

Fredericksburg Aeromasters Meeting Minutes
07/15/2023

Attendance:

- Derek Cox, Dan Cox, Tom Tucker, Jimmy Chandler, Mike Penzo, Sam Yakulis, Andre Bielema, Dale Hagar, Bill Fitterer, David Back, Jim Braithwaite, Gerry Gillis, David Kimmel, Ed Becker, Larry Lycett, Colin Ulman, Fernando Hernandez

Secretary report:

- Our FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Areas) application has been submitted and we expect to receive status prior to 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:

- Current club membership is 45
- Current bank account balance is \$2605.80
- Income totaling \$1701.50 has been received year to date with expenditures totaling \$2095.50

Field report:

- Fill dirt improvements are complete for this year. More fill dirt might be nice for next year.
- Need to consider upgrades for lawnmower shed next to the porta potty. Doors and some siding needs to be replaced.
- Both mowers are in good shape and running fine.
- Tom is accepting volunteers for mowing. Contact Tom directly if you can help.

Safety report:

- The two existing starter stands have been moved to each end of the fence line. This new location provides more distance from the pit area.
- Discussions continue on building new and improved starter stands.
- A bucket of sand will be provided for emergency Lipo battery disposal.

Events Report:

- 29th of July is the Woodford Model Aviation Day. The fly-in begins at 10am and ends at 4pm. Lunch is \$15 and \$5 to enter their raffle.
- Stafford Airport Wings and Wheels is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. Airport asked if we could perform a flight demonstration. We are checking with the AMA to confirm insurance coverage.
- The DCRC club has an upcoming Electric Fly-in event scheduled for August 12th. There is a \$10 admission fee that includes lunch.
- Shannon Harvest Fest is scheduled for late October again this year

Training Report:

- Ongoing with several students every Wednesday and Sundays, weather permitting.
- LT 40 club trainer has old transmitter that needs to be upgraded. A motion to spend up to \$250 on a new Spectrum transmitter for training was approved.
- We need to consider upgrading the 60 size trainer to electric.

Webmaster Report:

- A Pilot Certification page has been added to the website.
- All Season Flyer participation has been 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. A new WhatsApp group has been created to simplify the notification process.

New Business:

- FAA registration renewal now requires all registered pilots enter all aircraft they own. This can be quite an unpleasant process if you own numerous models.
- To help the club continue cookouts, a Tip Jar has been added. Contributions of food or money are voluntary but appreciated.