



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



MEETING AGENDA SOUTHBURY FIELD, OCT 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 7:30pm with 19 members present. Meeting was conducted using Zoom.

ANY NEW MEMBERS OR GUESTS PRESENT: None present

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Minutes from last meeting (March 2020) were approved without comment

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, NEW MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

- Covid 19 curtailed our planned field events, but overall the field was well used and lots of folks took the opportunity to be outside and fly.
- We had a productive and safe flying season
- In April, we were awarded our first AMA Field Improvement Grant for \$393.
- Ron would like to have an outside swap meet at Southbury Field. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Ron
- ANY UPCOMING HOBBY EVENTS? None discussed.

TREASUERS REPORT: Jay Wiener

- Financial Report. Our overall financial picture is solid. We will have a cash reserve in the bank after this year's bills and rent are paid.
- Proposed balanced 2021 Budget was presented based on 50 members with dues remaining the same at \$175. Proposed 2021 Budget was approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP...Bob Motta

- Membership Report...Overall our membership is holding firm at about 60 members. We lose a few each year, but make it up with a few new members. Currently we have 61 members, with possibility of 2 new members waiting in the wings.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- Field has been in Great Shape all season. It has been mowed, rolled, striped, trimmed and moles are under control. Recently there has been some minor field damage by skunks.
- GREAT JOB BY ALL THAT PITCHED IN, especially Mike, Bob, Will and all the mowers, especially the folks that mowed multiple times....JOB WELL DONE!!
- I'd like to have a mini Fall Field Day in the next several weeks to clean out the old shed, fertilize and lime the field. Date will be announced shortly.
- The solar charging station has a problem with a blown fuse. Jay said he would fix the problem. It was stated that the station has a maximum 30amp charge rate and no more than one 6 cell lipo should be charge at a time, but it depends on the personal charger being used. It is recommended that users should check the charge rate on their units and not to exceed 30 amps input to the charger.

SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules

- Rich urged all members to maintain social distance of 6 ft. and if closer to wear masks. Members are reminded to arm electric planes in the flying box or on a stand adjacent to the box not in the assembly area.
- Overall, it's been a safe flying season, keep it up!

OLD BUSINESS:

- FAA knowledge and safety test....no update available
- FAA proposed new remote identification requirement...FAA still reviewing the 50,000+ public comments submitted, they have also issued a license to Amazon to use drones.

- All members are reminded to check that their FAA registration is up to date. Bill will send out a reminder with FAA renewal link.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have been invited to make a presentation to New Canaan Men's Club on May 14, 2021 similar to the presentation we made at Ridgefield men's club last year. We'll need a few volunteers to help out.
- Discussed 2021 Officer slate
 - Current officers are willing to serve 1 more year
 - ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE, SHOULD PLEASE STEP FORWARD.
 - Bill will send an email inviting any interested party to participate.
 - Election will be conducted at our Nov meeting.
- Discussed purchasing a new mower. Bill presented the case to purchase a new mower. Ron and Bill visited several local dealers and Bill presented (Ron was unable to attend meeting because of a previous engagement) their findings. Funding was also discussed and shown how the purchase would not result in any dues increase or additional assessment. Models and pricing were presented to the members which was followed by an active discuss. Overall, the membership appeared in favor of purchasing a new mower. Issues that need to be resolved before purchase are as follows:
- Theft: Some means of protection should be put into place before storing an expensive machine in the shed.
- Warranty: The residential multi year warranty can only be granted to a single person not the club. What happens if that person is no longer a member?
- Membership approval: The entire club should be notified of the pending purchase to discover if there are any dissenting opinions or concerns. It was agreed that the club will determine at next month's meeting how to move forward.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Update our Website....Not discussed

- Maintain our Out Reach Program....Hopefully our program will resume next season, depending on the corona virus.

50/50 RAFFLE: None

SHOW AND TELL: None

Note: This was the first Club meeting conducted on Zoom. Feedback from participants has very positive. Overall it was a success.

MEETING ADJOURNED: approx. 9pm

Respectfully submitted, Roger Hornecker (acting Secretary) & Bill Josiger