



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



ZOOM MEETING MINUTES April 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7PM 20 members present

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL REVIEWED

ANY NEW MEMBERS OR GUESTS PRESENT? Welcome Mike Cortez.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mike Samsen is recovering well from open heart surgery on March 8
- Our Swap Meet is June 10, rain date June 11. Will be added to FLYRC website and AMA magazine, Flyers emailed to local clubs.
- Principle of Flight Presentation & Outreach. Ron requesting volunteers.
 - Burham School...Early May, weather dependent
 - Gainfield School...May 23, rain date 24
 - Gainfield School...May 30, rain date 31
 - Booth School.... possible mid-May or Fall
 - Ron is working on others, TBD
 - CAPC Field Day.... July 22, rain date 23.

MEMBERSHIP...Bob Motta

- Membership Report
- **66** members paid, including **2** new members. **4** past members remain unpaid with no statement of intentions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Blau

- Financial Report
- New Member Dues. The executive committee voted to keep new member dues at \$150.
- Ken to pursue either 501C3 or 501C7 tax exempt status. The cost will be \$275 to apply.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- The FLYRC Lumber Jacks have been hard at work clearing the west end.
 - Great job by all that helped, particularly, Nino & Will who can't stop. The cut trees are even placed in nice piles.
 - The trees that remain are a buffer between us and Comsat and **should not be cut down.**
- The field is in great shape and has been rolled and striped. The Goose poop has resolved itself.
- Spring Field Day is April 21 & 22, weather dependent
 - Normal field work, road rut repairs, shed cleanout and stain/replace the assembly tabletops.
 - When do we want to disassemble the winter enclosure???? TBD by Glenn and Gary.

SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules

- Safety Report. No incidents reported.
- Review AMA Safety Code
- Night flying is to be with electric power only. Rich suggested to keep close.
- Question about allowing small turbines at FLYRC field raised by Nino. He will gather info and present it to the Executive Committee for consideration. Currently, our rules do not allow turbines.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We should hear the results of the AMA Field Improvement Grant request in a few weeks. If approved, we could receive a max of about \$900 grant.
- We have not heard back yet on our FAA FRIA application.
- Gary.....Discuss remote ID modules.
- Recommended Field Improvements
 - Noel has uprated the high output connectors on the charging panel. The panel is performing better, but still has occasional overheating and lower voltage issues. All internal wiring needs to be upgraded to meet the new higher current demands from charging larger batteries simultaneously. In addition, the batteries are nearing the end of life, and most likely will need to be replaced. Will defer final decision until panel wiring is upgraded. Considering this is our last regular meeting before the flying season, members approved \$600 for new batteries if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Power Roller Repair was discussed and membership approved \$1,000 for repairs.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- We have received the new Field Memorial Plaque which will be mounted at the field later this spring.

SHOW AND TELL:

- CA glue does go bad.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20pm

Submitted by Roger Hornecker 4/11/23