

### 3/12/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:37 pm.

35 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The February meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

### Presidents Report

Mike Maznicki began the meeting by thanking the Garrett family for providing refreshments during our meeting break. Mike thanked Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Mike asked members in attendance if anyone has been to the field recently? Mike Fioritto responded he was there one hour before the meeting and reported that the road is in fair condition with some potholes however the field parking lot has deep ruts in the water-soaked soft soil. After our meeting break Mike asked who had hotdogs? The cocktail franks are a big hit. Mike asked for feedback on the flow of our meetings as over the last year we have made a few changes to our normal routines, speeding things up a bit. Are we happy with the meeting flow? A round of applause followed with comments of approval.

### VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin announced Scott Hasz and John (Skip) Sutcliffe submitted applications to join our club. Scott has experience with RC cars and is interested in RC helicopters seeking an instructor. Skip enjoys flying indoors at the dome and is looking to return to outdoor flying. Buddy explained we have an instructor list on our website, Bob Viering suggested speaking with Vinnie at RC Madness. Michael McCaffrey and Adelin Paris attended their second meeting and were voted in to the club as new members, welcome.

### Secretary Report

Bill Cranford explained each year an audit is performed of the club financials. This year Tom Munsell and Bob LaFlamme worked together to audit the treasurer's books. Tom Munsell reported that "everything foots to the penny". Below is a copy of Tom's letter to the executive committee after the audit was carried out.

#### **Subject: NCRCC 2025 Financial Audit**

With the help of Bob LaFlamme, the audit of the books is complete.

The records are accurate and in good order. Thanks to Len, they tie together perfectly.

We reviewed the actual club checking account ledger and deposit slips. Any event proceeds flow directly into the operations budget. In addition, we have "tied" the monthly Bank of America statements to the checking ledger and reviewed the club Certificate of Deposit. While the audit is confined to the "books" it should be noted that Len is always among the first to help in food logistics for events and the membership appreciates that, and his work with Pippin.

Respectfully,

Tom Munsell

The AMA flying site improvement grant awards will be announced in May. NCRCC applied for the maximum amount of \$3000 for the purchase of our zero turn mower. If awarded we could receive between \$100-\$3000 of course hoping for the \$3000. Our AMA leader club silver award was received. To achieve gold again we must host a charity event such as our Try-N-Fly event we had in the past. We do have volunteers to work event stations, what we are looking for is an event leader, Kevin Cyr is willing to provide a volunteer with event information if someone wants to take this on. Thank you Rick Bell our leader member for satisfying the other requirement needed for gold.

Our next meeting is Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm at the Somers Public Library, 2 Vision Blvd Somers CT.

### Treasurers Report

Len Marchese by way of zoom thanked Tom Munsell and Bob LaFlamme for their work on the 2025 club audit. Len presented the February income and expense report with roughly 20% of our yearly budget spent. There were no expenses in the month of February with an income of \$401.21. Len asked if the membership in attendance had any questions, no questions were raised.

#### Activity Director Report

Peter Tani announced the East Windsor indoor flight season continues Fridays 1-3pm. Currently April 3<sup>rd</sup> is penciled in for the end of the indoor season.

Ron Vernier and Buddy Beaudoin will host the Spring Swap May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a seller's fee of \$10. This event begins at 7am, sales begin early, and the field is open for members and guests to fly.

Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 2 days, July 11 & 12 with a landing fee of \$15 per day or \$25 for both providing a discount for the two-day commitment, food will be for sale.

Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

An August 8<sup>th</sup> potluck picnic is in the works. Like last year's NEPRO sponsored picnic, this will be a membership sponsored event promoting camaraderie with food, flying and fun.

Our annual build contest put on by Ed Post is set for the date of our May meeting. For those that enjoy building this is a fun contest to show off your skills.

Lastly, Float Fly dates for 2026 have been announced, no one is expected to memorize all these dates, you can find the dates for both Crystal Lake and Thompson Lake on our website in two locations, on the events page and the float fly page.

#### Field Supervisor Report

Bob Viering spoke of plans for spring cleanup including cleaning and painting our containers, staining plane stations, and basic property clean up. With a paint and stain quote of nearly \$1500 Bob plans to contact the Sherwin Williams sales representative asking for a discount price offering advertising in exchange. He will explain we are a non-profit club, we could hang a banner on our containers, post on our webpage or newsletter thanking Sherwin Williams for the paint provided. Bob made a motion to approve spending of up to \$2000 from the capitol field fund to purchase all required supplies to complete the staining and painting project. The motion was seconded and the membership in attendance voted to approve with no members opposed.

Safety rules were read aloud. Bob explained the location of the berm to fly forward of to new members. Follow the pattern of planes that are already in the air. Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. John Palica mentioned the need to adjust the gate open rest and suggested gate lock instructions be shared with members again. Also remind members models are not allowed under the large pavilion. All agreed the large pavilion is for people to gather and to inform others if you see this behavior at the field. Bob explained he plans to repair the gate and will repair the parking lot ruts by bringing in topsoil or millings if needed. Mike added if you are leaving the field with only a few members remaining, remind and confirm those members are comfortable with the gate lock procedure. Peter added that the procedure is on our website with photos and included in the new member packet of information.

Bob ended by sharing he has many planes from Scott Ballou's collection, if a member is interested in a model to contact him.

#### Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented the raffle prizes, a scroll saw, an electric dragon fly flying boat, also a large balsa model that Ray did not have much information on. With many tickets sold Ray drew three winners with first drawing getting first pick of the prizes. The scroll saw went first to Adelin Paris. Congratulations to the winners.

Ray mentioned NCRCC stickers can be purchased from him. Club merchandise is available through our website under the "club apparel merchandise" page, also a link is included in the meeting reminder email you receive.

### New/old Business

Kevin Cyr our most popular instructor, announced he will be unavailable for training during a few summer months. The club aerobus trainer will be in Chris Garrett's possession if another instructor wishes to use it. Those looking for training should visit our website and refer to the instructor contact list, also any good weather Saturday morning is a good time for beginners to visit the field if looking for instruction.

Peter Tani mentioned his group of NCRCC members continue to work with Western New England University Students. The fundamentals of flight course will occupy a day at our field testing flights of high speed level, high speed dive, and stall speed.

Ola Nordell spoke of his son Leo competing in Florida winning the micro class in the SAE International Aero Design program.

### Show and Tell

Rick Bell returned with his Aerospaz Striker he is building from a balsa kit, now covered with Neucover from value hobby dot com which Rick feels is a good quality covering at low cost.

John Palica showed off his turbine powered model once bought used. With solid gear, no retracts the model handles our grass runway great. Once crashed John purchased a short kit and rebuilt this model reusing only the tail. The painted finish shows the elbow grease used with a variety of sandpaper grit.

Mike McCaffrey presented a Thermic 50 he built from a 1960s kit found on Ebay. The 2 channel glider was built with weight always in mind, with 6 gram servos and rebuilding a second lighter tail section the AUW is 214 grams with 20% of the weight being the tissue covering.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary