

Tuscarora R/C Flying Club

Meeting Minutes

10-3-22

I. Call to order

Ed called to order the regular meeting of the Tuscarora R/C Flying Club at 7:00 pm on October 3rd 2022, at the Tuscarora State Park Office.

II. Roll call

Ed led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

There were **9** members, and **3** officers present, Kyle Snyder had personal obligations.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Ed Pollack reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. **Randy Grube** made a motion to accept the minutes as read, **Scott Shadle** seconded the motion.

Scott White read the treasures report, the report was approved as read. **Sam Miller** made a motion to accept the report as read, **Dave Kessler** seconded the motion.

IV. Old Business

Aerorama – Topics of discussion from the 2022 event were many:

- Discussed field sign replacement/repared
- Required public signs
- Field maintenance
- Lottery procedures
- Addition of an R/C car and/or truck course feasibility was tabled until October's meeting
- Potential dues increase for non-active members was also tabled until the October meeting
- Club picnic/Trick or treat night was also tabled pending upon park manager's approval.

V. New business

Park Manager- Ed received an email from Nick Sulzer, the park manager, stating he accepted another position within the bureau and will be leaving the Tuscarora State Park in the immediate future.

New Park Ranger- Ed was introduced to a new park ranger-in-training. From a brief conversation, he may be an asset to the club.

Signs- The park officials acknowledged there is nothing at the field indicating the club is operating on DCNR property and all DCNR rules apply. Ed spoke, at length, with park officials on how best to incorporate the rules onto the field. Several ideas came about but all got tabled until the next park manager is in place.

Signs cont'd: Following the conversations with the head of security, it was decided to temporarily post the park rules on the cork bulletin board at the field to prevent any confusion in the future and until a permanent location and content is in place.

Guide Rails: It remains unclear on the legal status on the guide rails adjacent to the field bordering Foothill St. this is on the agenda for the new park manager to establish a definitive ruling on the responsibilities of their maintenance.

Lottery – It was voted on and unanimously approved to continue with the lottery. **Scott White** noted, although it is little income it should continue. **Jim Dunn** also echoed that by stating a little is better than nothing since it is our only viable source of income. This topic led to a discussion for other sources of income.

Ed brought up the topic of lack-luster sales of the lottery calendar tickets and the attempt we made several years ago when some tickets were mailed to all members. That mailing met with harsh push-back from a handful of members citing a myriad of reasons. It was voted upon and approved to do a mailing again. However, this time, a note will be sent along with all tickets stating that selling or purchasing tickets is in no way a requirement for membership in the club. It is up to the individual on what to do with the tickets; buy them, sell them, or toss them. As a reminder, without the revenue generated from the recent lottery calendar sales, the club operated in the red annually due to operational cost. Obviously, time is not on the clubs' side without external revenue.

Golf White Birch: During the discussion of the lottery calendar, **Scott Shadle** introduced another potential source of revenue. This would entail the flying club sponsor an event(s) at the White Birch Golf Course. It was voted on and approved to do an exploration on the viability of this endeavor where any profit realized would not be made on DCNR property. **Ed** admitted he is more than clueless on golf related procedures and the golf sponsorship will definitely be researched at future meetings. **Jim Graver** reinforced **Scott's** ideas stating fees generated by the sponsorship may be lucrative.

R/C Car Track at the Field – Kyle and Marianne presented an idea of having R/C cars and/or trucks at the field. It was voted on and approved to do an exploration on the viability of constructing a R/C course at the field. Questions of membership dues and insurance were brought to the forefront. Several years ago, **Ed** had several requests to construct a course for R/C tanks. During that research it was discovered the **AMA** does provide opportunity for insurance coverage for any R/C vehicle albeit air, land or sea. Also, utilizing the field, club membership will be required. This topic is contingent upon public interest and park approval.

Non-Active Member Dues Increase – This topic was tabled for future meetings.

Club Picnic in Fall – Due to the replacement of the present park manager and insufficient time to review our request for the event even though it was requested in writing six weeks ago. The picnic and flying is on hold pending results of office activities.

Toys for Tots: John Kennedy reached out to **Ed** concerning the Marines toys-for-tots drive. Prior to the Covid epidemic, the club collected toys at the Aerorama that were ultimately refused because lack of staffing at the Tamaqua office. Pending logistics, we (the club) will collect NEW toys at the November meeting to be donated, along with our collected toys, to the for tots campaign at Christmas.

VI. Adjournment

Bernie Wargo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Ed** adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: **Ed Pollack**

Minutes approved by: Members