



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



MEETING Minutes January 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT: 27

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *In the future minutes will be sent out and posted on website for your review before the meeting. We will ask for corrections at the meeting, but will not read them.*

TREASURERS REPORT: All bills are paid for once we are projected to have positive balance for the year. We learned property rent is paid at the end of the year. The dues are projected to remain at \$175.00 per discussion below.

MEMBERSHIP: 47 paid members to date

FIELD MAINTENANCE: Field is in good shape, fairly smooth, stripes still there, and was muddy and soft but now frozen. Be careful parking at the far end of the lot (east end) if it warms up...You will get stuck. Batteries have been removed from the charging station, the gate wheel and starting table broken wheels have been replaced.

SOUND AND SAFETY: All is well, some of our planes sound loud and folks are flying them anyway without taking sound measurements to confirm compliance. This is a real issue most clubs that lose their fields is related to not regulating sound. Rich Margules accepted the position of Sound and Safety Officer

COMMUNICATIONS: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

Time was taken to present to outgoing President Cliff Becker a laser engraved propeller, prepared by Baron Technologies, for his dedication to the Club as a member and officer for 19 years. A second prop was to be presented to Brain Cummings for his years of service as Treasurer.

- Increase Club energy thru field fun social events i.e. BQ, Fun fly, Improve Your Flying Skills Day, Ken Blau accepted the newly restored chairman of the Social Committee
- Focus on maintaining all current members and adding new members
- Maintain dues at \$175 or less, of course this depends on how many members we have
- PayPal has been set up and will be the method of dues payment and other financial transactions. Jay Wiener will give details and instructions in a separate email to the membership

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ken Blau accepted the esteemed position as Social Committee Chairman
- Gerry Yarish program February Meeting
- Soldiers of A Foreign War March Meeting Charles McNair, MD. He will be asked to give a review of his book as a program at FlyRC March 6th meeting..

Excerpt: "Soldiers of a Foreign War" presents the Vietnam War in all its conflicted complexity. It is told from the enlisted soldiers' perspective and deals with the American and Vietnamese's, North and South, all teenagers, experiences as they leave their families and enter their countries' respective armies.

The story lines follow two American infantry platoons led by sergeants Cado and Eldridge, a three-man NVA combat cell comprised of Chi, Duan and Thuy and Sp. Steve Aiken a medic in the surgical hospital. The action takes place in six months during 1969-70, in War Zone C, northwest of Saigon.

The daily misery of living and fighting in the jungle and rice paddies for these men is unimaginable. The planning, execution and aftermaths of combat operations, is presented in detail. The novel is unique in its descriptions of the wounded and their fates. Most war novels will say, "Joe got hit and was evac'd to the hospital." My book tells exactly what happened when Joe got to the hospital. The variety of destructive wounds required immediate surgeries. That was the function of the surgical hospital but the toll taken on the staff has not been told to the extent that this novel does."

OLD BUSINESS:

- NE Jamboree Ken Blau as his first social planning event for the year is organizing a bus to the event
- Resolve field mowing & equipment storage. The membership discussed field mowing for the coming year. Mike Hedrick will head a committee to schedule members who volunteer to participate. There will be two machines. Members must be trained before use, for safety reason the membership emphasized this be done by two people.
- Future meeting site. Membership voted to continue meeting at Hobby Hangout and Thanked John Gallager for his generosity to making HH available to the club.
- NMHS cancelled the scheduled visit to the 1/15/2019. Event will be rescheduled

Tabled Issues

- Update Safety Rules and By-laws and executive officer term limits
- Incorporate Intro Pilot Program into club rules with buddy box use.
- Maintain our Out Reach Program
- Re-establish Summer Club (periodic?) mtg. at the Field? How about flying demos experts with buddy boxes?
- Update our Web Site

50/50 RAFFLE: John Mish won the 50/50 1099 will be provide. He donated \$10.00 back to the club. Thank you John.

SHOW AND TELL; Bob Motta discussed his recent catch of engines.

MEETING ADJOURNED:8:15PM

SWAP Meet  Secretary