



Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, Feb 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm 31 members present

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved with the correction that Pat is working on a B17 not a B42!

COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bill regretfully informed the club of the passing of long-time member Jim McGee and led the club in a moment of remembrance.
- Bob Motta reported on upcoming swap meets at Hillsboro, NJ on Feb 8, Lebanon, PA on Mar 8, and Leesboro, PA on Mar 26.
- Ron Faanes provided an update on the Principle of Flight program. He has submitted a grant request to Boehringer Ingelheim. He is trying to get Woodbury hobby to participate in a potential program at Mitchell Elementary. Tim Nunes has donated 100 gliders which are on order. The club discussed the number of programs that we are capable of running. Bill suggested that we limit the number to 2-3 and that we participate in the "Southbury Day" event as a way to promote our club. He noted that we are already committed to CAP and no other clubs are doing as many outreach programs as FLYRC. Joe volunteered to contact Manny to ask him if he could produce a professional video that could be shown at various public events. Ron asked for more volunteers for the Principle's of Flight as this is a very worthwhile program for our club.
- Annual June Swap set for Sat June 7, rain date Sunday June 8, volunteers are needed and should contact Bill if interested.

- Membership: Ken informed the club that we will be losing 13 members and 4 junior members. The club currently has 60 paid members. There was a lengthy discussion on why the members have left and it was determined that in all cases it was for personal reasons and did not have anything to do with how the club functions.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

- Bill reminded the members to be careful of mud after the snow melts and to exercise care with the propane heater making sure to unlock all doors before lighting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Blau

- Ken provided a thorough accounting and suggested we may have to look at some discretionary spending budget items with our current member count.
- Overall, the club is in a very good financial position.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming meeting with ComSat. Bill has contacted Comsat management and is in the process of setting up a visit in mid -February.
- Ron suggested that FLYRC Participate in spring "Give Local" program as there is no cost involved, and it would give us some local publicity and potential income.
- AMA
 - Club Charter renewal submitted.
 - Gold Leader Club renewal submitted and approved.
 - AMA overall membership update. Bill & Ron participated in a AMA Membership Drive & Retention zoom call and learned that membership is down significantly from a high of 20 years ago. More to come on this in the near future.
- OPEN DISCUSSION: Bill would like to have more club events during the flying season and asked for suggestions. Several members brought up a "Family Day" and "Fun Fly events. Bill has asked Joe Giacone to put together a schedule of events.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS: The field will be closed to members over the Memorial Day weekend as the owner of Mitchell farm asked to use the field for his daughter's wedding.

SHOW AND TELL: Pat requested information as to what to coat tissue covering. It was suggested that a water-based acrylic like Minwax does a good job. Dulux also makes a product specifically for tissue and it is available at Tower Hobby.

Glenn showed his "Assassin" production facility.

Kerry let us know he broke his shoulder while skiing and is now finished for the remainder of the skiing season but hopefully be good to go for flying season.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30pm

Submitted by Roger Hornecker 2/7/2025