

7/9/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:10 pm.

30 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The June 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. Thank you Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. The Executive Committee does not meet on the first Thursday in July, however the membership meeting still takes place for the important purpose of accepting new members. Tonight's meeting will be shorter than usual then we can get back to the joys of flying and socializing.

VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin announced two new applicants looking to join our club.

Deshion LaFave and Bill Ewers attended their first meeting and introduced themselves to the membership.

Charles Yenian, David Matalsz, David Wyse and Josh Grimaldi 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.

Reports of ticks found at the field led to the decision to have the field treated with a tick repellent that was applied the morning of July 9th.

Secretary Report

Bill Cranford explained this year's AMA club starter kit is delayed but will be shipped from Horizon Hobby when stock is available. Our next meeting is here at the flying field on August 13th at 6pm with food at 5pm. Some exciting news, our club has reached 201 members during tonight's meeting. Phil donated a set of floats designed for the Aeroscout that could be used on our club trainer. The club trainer can be flown by any of our Introductory Pilot Instructors with a member of any skill level on a buddy box radio. The instructor is responsible for the condition of the model. Buddy and I made a test flight with the Aeroscout last weekend. It is working well and currently in my possession.

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese provided both May and June income and expense reports. May had income from interest, the spring swap meet, and Gale Farms lease, with expenses of propane, food, fuel, and website hosting. June brought in money from four new members and interest from the 7-month CD. Payments were made for the porta potty, dumpster, grass catcher, food, and the food permit for the upcoming Dawn Patrol event food sales. The Ellington tax bill has not yet arrived. 31% of our yearly budget has been spent.

Activity Director Report

Peter Tani reported on upcoming events. Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 2 days this weekend, July 11th and 12th. CD Ron Vernier secured a NOTAM allowing flight altitude up to 1200'. All pre-WWI, WWI, and Golden Age aircraft are welcome. Please no cubs or sticks.

The August 8th potluck picnic will begin about 1pm but come early and fly. LT Bob Hughes will grill chicken.

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.

Dave Arzt plans to host his Crytal Lake float fly Monday August 10th, contact Dave for info. The Thompson Lake float fly is Sunday August 23rd with a \$20 landing fee, no remote ID is required. Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12th.

Field Supervisor Report

Bob Viering reminded members of the location of a fire extinguisher inside the grey safety box, if needed, use it. During events we have larger extinguishers out on the flight line. Please shut down your model near the flightline, do not taxi back to the pit area towards people in case of a runaway. Don't forget to thank our mowing crew. Mike, Neal, Carl, and Phil keep the field in excellent condition. Visit the front page of our website to learn of the next scheduled mowing time. Safety rules were read aloud. Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety.

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented two raffle prizes, an EDF vampire jet and a balsa-built glider. Congratulations to the winners Ron Vernier and Dave Wyze. 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 helicopter or turbine powered models will be allowed that day.

Meeting adjourned 6:46 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary