

Tuscarora R/C Flying Club

Meeting Minutes

11-7-22

I. Call to order

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

II. Roll call

Ed Pollack led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

There were 9 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, **Larry Smith** 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) **Club membership** – With only a few members participating in the planning, adverting, and attending of club events, the question was raised if it is worth the time effort and money putting on events.

In addition, during the last several events, spectators were discouraged and inevitably got talked out of joining the club due to overheard negative comments from our members. Please be cognizant of what is said about the club in public.

During a search for solutions to our particular set of issues, Ed found a newsletter page from an out-of-state (Nevada) newsletter from another club, and it was e-mailed to all members. They had the same issues as we face with members not having good things to say about the club, that club disbanded. Bad news travels fast and good news travels much slower.

- b) **Lottery Calendars** – 25 calendars, stamped/addressed return envelope and a note was placed in an envelope to send out to members who did not attend a meeting. Any members present will receive tickets at the meeting.

- c) **Grass cutting** – Tim Vincent talked to Randy, the new owner at White Birch Golf Course, about cutting the grass at the flying field and parking area. It was voted on ending the contract with our present landscaper. Ed stated he directly opposes ending/changing the field maintenance contract since landscaping is one of the best public known positives of the club.

With the club operating as a corporation and legally, the mowing bids need to go out to the public. Ed prepared a bid proposal to be sent out to at least 3 individual contractors to acquire prices and information. Jim Graver mentioned the last time the golf course cut the grass, their style of mower would, among other issues, push down the dandelions and in a few hours, they would be standing again. The cutting was not up to the quality standards in which we became accustomed. As proposed, the golf course would not trim around the poles, tables and/or work stations and would not be available to “freshen-up” the field in preparation of any event if there were any. Tim Vincent and Jim Dunn would do all the trimming throughout the year at no cost to the club. Jim Dunn made a motion to send out proposals, ending our present contract. Larry Smith seconded it. There were 9 members in favor and 4 members opposed. Ed will mail out proposals to 3 different landscapers.

V. New business

- a) **New Park Manager** – Nick Sulzer, present park manager, is beginning a new assignment at a new facility in the Pocono area and leaving in mid-December. Nick has been an asset to our club and we wish him well. There is an interim manager taking over until a permanent replacement is found. Ed talked to the interim manager, and he is very professional and eager to assist our club.
- b) **Hunting Season** – Hunters are in the area and the field lacks certain required signs. There was a representative from Williamsport who looked over the field to see where signs legally need to be. They will most likely place signs along the high grass to designate that as hunting area and permanent signs closer to the road. If an aircraft goes down in the grass or woods, it would be advised to wear fluorescent orange while retrieving your aircraft.
- c) **Golf Fundraiser** – Scott Shadle proposed a golf tournament type program to generate revenue, Ed checked with several people on how to go about setting up a golf fundraiser but did not come up with positive information as of the meeting time. He would like to have a plan before having a meeting with the White Birch golf course.

- d) **RC Cars and Truck** – The AMA will cover insurance on anyone who wants to use the field or a track.
- e) **Club Website** – There has been 3,023 visitors to the website over the last year. Jim Graver asked what the cost of the site is. Until now, Ed has been covering the cost over the last years at approximately \$300.00 annually. GoDaddy rated the club website (in writing) as one of the better club sites by 70% of the searches were directed to www.tuscarorarcflyingclub.com
- f) **Nominations of Officers** – Jim Dunn made a motion to nominate the 4 current officers. Bernie Wargo seconded the motion. The 4 current officers accepted. Everyone present was in favor.
- g) **Ideas for Next Year** – Have events to benefit non-profit organizations such as ASCA, St Luke's, Cancer Centers, Fire/Police Departments and recognize business that have substantially supported the club over the years such as, but not limited to Hopes Collision and Towing, Our Family Minit Mart, DeMarco Auto Body, WMGH Magic FM Radio, and Outten Chrysler/Jeep.

VI. Adjournment

Jim Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Pollack adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kyle Snyder

Minutes approved by: Members