

Fredericksburg Aeromasters Meeting Minutes
05/13/2023

Attendance:

- Derick Cox, Tom Tucker, Jimmy Chandler, Mike Penzo, Brian Mausolf, Sam Yakulis, Andre Bielema, Dale Hagar, Wayne Ploger, David Back, Jim Braithwaite, Karl Hodgson, David Kimmel, Jimmy Dixon

Secretary report:

- Our application for a 2023 Flying Site Improvement Grant (FSIG) has been selected for award! There are approximately 2500 AMA Clubs and only 32 were selected for the FSIG award. The Fredericksburg Aeromasters club was one of 32 selected. 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 \$1382.55 and the AMA awarded us \$276.51 which was 20% of our total expense.
- Our 2023 Leader Club application has been approved. Jay Marsh, the AMA district IV Vice President reached out on May 11th notifying us of our renewal of 2023 SILVER status.
- Final updates to Club Bylaws dated January 28th, 2023 have been published and posted to our webpage
- 24 gallons of 15% glow fuel were purchased and distributed to club members
- Our FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Areas) application has been submitted and we expect to receive status this September. 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.

Treasurer report:

- Dan C is recovering from surgery and could not attend our meeting. We hope he feels better soon.
- Current bank account balance is \$2479.29
- Income totaling \$1075.00 has been received year to date with expenditures totaling \$1595.50
- Our club currently has 40 members. Four potential new members have reached out for information to join us.

Field report:

- Our field is in good shape. Tom continues to spread the recently purchased fill dirt. Once all the dirt is spread, no more will be purchased this year.
- We will need to bushhog the runway perimeter late this year.
- The Porta Potty was recently dumped. We will continue to dump it on a regular basis throughout the year.
- Beware of poison ivy that has cropped up off the runway. Remember, "Leaves of three, let it be".
- A new canopy cover has been purchased and installed on our existing frame plus an additional frame and canopy have been added. There is now plenty of shade available for members and aircraft as we prepare the field for Summertime flying!

Safety report:

- Electric flyers, please remember to have your transmitter on before plugging in or unplugging your aircraft battery.

Training Report:

- Training continues on Wednesdays and Sundays, weather permitting.
- We have a few new students, one being only 8 years old!

Webmaster Report:

- 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.
- Please feel free to post club activities on the page often.
- Sam is always looking for content so please send pictures, articles and other information directly to him.

Events Activity Report:

- The May 13th Cookout was cancelled due to bad weather. It will be rescheduled soon.
- Participation in Stafford Airport's fly-in on August 5th is being coordinated with the airport manager. Brian M to work with Sam on potentially providing a flight simulator. Stay tuned for updates.
- The DCRC club has an upcoming Electric Fly-in event scheduled for August 12th.

Old Business:

- Dave K had a new club logo developed for free! It is very similar to our old logo but simpler and easier to print. T-shirts with the new logo printed on the front and back are estimated to cost \$19 each. Dave will send out an email to all members for orders.