



## Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers



### ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, Oct 1, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:14pm 26 members present**

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS: CORRESPONDENCE, UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Bill gave a thorough review of the club's events and overall activity since the last meeting. The club's membership remains stable, and our current dues cover operating expenses. The club has a strong community outreach program led by Ron Fannes "Principle of Flight" programs. We continue to host the Danbury CAP cadets, and this year had a successful Danbury Head Start group at the field. Joe Giacone and John Hromoho presented several picnic lunch events along with Bob Deming's famous soup that were a great success and well attended. Our field remains in great shape and Bill extended thanks to all the volunteers that work on the field maintenance. The club completed another successful swap meet at Pettibone school and was able to donate several hundred dollars to Southbury Ambulance. We received a great write-up in the AMA publication as well as local news outlets. Unfortunately, we have had several plane crashes outside of our usual flight area and Bill asks the club to look for ways to mitigate these events. In addition, one member had a run in with an electric plane prop that required an ER visit. Due to this event the club has instituted some additional guidelines. These include restraining all planes while starting and only arming electrics on the starting tables while they are restrained. Also flying fast low passes on the far side of the field.
- Bob Motta informed the club of several swap meets in the coming months.

- Ron Faanes....Principle of Flight update. Ron continues to lead this very successful program. He has expanded the event with mini drones, kites, boomerangs, and rc cars. He has discovered that additional insurance may be needed in some cases, and he will contact the AMA for assistance. Unfortunately, there are still volunteers needed to man this worthy endeavor and Ron has asked those interested to contact him directly.
- Oktoberfest will be held at the field on October 25 with another wonderful lunch.

#### **MEMBERSHIP...Bob Motta**

- Membership Report 64 full time and 5 junior members.

#### **SOUND AND SAFETY: Rich Margules**

- Safety Report Rich reviewed several of the new rules mentioned above including fast low passes only on the far side of the runway. Assassin combat on the far side of runway and out marked by cones. No planes to be retrieved until all planes have landed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Blau**

- 2025/26 Proposed Budget. Ken gave a very thorough review of last year's expenses and the 2026 proposed budget. The 26 members present voted unanimously to accept the budget, but we need a 50% quorum so an email vote will be sent out to members.

#### **FIELD MAINTENANCE**

- Field update. Bill informed the members that there are fertilizer bags in the shed and that it should be applied in the morning to ensure full coverage.
- Cull the chairs? A discussion about the quantity of chairs at the field. It was decided by the members present that the white plastic chairs were unsafe and will be discarded or recycled.
- Solar charging station upgrade. The new solar charging regulator was damaged by a lightning strike, so a new device was purchased. Glenn and his son Ian have graciously volunteered to replace the regulator and hook up the additional batteries when time permits.

- Assemble Warming Hut. Glenn confirmed that the winter structure will be reassembled when the weather gets cold enough.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ron: Update Results of "Give Local" program. Ron informed the members that the club made \$660 in last year's program and that he will again lead the charge this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2026 Club Officers. Bill informed the club that he will be retiring as president after 7 years in that position as well as leading the field maintenance effort for 10 yrs. He stated it was a privilege to complete his efforts for the club. All of the members present acknowledged the club's progress and success during his terms. He has asked for members to step up and fill this needed position. If interested contact Bill directly.

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:** Bob Deming mentioned the poor state of our porta potty during the last lunch event. He will contact Chatfield hardware to determine the maintenance schedule.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:32 pm**