for an AMA grant to help with the purchase of a mower and storage facility.

SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules

Rich is working with his committee to combine and post the Mitchell Farm and Flying/safety rules into one document.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Ken Blau.

AMA Expo East bus: There are only 5 seats left on the bus (with 3 commitments). Ken is getting a fair amount of interest from other clubs particularly the Swamp Flyers.

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, NEW MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

Any new members or guests here tonite? (Bob Cucci)

Ron Faanes is recovering from shoulder surgery

2 SWAP meets last week in March...WRAM in Yorktown NY, and East Coast Swamp Fliers in Wallingfort Ct.

I'll send out email with both fliers and post on our website.

GERRY YARISH MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS EDITOR GUEST SPEAKER

CHARLIE McNAIR AUTHOR OF "SOLDIERS OF A FOREIGN WAR" HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO TALK MARCH 6th

NEW BUSINESS:

AMA FIELD MAINTENCE GRANT SUBMISSION

Club Event Calendar is updated let's use it

Mowing Assignment Calendar (Mike Hedrick)

OLD BUSINESS:

NE JAMBOREE BUS

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Update Field Rules and Bylaw's

Maintain our Out Reach Program

Re-establish Summer Club (periodic?) mtg. at the Field

Update our Web Site

50/50 RAFFLE:

Won by Glen Hochstetter who graciously donated \$10.00 back to the club.

SHOW AND TELL: Gerry Yarish

Gerry Yarish presented the framed Nieuport 27.5% scale model. His model was totally scratch built including the scaling that he did on his CAD.

He answered questions on the Model and the general state of our hobby.

He noted that most clubs are having the same issues (membership aging and reduction in club size).

He also noted the reduction of the small manufacturers that used to permeate our hobby.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Recorded and Submitted by Jay Wiener

Secretary