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NCRCC Flyer

NEXT (November)

MEETING:

Is "Virtual" by telephone, smart phone, computer

- Continued Safety
- Continued good judgment
- No need to bring a chair! Lol.
- Good Times
- You Pick

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Prez Sez

Recent national news has been projecting that we are going to face a difficult fall and winter due to COVID-19. Positivity rates and hospitalizations are climbing nationwide and Connecticut has seen it rates double in the last few weeks. While we once were one of the very few green states, we are now orange, and that's just dangerous for all of us but especially for our many 65+ year old members. My most important responsibility to NCRCC is to act in the best interests of our members.



Bob Laflamme
NCRCC President

Thursday November 12, 2020 NCRCC Monthly Meeting

Is "virtual" by telephone, smart phone or computer. Start time 7pm.

Instructions are here on pages 4 and 5

At the recent Executive Committee meeting (held via Zoom), we discussed this extensively. Several club members have told some of us that they are uncomfortable with the situation and for their own protection, will not be attending in-person meetings through the winter.

While we have found an option for indoor meetings, the Executive Committee came to a consensus that the risks are too great.

To that end, NCRCC will use virtual meetings for its November and December general membership club meetings. This isn't ideal because we have some significant issues ahead of us to work through (club officer elections and the 2021 membership renewal drive just to name two) and, quite frankly, I prefer seeing all of your smiling faces in

person instead of through a computer monitor. We will re-assess whether we can again host in-person meetings beginning in January and report back to you. More to come on this topic.

Please continue to adhere to the special COVID-19 rules each time you visit the flying field.

In this issue of the newsletter, you'll find **Instructions to Join the Virtual Meeting**. The meeting will be on Thursday 11/12/2020 and begin at 7:00 PM. You can join the meeting using your computer, or smart phone, or your telephone.

Please plan to join the meeting at or about 6:55 PM since it will take a few minutes to connect. The number of members

joining the meeting will help to determine if we have a quorum. Members attending the meeting will be placed on mute. If you have a question or wish to make a comment during the meeting, follow the last section of the ***Instructions to Join the Virtual Meeting.***

Please call from a well-lighted quiet room to minimize background noise. Also, please use earphones/buds for better sound quality if you join us using your computer or smart phone.

If you have trouble joining the meeting please contact any member of the executive

committee.

I hope you plan to attend the meeting. I regret the imposition that COVID-19 has placed on our hobby. Nonetheless, we will get through this together.

Bob LaFlamme,
President NCRCC

NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 10/03/2020



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

Activities Director vacancy created by Irv T-'s resignation. Bob asked for and received a vote of confidence by the membership regarding Peter's selection.

Bob reported that planning is still underway to determine a cost-effective and convenient location for our cold weather club meetings. Several location options are being vetted. Also, Gov. Lamont will be setting the parameters around the COVID-19 phase 3 regulations later this month. An announcement will be made shortly.

Bob asked for a motion to approve the September general membership meeting minutes which appeared in the newsletter. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki reported that he continues to be reviewing the NCRCC instruction program. Mike also asked for members to step up and volunteer as instructors. Those interested should contact Mike.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has 194 members. Guests today included Paul Balint, Sarah Nilsson, Kent Nilsson, Frank Motalti, Craig Korsen, Darren Oldford, and Alene Lang. Two new members voted in during the September meeting were sent the brand new "new member packets of information".

Stan reported that in September we had 1,247 views (nearly 300 visitors) to the new website. Stan noted that through the new website's 'Contact Us' feature three donations of R/C items have been made and we will be auctioning a number of those items following this meeting and the proceeds will go to the club. Other donated items have been placed up for sale on RC Universe and RC Groups. We are still in need of people willing to take photos during club meetings and events so please volunteer. (A cell phone camera will suffice!)

Stan asked if any member would be willing to serve in the role of FAA interface. He thanked Irv T- for his monitoring of the activity up to this point. All aeromodellers are

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington and attended by 40 members and 7 guests.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the meeting attendees.

Bob announced that Peter Tani has agreed to step into the

More Membership Meeting Minutes – 10/03/20

aware of the FAA's on-going analysis of our hobby and NCRCC (in part because of the private ownership of our flying field) needs to be particularly sensitive and current on the many downstream issues. Please contact Stan, if interested. [John Watkins offered to be our FAA interface -pdt]

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese provided the meeting attendees with a financial report through September. He detailed recent expenses and income and reported that club accounts balance. Len noted that we had an abnormally large amount of expense incurred for necessary tractor repairs.

Len explained to the membership an accounting process he utilizes to ensure long-term solvency for the club. Through this accounting process, the Treasurer applies a financial safety net feature by setting aside a stipulated flat dollar amount so that no non-emergency club expenditures would be made beyond that threshold. Bob LaFlamme reiterated the importance of this accounting process to the club's future financial adequacy.

Len reported that the 2021 membership drive using both, a hard-copy mailer and concurrent email blast will be sent to the members in early November. He asked that members watch for these two communications.

Len noted that the portable toilet would be removed from the flying field on 10/28/2020. Furthermore, there will be a change in portable toilet vendor for the upcoming 2021 flying season. He then commented

that he was surprised to see that the trash bin was prematurely removed and that he will make contact with the vendor to have it replaced until its planned removal on 10/22/2020. Len pleaded with the membership to not use the trash bin for crashed model remains; members should bring those model remains home for disposal.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani took the opportunity to begin his tenure as Activities Director by acknowledging the incredibly great job his predecessor (Irv T-) has done for NCRCC. He noted that Irv's are VERY big shoes to fill but that he'd do his best.

Peter reported that work is underway to acknowledge those members who are aged 80 years or more.

Liaison Officer Report:

Mark Paradise announced that he has assorted club merchandise available for purchase including hats, polo shirts, bumper stickers, etc. He asked members to see him after the meeting or to contact him by visiting the club website.

Mark raffled a Horizon Hobbies Blade Heli (Mano S2).

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Bob LaFlamme reported for Art that the flying field is in great shape. Since we are approaching the end of the flying season, steps will be taken to service and store the club's

mechanical equipment.

New Members:

Mike Maznicki asked prospective new member Darren Oldford to introduce himself to the membership present.

Mike then presented Sarah Nilsson, Paul Balint, and Frank Montalti for membership votes. The membership present unanimously approved all three for membership.

Old Business:

Stan Kulesa reported that work continues on the ad hoc committee reviewing and updating the NCRCC By-Laws. The committee (Joel L-, Dennis Thibodeau, Gershon T-, Mike D-, Mark Paradise, and Buddy B-, and Stan) had a lively debate during their last meeting. More to come on this topic.

Stan Kulesa noted that the by-laws require presenting a slate of candidates by November 1st and that nominations can be made from the floor no later than the November meeting. He thanked Joel L- for volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee with him. Joel L- presented the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors. At this point, there are no challengers to the slate for the Executive Committee; there are two competing slates for the Board of Directors.

The three current slates include:

- Executive Committee:

- President – Bob LaFlamme
- Vice President – Mike Maznicki
- Secretary – Stan Kulesa
- Treasurer – Len Marchese
- Activities Director – Peter Tani
- Liaison Officer – Mark Paradise
- Field Marshall/Safety Officer – Art Usher

- Board of Directors (slate #1):

- Chair – Irv Thurrott
- Member – Lloyd Burham
- Member – Dave Arzt

- Board of Directors (slate #2):

- Mike Fiorito
- Buddy Beaudoin
- Mike Doran

New Business:

A discussion took place over the club's practice of enabling overnight camping. Buddy B- made a motion that overnight camping be allowed without restriction. The motion was seconded and, during the subsequent discussion, an amendment to Buddy's initial proposal was made by Jessica H- and accepted by Buddy to form an ad hoc committee to establish guidelines for overnight camping to maximize member/guest safety and to protect the club and flying field. Much more discussion ensued. Buddy ultimately agreed to withdraw his motion and Mike F- made a new motion to temporarily allow camping as the club has permitted in the past and to create a 5-person ad hoc committee (not to include any Executive Committee members) which will present to the Executive

Committee its recommended guidelines in advance of the 2021 flying season. Based on a vote, 27 'yes' and 4 'no' votes were cast and Mike's motion was carried. Mike later reported that he would chair this ad hoc committee and the other four members will include: Buddy B-, Larry C-, Sal R-, and Joel L-.

Stan Kulesa reminded the members that we will have an auction of assorted R/C merchandise immediately following the meeting. He encouraged meeting attendees to examine the items being auctioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

Instructions to Join the Virtual Meeting

To Use Your **Computer** to Log in to the Meeting with Video and Audio:

1. Click on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84378704091?pwd=c3Y3Z3owaVdMZUN3RWE5bVI4NGNDUT09>
(If you have not previously used Zoom, you may be asked to download it)
2. Click on the blue-colored **"Join a Meeting"** button
3. Enter the meeting ID, if requested: **843 7870 4091**
4. Enter your first and last name as the display name so we can take attendance
5. Do not click on the "audio" or "video" buttons; click on the **"Join"** button

To Use Your **Smart Phone** to Log in to the Meeting with Video and Audio:

1. Download the Zoom app to your smart phone by either searching for it in your App Store or by clicking on this link <https://zoom.us/download> and scrolling to **"Zoom Mobile Apps"**
2. When you hear the prompt, enter the meeting ID: **843 7870 4091**, followed by **"#"**
3. When prompted for the participant ID, enter **"#"**
4. When prompted for the password, enter **Ry6hL9**, followed by **"#"**

To Use Your Telephone (cell or regular) to Call in to the Meeting with Audio Only:

1. Dial **(929) 436-2866**
2. When you hear the prompt, enter the meeting ID: **843 7870 4091**, followed by “#”
3. When prompted for the participant ID, enter “#”
4. When prompted for the password, enter **045063**, followed by “#”

If You Have a Question or Want to Make a Comment:

If you used your computer/smart phone to log in:

1. Click on the “**Participants**” button at the bottom of the screen
2. Click on the “**Raise Your Hand**” button on the bottom right
3. You will eventually be un-muted; after you speak click on “**Lower Your Hand**” or click on the “**Chat**” button at the bottom of the screen and type in your question/comment

If you used your phone to call in:

1. When there is a pause for questions, unmute yourself by clicking on the little microphone and offer your question/comment
2. Please be patient as we will try to get to everyone

Activities Director's Report – November, 2020



Peter Tani
Activities Director

Hello all

I write as our current activities director. NCRCC has traditionally been and for as long as I can remember, NCRCC in general, is an “activities based” club. In 2019 we had eight events spread out over nine days lasting from May to October, 2019. In 2020 obviously things were different.

For example, in 2020 we did not even publish an annual “events” calendar. This represents a major departure from NCRCC’s business as usual. Similar challenges have had very clear parallels in our nation as a whole.

With my enjoyment of local pylon racing through the years I have had contact with clubs that have also hosted races.

While our situation is not the best, by my measure we have fared very well overall and hope we never all forget that the nature of our current “struggles” are quite far removed from the struggles experienced by many of our neighboring clubs.

Alas, and my first thought is that it is never a good thing to get greedy.

Thank you Irv. Thank you for your great work. Thanks for your continued support and guidance in my new found position. As before, yours are some very big shoes to fill. Oddly, as acting activities director given this day and age it is almost an easy one to start. I hope I am able to keep up similar quality as time goes on. After careful and great work finding (actual and viable) alternatives, myself and my now executive committee peers have elected to hold both our November and December general club meetings “virtually”. As such; There will be no in-person December holiday meeting. I believe this is the right choice overall and comes from an

abundance of caution. Happy holidays to all in advance.

We presently have 18 folks in our NCRCC ranks that are over 80 years of age. Alan T- and Charley M- vie for eldest. Irv T- and Joel L- also vie for youngest of our group and both now only in their early

80's. Bob S-, Stan B- Wayne G- and Don S- vie for 7th through 10th the middle. Gersh T-, John P- and Guy B- fill out the lower third a position familiar to me for things racing. I count at least four over 80 from other groups now new to NCRCC, and welcome. I recommend that all membership honor and support these individuals and all those in

between, and especially during these rare and uncertain times.

Peter Tani
NCRCC Activities Director

November 2020 Field Supervisors Report:



Art Usher

NCRCC Field Supervisor

The outdoor flying season is coming to an end, but I

would like to remind all members that we fly small electric aircraft in the East Windsor dome on Fridays from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. The fee is \$10.00 for the two hours. So if you want to keep your skills sharp come and join us.

The startup date should be on the website, usually 2nd or 3rd week of November. The last time I was at the field was about 10/25/20 and as usual it was still in great shape. I will not be out there for a few

weeks due to hip replacement surgery scheduled for 10/28/20. I will be able to drive between 5 and 10 days after surgery, so I will be out there checking on things. See you all soon.

Art

[Art: Was great to see you at the east windsor dome. Today!

Just plain fun. -pdt]

November 2020 Public Liaison Officers Report



Mark Paradise

Public Liaison Officer

Dear NCRCC Members,

Welcome to winter! I think it is nearly here as I have by now buttoned up my beehives for the cold weather. Since we are not meeting physically as a club, there will be no raffle for at least the next couple of months. I wish to thank all of you in the

past that helped to support our raffles (when we were able to meet) this past year.

Also, one important thing that I'd like to add is that following the end of my term this year, I will be stepping down as NCRCC Liaison Officer. It has

been a lot of fun and I've enjoyed the position very much. I hope that one of our members decides to step up and fill the position as soon as possible, so that in the event that actual meetings begin again sometime (hopefully) this winter, the raffle and other assorted duties of the position can be fulfilled.

Thank you all for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Paradise

Looking towards future:



Up for future auction is an E-flite BNF UMX P3 Revolution with advanced micro 3D aerobatics, for aggressive 3D performance. Its color scheme and detailing is a licensed Skip Stewart trim scheme. The wingspan is 16" and length is 15.8".

From the Treasurer:



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

Well we are in the final two months of the flying year and our financial responsibilities. Our payments to the portable unit and dumpster vendors have been paid. So, expenditures for the remaining year should be minimal and hopefully no surprises.

The 2021 membership campaign is also well underway. As mentioned during the October outdoor club meeting, all members

will receive a mailed renewal package along with an email membership renewal, if you have a valid email with NCRCC. Your early 2021 renewal commitment is most important to NCRCC and the 2021 operating budget. If you have not received any of the NCRCC renewal packages please contact me either by email at

Lpmarchese@yahoo.com

or 860-930-2980.

During the October outdoor club meeting, I presented the financial report for the month of September 2020. I may have surprised a few attendees with a process that was adapted back in 2015. Before my presentation I mentioned a method that the Executive Committee put into place, a financial safety net feature by setting aside a stipulated flat dollar amount so that no non-emergency club expenditures would be made beyond that threshold. This year 2020 we were extremely cautious of "Capitol" expenses due to CORVID19, field safety, health restrictions and the unfortunate eliminating of club

sanctioned events. Hopefully, we may see some light at the end of the tunnel for 2021 for spectator events that support a vast majority of our capital improvements. I would support any creative financial funding for future projects that would benefit, the field, NCRCC, and all members. Just present your thoughts to the Executive Committee in writing and we will review all avenues.

Hope to see most of the membership at the upcoming NCRCC virtual Zoom meeting.

See you at the Zoom meeting,

Len Marchese,

NCRCC Treasurer

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