



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, Oct 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

ZOOM MEETING protocol was quickly reviewed.

ANY NEW MEMBERS OR GUESTS PRESENT: New members Bill Schroll & Shre Thammana were introduced and welcomed. 20 members present

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved with no comment

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, UPCOMING EVENT

- We had a very special Memorial Cub Day in honor of Larry. His daughter and her husband attended. She was presented a framed picture of Larry with his favorite plane, a Cub. A special fly by was led by Bob Milanese, closely followed by Chris and Nino. Bob's plane dropped some ashes and flower peddles. It was a very special day. Special thanks to Bob for organizing the event.
- Vinnie also recently lost his mom. We held a moment of silence for her, Larry, Paul and all our other friends had are no longer with us.
- We had a great year. Successful Joint Club Swap meet, AMA Field Grant, Gold Leader Club Recognition, FRIA Approval, 5 Principle of Flight Presentations & Successful CAPC Field Day with 2 newspaper articles, one front page
- Rescheduled our Oktoberfest, Fun Fly Club Recognition BBQ with AMA VP joining us for last weekend in Oct (Oct28).
- Will's presented his 6 year B29 project at Warbirds over Ellington event. It was a big hit and the talk of the day. Nino send out the video interview, which you need to watch.

- Bill Schrull has volunteered to do the updates on our website
- For the near future, plan to continue monthly club meetings via Zoom
- Principle of Flight Presentation.
 - Bradley School....Thursday Oct 6
 - Booth School...mid to late Oct

MEMBERSHIP...Bob Motta

- Membership Report, 73 paid members and 2 junior members

SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules

- Safety Report...Good year, no accidents. Remember not to aim your electric planes on the covered assemble tables, they should be aimed in the flight box pointed at the field. Also, when test running the engine, don't stand in front of the propeller. For your own safety, stand behind the plane.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- The FLYRC Lumber Jacks completed clearing the trees on the west side approach.
Great Job!
- We had a very successful spring field day, the field is in great shape and has been maintained all summer.
- Two buckets of mole scam have been applied. We need to apply the fall fertilizer and last bucket of mole repellent, if needed.
- We've expanded the bulletin board adjacent to the solar charging station so we have room to hang our plaques
- Enclosure roof is leaking and needs attention, which will be addressed under new business.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Blau

- Financial Report. The financial report was presented & approved along with the proposed 2024 budget, which was accepted with one minor change, which was made on the spot.

- Also the 2024 dues were set, same as last year, \$175 with \$25 discount for paying by Feb 29, 2024. \$150 for new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The roller transmission was successfully repaired and working well. THANK YOU TO BOB!
- The solar charging panel is performing much better, but I'd still like to upgrade all the internal wiring so it can carry additional load. This will be particularly useful after we install the commercial solar array donated by Glen's son.
- Support for Principle of Flight Program.....Ron discussed the difficulty we are having getting FLYRC volunteers to support the increased demand for the program. After considerable discussion we agreed the limit it to 2 fall and 2 to 3 spring presentations and solicit more participation via email. Goal is to make a list of members that would be willing to participate, then adjust the number of presentations to match the resources. Another option is to solicit support from other nearby Clubs. Bill Schrull & Shinichi volunteered to help.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Glen presented a proposal to replace the roofs on the lean-to, assembly and picnic table area. Also the back wall of the lean-to (where the banner is hung) is rotten and needs to be replaced. We would also like to modify the winter enclosure to use more Plexiglas and less plastic wrap. After some good discussion, we approved up to \$5,000 for the described work.
- Nino reported he reactivated FLYRC Facebook and encouraged us to use it. There was considerable discuss about the security and control of the content. Bill Schrull helped address the concerns and Nino agreed to monitor the content to ensure nothing inappropriate remains on the site.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS...None

SHOW AND TELL...None

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned about 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Josiger, in Roger's absence.