

6/11/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:06 pm.

37 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

The May meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Presidents Report

Mike Maznicki thanked our cooks Rob Hebert and John Messenger, applause came from the meeting attendees. A quick survey of hotdogs and hamburgers eaten followed, with Dave Arzt the unofficial hotdog eating champion. Thank you Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Wayne puts together an excellent NCRCC Flyer every month with the minute minutes. Each issue includes local event information. Executive committee members Len and Ray are absent tonight, Len attending a grandchild's graduation, and Ray out of state in New York City. Len does a fantastic job handling NCRCC's finances and will present both May and June income and expense reports at the next meeting.

VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin announced four new applicants looking to join our club. Charles Yenian, David Matalcz, David Wyse and Josh Grimaldi attended their first meeting and introduced themselves to the membership. Justin Hallenbeck, Sean Donnelly, Stephen Jablonski, and Chuck Alessio attended their second meetings and were voted into the club, welcome. Buddy explained we have an instructor list on our website, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings are a popular time for flight instruction.

Secretary Report

Bill Cranford explained this year's AMA club starter kit that focuses on free flight gliders and rubber powered models is delayed but will be shipped from Horizon Hobby when stock is available. We will need to show these in use and provide a short write up to the AMA by November. NCRCC received an email from the Glastonbury boy scouts seeking information about launching model rockets at our field, I replied to the email and followed up calling the phone number provided leaving a message but have not heard back. Our next meeting is here at the flying field on July 9th at 6pm with food at 5pm.

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese unable to attend, will provide May and June income and expense reports at the July meeting.

Activity Director Report

Peter Tani reported on the recent Yankee Flyers of Connecticut float fly at West Thompson Lake. It was a windy day with a few white caps on the water at times. Most made one flight, a few brave or perhaps cavalier pilots got five or six flights in. Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 2 days, July 11 & 12 with a landing fee of \$15 per day or \$25 for both days providing a discount for the two-day commitment, food will be for sale. Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12. The August 8 potluck picnic will begin about 1pm but come early and fly. LT Bob Hughes is excited to grill. Corn on the cob will be donated by Lloyd Burnham. Peter recommended bringing a dish to share, this will be a member only event promoting camaraderie with food, flying and fun. Float Fly event dates for both Crystal Lake and Thompson Lake events on our website.

Ed Post thanked those that worked to make the build contest a success. Winners were provided with framed photo awards crafted by Irv Thurrott.

Bob Spooner shared the indoor flying at the sports dome will continue starting this November, Fridays usually 1-3pm. Peter can get you on an email distribution list if you'd like.

Field Supervisor Report

Bob Viering thanked the mowing crew. Mike, Neal, Carl, and Phil keep the field in excellent condition. Recently the runway and pilot station areas have become covered with grass clippings. The mow crew tries their best to aim clippings away but the springtime grass is growing thick. The remedy for this is a used cyclone rake purchased for \$200 to attach to the tractor that will allow the clippings to be bagged and dumped elsewhere. As requested by John Palica a presentation on AED use was made by Bob and Mike Maznicki. The first step is to pull the tab that is labeled "pull to start". The AED will speak instructions; there is a child mode if necessary. Garments must be removed, there is a razor to remove hair before applying color coded pads, red on the right. Do not touch the patient after the pads are applied. The AED will analyze the patient and will only shock if needed. The device is designed to call 911 when used, however 911 should be called as soon as possible from a cell phone.

Please visit the front page of our website to check the mowing schedule, be kind to our volunteers, no flying while mowing is taking place. Safety rules were read aloud. Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. Be considerate of other members who may be waiting to fly. If you would like the sky to yourself for a trim flight of a new model communicate that on the flight line. We have five flight stations that can be used at the same time with pilots flying the same pattern.

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy was out of state, Bob Viering presented two UMX sized donated planes as raffle prizes. Congratulations to the winners. Visit our website for club merchandise and see Ray to purchase NCRCC stickers that he prints himself.

New/old Business

Mike Fiorito announced a club outreach event at Plum Island on July 18th asking members to come visit or fly demonstration flights and enjoy their 1800' paved runway. No turbine powered models will be allowed that day.

FAA Update

John Watkins provided FAA information. Reports of fines, not warnings have been shared so please have your FAA registration numbers on your models and a copy of your TRUST certificate with you when flying. Be aware of any TFR (temporary flight restriction) that may be issued. The LAANC phone app can be useful to check your flight location for any restrictions. We have FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Area) status at our flying field, but using remote ID outside a FRIA is required when a model weight is more than 250 grams. Flying legally is the pilot's responsibility. If you scroll down on our website's main page you will find a link to our FAA information page explaining how to complete these tasks.

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary