

Flagler Rams monthly members meeting minutes

Sat 12th Feb 2025

The meeting was called to order at 0858 when 29 members were present.

Last Meeting Minutes

Were approved from the floor.

Financials

VP Brandon outlined the 2025 budget, details of which will be posted on the board and website. They are also outlined below.

Last month's operating expenses were mostly maintenance, \$1,862 admin \$525 and \$120 bucks for event supplies giving a net loss of \$1,479. Details will be posted on the board.

2025 proposed budget

This is mostly field maintenance of \$19,500 (the shed, stands and matting) plus \$1,000 for picnic supplies and drinks, \$700 for drinks and coffee, equipment/furniture \$1000, admin \$1,500, training equipment \$500, shirts and hats \$1,000 and event supplies at \$1,300 - that brings us to an operating budget for the year of \$26,500.

Our ending balance for the club in January is \$26,822. Our proposed budget is \$26,500. This will leave us short, but we are investing in the club and the field to make it better for all of us.

Wings over Flagler & Come Fly with Us

Coming up on March 22nd and 23rd is the Wings over Flagler event. If we can recruit 10 members from that event it puts another thousand dollars in our Chest. Then we can have our appreciation for the members at the back of the year. Right now, the way things are shaping up, we're not going to have funds for that. What we'd like to do this year instead of having just Troy fly is trying to put together a team of 10 or so people that want to come out and fly flight demos. We don't care if you fly your big plane and screw around, do warbirds in formation or just have your jet zipping around.

If you're going to be on the flight team, then we'll have shirts made that say "RAMS Demo Team" so when you walk around the event (or the supermarket) it will call attention to the club. Everyone will be able to pick up flyers while you're there at the event to pass out trying to drive traffic for the "Come Fly with Us" event the following week.

We appreciate anyone that wants to volunteer for the demo team. We're looking for 10 to 15 peeps. If you put your name in and you're not selected because we have got more than 15 people, bring some of your stuff along and hang out with us and let your plane sit out - that would be awesome too. Brandon will find out what tables/tents will be provided. As long as the full-size planes aren't in the air we can do whatever we want.

After we put this demo team together Brandon also suggested maybe we could go do some community events at nursing and Vets homes for example, taking a couple of UMX planes out front and zipping them around. He will reach out to a couple of facilities here and see if we can get something scheduled for April.

Website

Patrick Lenahan has been putting in work on website:

Video - There are remaining technical issues in getting a video feed to our website. Hopefully fixed soon. (In concept I believe this will be cycling update of fixed video frames) We aim to have a current view of the pits area displayed prominently on our website. Work in progress.

Plane Sales - members should send details of the ads to Patrick L for inclusion on the website.

Other Business

Patrick Randall is currently taking over the Club Secretary role from Dennis.

Details of tomorrow's NOTAM ref no flying were discussed - see Dennis' email for more info. Basically, NO FLYING on Sunday pm.

Please do not run up or idle gas engines on the taxiways. (Two people slipped on the oily residue when I was there on Sunday morning). If you see someone doing this, please remind them of the club rules. Also, Bob reminded members that their planes should not be run when pointing towards the shade structure or other people.

Discussion of the base and power supply for the new shed.

The microwave doesn't work. Kenny G will remove it and another is being donated.

The First Aid Supplies need organizing. Someone (Jack?) volunteered.

Question about the new pipe on Old Kings - apparently it will come inside our compound.

The meeting was adjourned at 0920.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Randall
02/19/2025