

Fredericksburg Aeromasters Meeting Minutes
03/11/2023

Attendance:

- Derick Cox, Tom Tucker, Jimmy Chandler, Dan Cox, Mike Penzo, Brian Mausolf, Sam Yakulis, Andre Bielema, Dale Hagar, Wayne Ploger, David Back, Jim Braithwaite, Samuel Yakulis, Karl Hodgson, Colin Ulman, David Kimmel, Adam Beard

Secretary report:

- 2023 Club Charter Renewal was submitted to the AMA and confirmed with a new insurance policy on March 7th.
- Our application for a 2023 Flying Site Improvement Grant (FSIG) was submitted on January 31st. The application included a request for financial assistance for our fill dirt project. Grants are awarded to reimburse up to 20% of field improvements for a minimum amount of \$100 and up to a maximum of \$3,000. Our application was submitted with a description of the effort, including pictures and receipts. The total project cost submitted was \$1106.06. If selected by the AMA, we will be awarded \$276.51. AMA will announce winning applications in early May.
- Jimmy Chandler submitted our FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Areas) application. Approved FRIA sites will allow AMA club members to fly within the designated area without the need to broadcast remote ID information from their models.
- We are expecting 2023 Leader Club applications to be due soon. Our application will be submitted as a "Silver" club once again this year.
- The Executive Committee met on January 28th to review and develop proposed Bylaw updates. Derick Cox, Dan Cox, Jim Braithwaite, Jimmy Chandler, Dave Kimmel and Mike Penzo were in attendance. The proposed updates have been sent to all club members for concurrence. Please contact Mike Penzo with any questions, concerns or updates by March 18th.

Treasurer report:

- Current bank account balance is \$3200.29
- Membership dues totaling \$1025.00 have been received as income
- Expenditures since last meeting include a donation to the Moss Clinic, gift card to the land owner, club charter renewal fee and fill dirt. Total expenditures were \$824.50
- Club membership is currently 39 members. Unfortunately, 6 members from last year did not renew their membership and have been suspended.

Field report:

- Runway has been narrowed by about ten feet, now 80 ft wide. Please respect the red marker flags indicating the unusable 10 feet of turf along the far side of the runway.
- The runway leveling project continues. Tom will purchase an additional 20 yards of fill dirt. This purchase was voted on and approved by members in attendance. The previously purchased fill dirt that has been placed in low spots is hardening up nicely.
- Eventually, a new coat of paint will be needed on the shed.
- The Porta Potty will be dumped more often. Next dump will happen soon. Sanitizing agent will be added after upcoming dumps
- A new canopy cover for our existing frame and a new frame and canopy will be purchased and installed as we prepare the field for Springtime flying. Grass seed and fertilizer will also be

purchased and spread on the runway. These purchases were voted on and approved by members in attendance.

Safety report:

- No Safety incidents occurred since our last meeting. Please continue to fly safe.

President report:

- DSMX receivers are getting very hard to buy. Many of our normal sources have none in stock. There is a new 6 channel, full range Lemon unit available from Motion RC for \$13
- Jim B has placed a box of free items in our shed. Please take whatever you can use.

Training Report:

- Wayne is progressing well and Dale is becoming familiar with other aircraft since he soloed his Apprentice
- Collin Ulman will need refresher training when he flies in the near future.
- Training days are Wednesday and Sunday, weather permitting

Webmaster Report:

- Two club membership renewals came in from the website.
- Our website visit rate is moderate.
- All Season Flyer participation is being updated and tracked on the website. When you fly during the month, please notify Sam so he can add you to the list of participants. Thus far in 2023, there have been 14 flyers for the months of January and February (same 14 pilots flew each month)!
- Our Facebook page is up and operational. Please feel free to post club activity on the page often.
- Sam is always looking for content so please send pictures, articles and other information directly to him.

Events Activity Report:

- Sam Yakulis has agreed to act as our club event coordinator. Thank you Sam!
- "Opening Day" Fly-in is coming up to include family members. Menu will include grilled meat plus potluck food. Date and time will be announced soon.

General Business:

- Remember, all members are encouraged to bring "Show and Tell" to future meetings

Action Items:

- Club membership to review proposed bylaw updates and contact Mike Penzo with any questions, concerns or changes by March 18th.
- Tom to price lumber for shed refurbishment.
- Dave K to explore cost of club hats, shirts and patches
- Mike to send a glow fuel purchase invitation to club membership. Glow engine pilots will be invited to join a bulk buy of glow fuel from S&W Fuels in Easton PA. Shipping and Hazmat fees will be eliminated so this might be a great opportunity to buy your fuel at a reasonable price!