

December  
2020

# NCRCC Flyer

## **NEXT (December)**

### **MEETING:**

Is "Virtual" by telephone, smart phone, computer

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

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The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held via Zoom technology and attended by 23 members and 2 guests.

### **President's Report:**

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the meeting attendees.

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

### **Vice President's Report:**

Mike Maznicki lamented that 2020 has been a tough year on NCRCC. He



**Stan Kulesa**  
**NCRCC Secretary**

**Thursday December 10, 2020 NCRCC**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
Is **"virtual"** by telephone, smart phone or computer. **Start time 7pm.**  
**Instructions are here on pages 4 and 5**

## **NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 11/12/2020**

misses the comradery, enjoying meals among the members, not having to be socially distanced, etc. Mike noted that he wants 2021 to come soon and get us past COVID-19 and back to being a great club.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has 198 members. Guests tonight included Darren Oldford and Mark Henrie. Stan reported that in October we had 1,192 views (and 310 visitors) to the new website.

Stan noted that during the October meeting there was some brief discussion concerning the adequacy of our liability insurance coverage and that led him into having a long conversation with the insurance specialist at the AMA. The good news is

that NCRCC has sufficient liability coverage under the AMA's general liability policy and that the club does not need to purchase any excess liability insurance coverage. All members are encouraged to have an umbrella policy for their own personal added insurance protection and should speak with their homeowner insurance company.

During the October meeting, Stan asked if any member would be willing to serve in the role of FAA interface. John W- has kindly volunteered to serve in this role. John authored an excellent article that was attached to the November newsletter and will be providing the membership with more

## **More Membership Meeting Minutes – 11/10/20**

detailed information when we get to the Old Business section of tonight's meeting.

Stan announced that Leo N- and his dad went to the Old Julian Airport in Liberty, NC in October to fly in a pylon racing qualifying event to compete in the F3D World Championship in Muncie, IN in 2021 (which will immediately follow the Nats). Leo earned a pilot slot as the sole Junior member to the American team and will compete in the World Championship next year. Ola N- shared some photos of the event. Leo got a round of congratulations from the meeting attendees.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Len Marchese reviewed a spreadsheet of the October financial report detailing club expenses/income with the membership. NCRCC remains in solid financial shape. Len again spoke to the membership about the financial threshold "rainy day fund" established back in 2015 to ensure the club's future financial solvency. Len noted that he hopes NCRCC will be able to return to hosting events in 2021.

Len reported that the 2021 membership drive using both, a hard-copy mailer and concurrent email blast was sent to the members around early November. After just two weeks of the campaign ~34% of the members have renewed. A final reminder will be sent to those members who've not yet renewed in mid-December.

In preparing the club's 2021 budget, Len learned and reported to the membership that the costs for both,

the dumpster and the portable toilet will significantly rise in 2021. He is in the process of negotiating terms with those vendors. Mark N- provided some information on a vendor he has used. Len noted that as of this date, the dumpster and portable toilet have been removed for the season.

In deference to COVID-19 and governmental restrictions on gatherings, Len reported that it's highly likely that our club meetings for the foreseeable future will need to be virtual. He solicited feedback from the membership regarding the club's purchase of a Zoom technology license. Len talked about how this technology can be used for general membership meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and with other member-related meetings such as planning for events. Several members raised questions concerning costs and optional technology and discussion ensued. No objections were raised.

Len then spoke with the membership regarding issues with the portable toilet and dumpster. More specifically, Len asked if members using the portable toilet had concerns with its unsteadiness and floated the possibility of placing a concrete pad underneath it for added stability. Several members offered feedback regarding the placement of the portable toilet onto an existing platform. No comments were made concerning the dumpster.

### **Activities Director Report:**

Peter Tani reported that due to COVID-19 we will be unable to host the in-person social meeting this December.

Peter described a vision he has for hosting 'show & tell' presentations during our virtual general membership meetings. He outlined that members can use their smart phones or some other recording device to either take static pictures or shoot a movie of their project. Members can then send these to Peter and he will arrange to show them at the meeting and give the presenting member an opportunity to personally describe his/her project. Members can send their pictures/movies to Peter by getting his contact information on the club website (go to the 'Members Only' tab and click on 'Contact Info for Club Officers'). [newsletter editor contact info also available page 8, left sidebar]

### **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 visit the club website. Mark reminded the membership that he still has a Horizon Hobbies model aircraft for a future club meeting raffle.

Mark announced that he will complete his current term but will not continue as Liaison Officer for 2021. He warmly thanked the membership for the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee.

### **Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:**

Art Usher reported that the field is in great condition. He plans to remove the batteries from the lawn equipment and place them on trickle chargers. Art spoke about the scope of extensive maintenance that fellow cub member Glenn Schlude has performed on the tractor over the recent past. He also talked about outstanding work he's got planned for other field equipment.

### **New Members:**

Mike Maznicki asked prospective new member Mark Henie to introduce himself to the membership present. Mark currently serves as the President of the Pioneer Valley R/C Club.

Mike then presented Darren Oldford for a membership vote. The membership present unanimously approved his NCRCC membership.

### **Old Business:**

John W- gave the membership a high-level overview of FAA-related issues our club will be facing based on its location and the potentially impending federal regulations. NCRCC currently operates in "uncontrolled airspace". He strongly encourages NCRCC to send periodic communications to neighboring airports and reminded model pilots to always yield to full-scale aircraft. His plan is to provide three additional detailed presentations on other FAA-themed topics. John noted that he is closely monitoring the Remote ID (RID) regulation that

should be published in December.

Joel L- reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. A modification to the slate from the October meeting has been made. Buddy B-, Mike D-, and Mike F- decided against running for the Board of Directors. Furthermore, Mark Paradise decided not to continue in the role of Liaison Officer beyond the end of his 2020 term. As such, the slate of candidates for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to the membership includes:

- **Executive Committee(one-year term):**
  - President – Bob LaFlamme
  - Vice President – Mike Maznicki
  - Secretary – Stan Kulesa
  - Treasurer – Len Marchese
  - Activities Director – Peter Tani
  - Liaison Officer – **vacant**
  - Field Marshall/Safety Officer – Art Usher
- **Board of Directors (two-year term):**
  - Chair – Irv Thurrott
  - Member – Lloyd Burnham
  - Member – Dave Arzt

Joel asked for any nominations to any NCRCC officer positions from the floor and he pleaded especially for a Liaison Officer nominee. There were no nominations from the floor so the 2021 slate of candidates is now finalized. The membership was reminded that the vote for the slate of candidates will take place during the January meeting. NCRCC still needs a Liaison Officer so please consider volunteering.

Stan Kulesa noted that although the by-laws call for a secret ballot for the Executive Committee vote, since there are no challengers to the 2021 slate the club can save the cost of mailing ballots to the entire membership by deciding to have a hand vote during the January meeting instead of mailing ballots. That's the way NCRCC has handled elections in its past. Stan made a motion to suspend club rules and enable a hand vote for the election of club officers during the January meeting to replace a secret ballot being mailed. The motion was seconded and received a unanimous vote of approval.

Stan Kulesa reported that work continues on the ad hoc committee reviewing and updating the NCRCC By-Laws. The committee has made great progress in compiling recommended updates and should be ready to present its recommendations to the Executive Committee shortly. More to come on this topic.

Bob LaFlamme spoke about the new broadcast emailing tool (Sendinblue.com) the club is using to communicate with its members. Two recent examples of broadcast email messages included the "test message" sent in September and the "membership renewal reminder" sent in November to members who've provided email address information to the club. Bob showed a scorecard tool that measures the number of emails sent, the number and percentage opened, and the number of additional viewer clicks. One additional benefit was that the scorecard also identifies when

sent emails bounce back and this has led to a data clean-up project with members' email addresses listed in the club's database. Bob noted that he's pleased with how this technology can be used to communicate with our members.

#### **New Business:**

Dennis T- asked about planning for 2021 club-sponsored events. He wanted to know if he and the other event Contest Directors should submit their sanctions to the AMA. Since there are a lot of unknowns due to COVID-19, NCRCC will need to carefully monitor this situation. Len Marchese cautioned that, depending upon how the virus proceeds, we may not be able to sell food, or tee-shirts, or open events to spectators. Nonetheless, the Contest Directors will submit

AMA sanctions. If NCRCC needs to cancel events in 2021, Contest Directors will be reimbursed for the cost of the sanction. Dennis will tentatively schedule the *Warbirds over Ellington* event for 6/19-20/2021 and Joel L- will tentatively schedule *Dawn Patrol* for 7/11/2021. Joel will hold off on scheduling the *Heli-Fest*. Buddy B- will speak with Peter Tani concerning the two-day pylon race in August.

Buddy B- wanted to discuss placing a cap on the size of the NCRCC membership. He proposed a cap of 200 members as an appropriate level with a waiting list to fill vacancies. Buddy noted that the club has discussed this topic in the past and with multiple area clubs losing their flying fields, Buddy noted that our membership ranks have swollen over

the past few months and this is having the downstream effect of squeezing flying time for existing members. Discussion on this topic ensued ranging from a membership cap's impact on revenue for the club to the availability and congestion of members' flying time. No decision was finalized. A study on the adequacy of available flying time might be a means of addressing the concern. More to come on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

### **Instructions to Join the Virtual Meeting on 12/10/2020**

*Please plan to join the meeting at or about 6:55 PM since it will take a few minutes to connect. 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 below. If you join us using your computer or smart phone, please call from a well-lighted quiet room and use earphones/buds for better sound quality.*

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

1. Click on this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87052891822?pwd=eFRrUGcwRmVqU3dHaVVeWRElZkZUT09>  
(If you have not previously used Zoom, you may be asked to download it)
2. Click on the blue-colored "Launch Meeting" button
3. Enter the meeting ID, if requested: **870 5289 1822**
4. Enter the password, if requested: **29900**
5. Enter your first and last name as the display name so we can take attendance
6. 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: **870 5289 1822**, followed by "#"
3. When prompted for the participant ID, enter "#"
4. When prompted for the password, enter **29900**, 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: **870 5289 1822**, followed by “#”
3. When prompted for the participant ID, enter “#”
4. When prompted for the password, enter **29900**, 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**”
4. One more option: You can click on the “**Chat**” button at the bottom of the screen and type in your question/comment

If you experience problems please notify Stan Kulesa at (914) 882-7997 or [stanley\\_kulesa@yahoo.com](mailto:stanley_kulesa@yahoo.com). The space between the letters “y” and “k” is an underscore this: “\_”



**Peter Tani**  
**Activities Director**

Hello all

In November, and in most years, we might both presently and pleasantly be assessing seven or eight successful NCRCC annual events. We would also be preparing for our future and traditional December “no-business” holiday/ social gathering, general club meeting. Alas.

## **Activities Director's Report – December, 2020**

Obviously this past year has been different. Hoping this message meets all with continued health and safety.

Thank you contest directors Dennis Thibodeau and Joel Lang for placing claim to our 2021 contest calendar in a time of uncertainty and with some risk for outcome outside of the usual.

Think we have generally, and for the most part, successfully managed through a very difficult time. Believe we have all benefited from awareness campaigns, posted field-signage, prudent and cautious 2020 club-event policy, remote club meetings, and the cooperation from our general membership. We continue to offer an outdoor space for enjoyment of our hobby. This is a good thing.

No clear answers moving forward.

We will see what 2021 brings. A request to reserve the traditional first weekend in August 2021 for traditional “three-pole” pylon racing has been made from within our membership. As NCRCC activities director/ race-matrix computer operator this is a simple one. We will need a contest director, equipment manager, race-day volunteers, and contestants. In my capacity as NEPRO president and NMPRA district 6 VP, I am presently working on first getting local racers to commit to an August 2021 event. More on this later.

As of March 2020 NCRCC has 12 qualified contest directors. Please contact me or any remaining member of our executive committee if you are interested in conducting an event in 2021 given the uncertainty of

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our circumstance as I write. In addition, please contact anyone in our group if you would like to become a CD by applying for a future contest directorship.

Our December activity will be a club raffle similar to those held at past December social meetings.

Peter Tani

NCRCC Activities Director



## December 2020 Field Supervisors Report:



**Art Usher**

### NCRCC Field Supervisor

I was at the field Saturday 11/22/20, probably 6 or 7

flyers. I removed and currently am charging all batteries from all equipment.

The field is in good shape with the exception of some mole tunnels. We will address this in the spring.

Art

### NCRCC – 12/10/2020 General Membership Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Solicit motion to approve November meeting minutes as reported in the newsletter
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities Director's Report
- Liaison Officer's Report
- Field Marshall/Safety Officer's Report
- New Members
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Raffle drawing for grand prize
- Adjournment

## December 2020 Public Liaison Officers Report



Dear NCRCC Members,

As, before 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 in-person 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 And lastly:

Looking towards future:



**Mark Paradise**

**Public Liaison Officer**

## More December 2020 Public Liaison Officers Report

Up for our December raffle grand prize 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". Good for indoor too.



### From the Treasurer:



**Len Marchese**

**NCRCC Treasurer**

I would like to start my column with "Happy Holidays to All NCRCC members and their Families". Even though it was a rough year with COVID19 and along with no club events, we still have our health and a flying field that many of our NCRCC members used and continue to use during this pandemic. Cross your fingers and hopefully we will see some normalcy in 2021.

As we all know, the NCRCC club meeting for December and during the winter months, until mid-

2021, will be virtual. Our annual "Holiday" party will still go on obviously without food or beverages. I don't think Zoom can accommodate such items. However, you can appear in your favorite holiday attire.

The Executive Committee came up with the following for our attending members. We will use funds from the 2020 budget line item "Club Activities" to provide various raffle gift cards. These cards will be raffled during the meeting. Each attending member will have their name in a container. We will draw names during the meeting and the winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card. Gift cards will be from various large box stores and a few local restaurants. Gift cards will be mailed to each winning member the day after the December meeting.

We will also have a grand prize which is a UMX P3 Revolution stunt biplane. It is a bind and fly model with AS3X safety control. All winners that won gift cards, will have their names go back in the container for the grand prize drawing.

Inform your fellow NCRCC members to join the virtual December 2020 meeting, and have an enjoyable evening.

### Membership Renewal Campaign:

The membership renewal is well underway for the 2021 flying season. As of this writing we are currently just over 50% renewal rate. If you have not sent in your 2021 renewal, please do so as quickly as possible. Remember, your renewal supports 100% of the operating budget to maintain the field. With amenities increasing for 2021 we need your support, to have the same amenities as 2020. Do not forget the last day to renew and avoiding a penalty is January 15, 2021.

**See you at the meeting,**

**Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer**

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