

8/13/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:02 pm.

34 members and 6 guests were in attendance.

The July 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. Vice President Buddy is not here tonight. He is with the turbine jet crowd so I will be handling the new membership responsibilities. We have four new applicants to our club tonight. Krithik Ganapararapu, Benjamin Chicoine, Thomas Johnson, and Jose Villanueva introduced themselves to the club and spoke of their remote-control experience. Bill Ewers attended his second meeting and was voted in as a new club member, welcome aboard.

VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin absent

Secretary Report

Bill Cranford announced this year's AMA club starter kit has arrived. This year we received balsa rubber powered models, I contacted the Ellington scouts, troop 96, offering these kits to them to build and visit our field to fly when complete. The scout leaders will meet this coming Wednesday and will discuss and report back. The nominating committee forms in September each year, this year elections will be held for both executive committee and board of director positions. Tom Munsell handles the tasks of the nominating committee and is looking for an assistant, if interested please contact Tom or myself. Our next meeting is here at the flying field on September 10th at 6pm with food at 5pm.

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese provided July income and expense reports. July had income from interest, and four new memberships. CD Ron Vernier's Dawn Patrol event brought in a total of more than \$1200 through landing fees, as well as food and T-shirt sales. Expenses for the month of July included food, tick treatment, stamps, Pippin Industries and the Ellington tax bill which went down. The assessment went up but the mill rate went down lowering our tax bill. 50% of our yearly budget has been spent.

Activity Director Report

Peter Tani reported on our most recent event, Dawn Patrol, explaining CD Ron Vernier is on vacation and not able to be at tonight's meeting. Our August potluck picnic was a great event thanks to LT Bob Hughes and Lloyd Burnham that donated much of the food. Thank you to others that brought sides to share. Bob spoke of enjoying cooking chicken and sausage with his friend for the club. We had a great turnout with lots of fun flying with friends.

The Thompson Lake float fly is on Sunday August 23rd with a \$20 landing fee, no remote ID is required. Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12th with a rain date of the 13th. Dave Arzt plans to host his Crytal Lake float fly Tuesday September 15th, contact Dave for info. Our Tailgate swap meet will be October 10th.

Field Supervisor Report

Bob Viering announced a grill has been donated and is currently locked to the front of our trailer. This grill donated by Bill Cranford is available to all members, bring your own propane tank and please keep it clean. Often Wednesday evenings a small group gets together to fly and eat dinner. Alan Crawford has offered to

build and donate a solar charging station to be placed in the small pavilion area. Alan spoke of his experience building a charging station for the Hadley field but plans to build a larger system and is looking for helpers. Bob announced our AED has a hiding spot that will be listed in the members only section of our website for security purposes. This is an expensive item, give some thought to if we would replace this item if something happened to it. A question was raised about insurance, Mike explained since we are well off the beaten path the insurance cost would be too high. Our club has had a few episodes of vandalism in the past with damage costs much less than an insurance policy would be. Mike answered a second question explaining 911 is 7 minutes away. Bob continued thanking our mowing crew, these guys keep our field looking great. Applause sounded for Mike, Neal, Carl, and Phil. 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 a UMX EDF viper jet with battery. Congratulations to the popular winner, Pheonix Guidone. Visit our website for club merchandise and see Ray to purchase NCRCC stickers that he prints himself.

New/old Business

The idea of motion lights and cameras at the field was brought up. Bob Viering explained this has been discussed a few times with the project being voted down, this may change if we have a solar system to tie into for power. You can share your thoughts with Bob by email, which can be found on the website.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary