

# ***Tuscarora R/C Flying Club***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

12/5/22

### **I. Call to order**

Ed Pollack called to order the regular meeting of the Tuscarora R/C Flying Club at 7:15pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Tuscarora State Park Office.

### **II. Roll call**

**Dave Kessler** led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

There were **8** members and 4 officers present.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Kyle Snyder read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. **Jim Dunn** made a motion to accept the minutes as read, **Jim Graver** seconded the motion.

Scott White read the treasures report, the report was approved as read. **Scott Shadle** made a motion to accept the report as read, **Jim Graver** seconded the motion.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) A ship sinks from the water in it, not from the water outside it. Currently there are several issues within the club itself.
- b) Members passed away – over the last 3 years there have been 2 members that have passed away. Several members have gone to the families and took possession of aircraft that could have been sold and the money gone into the club funds. This was part of the intent of the remaining family.
- c) Treasures reports – lately there has not been an itemized listing of where money has been going to or coming from. There really needs to be a list each month so the members can see how money flows through the club.
- d) Grass cutting – Ed met with the owner of White Birch Golf Course and discussed details required to cut the field. The White Birch owner and property landscape manager were unaware of the additional requirements in the initial contact when proposing an “off-the-cuff” estimate.

The proposal appeared to be approximately \$200 less than the current landscaper.

During the conversation it was mentioned the golf course lost the use of the long-established parking area across from the restaurant and golf/gift shop and expressed interest in using the flying club parking area for event overflow. Ed negotiated a discount \$500 off the grass cutting price. This would make a total of \$2500 for the season and submitted a signed and dated contract proposal. They would also move the benches and cut around the poles. They would use 2 smaller mowers to cut the field as not to lay any dandelion down. Scott Shadle asked if they (the golf course patrons) park in our field and the park manager finds out will that be an issue. These situations arose previously when several neighbors had major family events. The park office gave permission for them to use the field but also gave the club professional courtesy phone call to be certain we had no events scheduled for those days and to make us aware there would be “unfamiliar” vehicles parked at the field. Ed will go and talk to Randy, the owner of White Birch, to make sure that no one would park there overnight. Just a reminder, the club is on DCNR property and has the final ruling on any deviations including parking.

Ed sent out 5 proposals and so far, only got 2 back. One said no and the other said their equipment cannot cut that low as in the specifications. The bids are due back by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

- e) Members don't want to help – Back when the fence poles were being set, there were 5 members sitting under a canopy watching. Ed, 2 guys from Hopes Collision and one of Eds friends set the poles. What is wrong with this picture? Why did no one offer to help and benefit the club they belong to?

## **V. New business**

- a) Kids at the field – Over the past several meetings, there has been some increased tension on having kids join the club with only a \$1 membership. The whole idea behind that campaign is to plant the seed of R/C flying into the kids. They may not join right away and be a permanent fixture, however there is a good chance they will join later. Ed said he planted 12 Christmas trees recently at his place and has yet to see any trees recognizing it takes time to grow.

- b) Club website – Ed has been taking the time to develop and personally finance the website for the last several years. He would gladly like to hand it off to someone financially responsible and able to maintain it. The club website is extensively used recently and also can be used to generate income for the club.
- c) Air show events – Are they worth having? The participants are getting smaller as is most of the planes in the air. The majority of aircraft flying were not even by members our club.
- d) President position – Ed had planned on stepping down at the meeting citing irreconcilable differences between he and another officer. However, since the grass proposals are out, he will remain as president until that is resolved or until present issues are resolved.
- e) Food at the field – There were several air show spectators and car show participants that came for the food. Marian Catholic has a reputation in the area for providing food for special events in addition to ours. That has been a draw for many people. This arrangement is approved by DCNR management to provide food at our events providing they do not clash with the park having an event where they utilize their food stand. Jim Graver mentioned that once the new manager comes in, perhaps we can inquire about getting a percentage of the sales.
- f) Park ranger – there is one park ranger that does not want the club at the park. Jim Dunn asked he gave a reason as to why. The ranger gave the reason that the park is here for outdoor activity and not for motorized activities. He is the sole negative member that we know of, it is our duty and obligation to prevent others in becoming negative, we need to lead by example.

Larry added that in the past there were several state parks that tried and succeeded in stopping R/C flying in the state parks. Currently there are 6 remaining clubs in PA that are on state property. Those clubs presently have a lot more latitude to do things. On a positive note, the park office and staff see the club as an asset to the park.

- g) What can be done differently to deal with members who speak negatively about the club? Jim Graver asked if it was known who made any derogatory remarks. The answer to this was yes. No names were mentioned, only the content of several of the incidents and remarks made.

- h) Clubs in PA – take a few minutes to go through the AMA and look up the other clubs in PA. See all the different activities they do and how they do them. What kind of fun events can we put on? Events such as limbo, balloon pop, bottle knock, ribbon cut, combat are all doable at our field with member support.
- i) Signs at the field – there are signs being made by the park to be placed 6 feet from the road at the entrance of the club field. There will also be another sign placed by the edge of the flying field for hunting.
- j) Member dedication – Larry Smith mentioned that there are many members that are not dedicated to the club. Many organizations have about 10% of members do the work and the other 90% enjoy their efforts. Having the kids at the field would be a benefit but, they won't be a full-time member until later in life with all the life distractions going on in the world.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Jim Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Pollack adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kyle Snyder

Minutes approved by: Members