



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, March 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06PM, 12 MEMBERS PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL REVIEWED

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter enclosure and new solar charging panels are working Great!!!
- Make sure heater is off before leaving the field, latch doors.
- Bob Motta.... upcoming events/swap meets: Lebanon PA 3/11, Hamburg PA 3/25
- Our Swap Meet is June 10, rain date June 11.
- Mike Samsen's upcoming surgery on March 8
- Bill reported that Danbury Hobby located in Newtown is ordering 10 cases of glow fuel and encouraged members to support the shop.

MEMBERSHIP...Bob Motta

- Membership Report
- 63 members paid, 2 are not renewing. Of the 6-remaining unpaid, I expect 3 will not rejoin because of personal/health reason

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed by Bill Josiger.

- Financial Report
- 2022 State & Federal tax return files and Ct paid \$250

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- The FLYRC Lumber Jacks have been hard at work clearing the west end.
 - Great job by Nino, Alex, Gary, John & Will
 - The trees that remain are a buffer between us and Comsat and **should not be cut down.**
- Field is in great shape, no issues other than Goose Poop....BE CAREFUL OF THE MUDDY PARKING LOT.
- Goose Poop, after much discussion about ways to discourage geese from the flying field it was determined to wait and see if the problems diminish as it has in past years.

SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules

- Safety Report: No incidents reported, please review club rules prior to spring flying.
- Discuss allowed flying perimeter and stay away from far trees on west end. We don't want to have an issue with the eagle watchers.
- Ron mentioned possible new AMA rule concerning night flying. Bill has asked Rich Margules to review and report back.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We should hear the results of the AMA Field Improvement Grant request mid-April. If approved, we could receive a max of about \$900 grant.
- We have not heard back yet on our FAA FRIA application.
- Does anyone have any info on remote ID modules? Not much activity in US some European interest.
- Recommended Field Improvements
 - Batteries are weak but still meet our current needs and will need to be replaced in the near future. We are trying to exchange the existing batteries for newer ones.

- UPDATE on possible new camera system.... Noel to discuss. Cost of system approximately \$750 plus a monthly charge of \$30. Bill suggested an alternate less expensive method. Members voted to shelve camera system and pursue the alternate method. Possibly revisit camera idea in the future as new technology develops.
- Gary mentioned that the field needs to be rolled. Currently Bob's machine is out of commission. Bill will contact Bob and discuss if the club can help with repair cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Committee recommends we apply for club tax exempt status.... Ken to present. We can avoid paying the \$250/yr. state tax if we apply for tax exempt status. Cost of applying approximately \$600. Bill, Ron, and Ken to discuss whether to apply for 501C7 or 501C3. Members voted for this group to proceed.

- Not too early to starting scheduling this season's events, swap meet, STEM program, CAPC etc.
 - Spring Field Day & BBQ.... April 22/23, weather dependent
 - Swap Meet, June 10/11, discussion about making this a larger event. Possibly setting up simulators etc. TBD
 - Ron to discuss School Program. Ron has approached many local schools and Boy Scout groups and there is great interest. Bill is concerned about resources in the club to cover the events.
 - Pat has proposed July 15 and rain date of July 22 for hosting the Danbury CAP.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Field memorial plaque. No report.

SHOW AND TELL:

Anyone had experience with CA going bad.... doesn't glue? Members suggested that CA glues will lose adherence over time. Suggestion is to store CA in refrigerator.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Thankfully at 8:40

Submitted by Roger Hornecker Mar 3, 2023

