

Tuscarora R/C Flying Club Meeting Minutes

9-13-21

I. Call to order

Ed Pollack called to order the regular meeting of the Tuscarora R/C Flying Club at 7:08pm on September 13th, 2021, at the Tuscarora State Park Office.

II. Roll call

Frank Bobick led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

There were **11** members 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, **Tim Vincent** seconded the motion.

Scott White read the treasures report, the report was approved as read. **Jim Dunn** made a motion to accept the report as read, **Frank Bobick** seconded the motion.

IV. Old Business

- a) Aerorama Review – The Car show went well with one comment from the car show participants and that was to start advertising early. Car shows get booked starting very early in the year. Twenty-one cars were in the car show this year. There were enough pilots in the air for everyone to enjoy. The spectator level was down slightly from last year due to several other shows in the immediate area. It may be time to start inviting and scheduling specific people to come out with certain aircraft to display and fly.

As far as food was concerned this time around, unfortunately the Girl Scouts did not have enough people to cover the days. Thankfully Jeannine from Marian Catholic, a woman Ed met at the Laurel Mall Show, mentioned the Blue and Gold club of Marian. Ed contacted them and they have a coordinator who stays in contact with all the clubs and teams. The Girls Volleyball team and Girls Basketball team came out to provide food for the two days. Since Sunday was rained out, the coordinator asked the club members to come to a home game to buy food to help from the lost revenue this summer, even a take-out of their home made food.

Ed mailed out a thank you letter to all the help involved including administration. They had asked if they could be a permanent food provider. **Frank Bobick** made a motion to have the Blue and Gold club as a permanent provider of food for our future events. **Hank Tiedeman** Seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The car cruise was a great hit for both the club and Hideout restaurant in Mary-D and the owner is looking forward to next year. The Tuscarora Fire company had two rescue vehicles to lead and follow the car cruise. Ed had a plaque made up for the fire company which will be presented to them at their meeting.

- b) Shed – Roof must be metal or shingled, gabled, brown or green in color. Siding either T1-11 or cedar clapboard. Painted or stained with Sherwin Williams lodge brown sw3007. Trim dark brown in color. Building size as approved before, max size is up to 20'x30' long with a max height of up to 10'

Scott Shadle asked about cutting the grass. This has been an issue since the club has been started. For a time, there was a member who charged a much lower amount. Since then, this is no longer an option. The landscaper we have now was contracted from a series of bids taken and they were the lowest. The one main issue even with a shed housing a mower is to have someone committed to cutting the grass each week. Then it would require extra insurance and maintenance. Most clubs around the area have similar issues as we do. The shed would provide a place to meet, there are many awards the club has received over time and has no place to go. This would give a place to have all the club assets. Several shed makers have some that were ordered and could not be delivered to the prospective owners. These may be able to be obtained for a discount.

- c) Appreciation forms – It was something done for each event. It was left go the last few years. Forms will be made and sent out to those who participated in the Aerorama.
- d) Flight Instructors – Jim has done a really good job this year with the kids learning to fly. He thanked Scott Shadle and Tim Vincent for coming out and charging battery's and prepping the plane. All but 2 of the students had soloed over the summer. In 2022 Jim is planning on starting in May and ending in July. If there are more instructors to help this schedule can be changed. Any member that wants to be a flight instructor their club dues are paid for.

V. New business

- a) AnnMarie Calabrese – From WMGH was invited to the meeting to discuss how the station could help the club promote the RC Hobby. She does a radio show, “Stuck in the 80’s”. This music could be a live broadcast from the field. Live radio broadcast is \$225 and hour plus a \$150 talent fee. The radio station goes to the sponsors from a list provided to them to pay for a remote broadcast. She has been doing fundraising since 1988 and helps with many different Facebook pages. She mentioned the key to good fundraising is start planning early and sending out a mass mailing to potential sponsors. Tiers can be offered to sponsors for commercials on the radio or just get mentioned. A non-profit entity gets a 2 for 1 deal on radio advertising. If the club would want commercials on the radio, they would have to pay \$288 for a week of commercials. A different voice than the radio hosts stands out for an add. If anyone in the club would want to record a commercial it would be helpful.
- b) A new club field – with certain things happening in and around the club it may come as a necessity to secure a new flying field location. There have been three issues this year that puts our Service Use Agreement in jeopardy with the state. One issue, habitat grass was cut which cannot happen again, there were also tree branches cut with a chain saw. Cutting habitat grass, a branch or tree is a criminal offense. Be mindful of ‘OFF-COLOR” comments and what is said and done. There have been several phone calls about certain unacceptable comments at the field. **Frank Bobick** mentioned about sending an email out to all the members that cutting grass or branches is a criminal offense. No foul language, and if you must use the potty then use the porta potty. There is a new ranger that was recently hired so they will probably be looking at all aspects of the park.
- c) Trail Cams at the field – an idea was suggested to have a few trail cams placed around the field to help with some of the issues such as people coming in and doing donuts in the grass. Frank Bobick said to make sure that it has a high enough resolution to get good detail. Larry Smith mentioned that several blocks of wood were busted out from the wood fence by someone. Frank made a motion to investigate pricing trail cams.
- d) Advisory Panel – Most clubs in the state have a panel of members to help resolve any internal issues with members. The AMA already has a form made up with a description of how to set this up. Ed should have it in place before January when there will be an election of members to be a part of this panel. Jim Dunn mentioned that when he was president there was a grievance type form placed in the Pin Box in case there was an issue. Frank mentioned that the AMA form is mainly about breaking a safety rule. If

there is going to be disciplinary actions, it needs to be written down. Jim Dunn mentioned that each of us is a safety person while at the field. If you see someone doing something unsafe then mention it to that person. With having a form in the pin box someone can note down what happened then the panel would confront the person.

- e) Names in the display case – In June of 1991 it was approved in a meeting to have the members names and phone numbers displayed. Most present were not in favor of this. The idea behind this was to identify who is an active member in the club. It was suggested to have the club names in the pin box. Jim Dunn asked if there was a list of people who are in good standing. Frank Bobick mentioned having a list of the members with AMA numbers on it for display to be able to be able to identify current members. Frank Bobick made a motion to have the member in good standing with the ama number listed in the display case. Jim Dunn seconded it. All present in favor.
- f) The pronoun” I” in correspondence coming for Ed. He does use “I” a lot. When Ed uses “I”, it is signifying Ed taking full responsibility for the topic and following statements and relinquishing the officers and members from any direct responsibility. When “we” is used, it typically indicates the officers and furthermore, when “us” is used, it includes everyone.
- g) Spring Heli Only event – One concern with this is that many of the heli pilots would come in from out of state and would want an area to park a camper overnight. There is overnight parking in the park. Ed will ask Nick if we can have campers park at the field. Jim Dunn made a motion to have a heli only event in spring. Scott Shadle seconded the motion.
- h) Civil Air Patrol – They are planning on have a rocket launch on September 25th around 1pm. This is all previously approved. Next year this will be coordinated to happen along with the aerorama.
- i) No Power – about ¾ of the way through the meeting a strong thunderstorm came through and knocked out the power. The rest of the meeting was conducted using cell phone lights to be able to see.

VI. Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Kyle Snyder

Prior Minutes approved by: Members