

4/2/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:35 pm.

22 members were in attendance.

The March meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Presidents Report

Mike Maznicki began the meeting announcing the Garrett family is attending a church service, no refreshments are provided at tonight's meeting. Also, Ray Murphy, our liaison officer, is visiting family in the Carolinas so there is no raffle tonight. Because of this we will not have a meeting break, and it looks like it will be a quick meeting. Mike thanked Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor in who is in attendance. Mike spoke of a new web page added to our website. On the front page of nccc.org you can click on "our meetings" "meeting minutes" and you will find the raw meeting minutes posted.

VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin announced no new applications to join our club this month. Scott Hasz and John (Skip) Sutcliffe attended their second meeting and were voted in to the club as new members, welcome. 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.

Secretary Report

Bill Cranford explained that the AMA announces flying site improvement grant awards in May. NCRCC applied for the maximum amount of \$3000 for reimbursement of the purchase of our zero turn mower. I hope to receive notification before our next membership meeting. Our next meeting is not here at the Library. May 14th we return to our outdoor meetings one mile down Green Rd in Ellington CT at our flying field. A cookout will begin around 5pm with a meeting start at 6pm. Adding to Mike's topic of meeting minutes, the process is as follows. After the meeting minutes are prepared, I share with the executive committee for proof reading then the minutes are sent to Wayne for newsletter production. Once that is complete the raw meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website, you may see the minutes online before the newsletter is sent out on the 1st of the month.

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese by way of zoom presented the March income and expense report with roughly 20% of our yearly budget spent. Expenses in the month of March for WordPress software, PO box, and tractor oil totaling \$399.33 with an income of \$362.38 from interest earned and two new memberships. Len asked if anyone had any questions, no questions were raised.

Activity Director Report

Peter Tani announced the East Windsor indoor flight season ends April 10th. Irv Thurrott will be passing the responsibility of dome flying communications to myself. If you'd like to be added to the email list of roughly 80 people, let me know.

Ron Vernier and Buddy Beaudoin will host the Spring Swap Meet May 2nd, 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 12th.

An August potluck picnic is in the works. LT Bob Hughes spoke of grilling ¼ chickens with a friend of his. Corn on the cob is planned. Peter recommended bringing a dish to share, this will be a membership only event promoting camaraderie with food, flying and fun.

Float Fly dates for 2026 have been announced, 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 announced dates for spring cleanup. May 9th to clean and prepare surfaces to be painted. May 16th for painting our gate and shipping containers, staining plane stations, and basic property clean up. A Sherwin Williams sales representative was contacted; a discount was provided in exchange for promoting Sherwin Williams paints. The quality of paint has been upgraded still at nearly half the original price quote with %50 of the paint being donated to our club. Bob Laflamme suggested we send a thank you letter after the project is completed. John Palica plans to roll the field knocking down mole hills. Please visit the front page of our website to learn of the next mowing schedule as our volunteer mowing crew will soon be back in action. Safety rules were read aloud. Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. As has been the long standing rule planes are not allowed under the large pavilion, however this topic is under discussion. We will review club rules and report back on this topic at a later meeting. The smaller pavilion may be used to assemble models under. Asking for ideas, Rob Hebert questioned if the wood parking lot guard rail should be treated? This was treated with a spray 2 years ago and will be inspected.

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy was absent, visiting family out of state. Ray communicated to the executive committee he may double down on the raffle prizes next meeting. Visit our website for club merchandise and see Ray to purchase NCRCC stickers that he prints himself.

New/old Business

Dennis Thibodeau asked about our AED, Mike explained the AED is in Bob Viering's possession who brings it to meetings and events.

Irv Thurrott won't be taking as many photos as in the past but will continue taking requested photos. Irv spoke of planes he remembers from the past as young as 5 years old. Irv learned control line with a ring master and traveled to competitions in nearby states as young as 12 or 13. Answering LT's question, yes Irv flew with Dave Brown but Tony Binetti was the best control line pilot in his opinion, his assistant being memorable too.

Show and Tell

Rick Bell showed off his old school model works kit built Kaos with a new K&B 61 for power.

Dennis Thibodeau presented an Ebay find. Placing a low bid without expecting to win the auction, he did. The model is a Sig Cougar once owned by Lou Schwab that was listed for sale by his daughter.

Meeting adjourned 7:41 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary