

Fredericksburg Aeromasters Meeting Minutes
11/11/2023

Attendance:

- Jim B, Jimmy C, David B, Dave K, Tom, Collin, Dale, Andre, Dan, Derek, Mike, Sam (on phone)

Secretary report:

- FRIA update from Jimmy; The FAA has approved our FAA-Recognized Identification Area. The approved area includes our runway and the ceiling remains at 400ft. No remote ID is required as long as we fly at our field within the FRIA.

Treasurer report:

- Total membership is 45.
- \$2115.21 current balance in checking.
- Food Balance for cookouts is \$27.00.
- Total expenses for the membership year, \$2586.09.
- Total income for the membership year, \$2551.50.
- Sam performed an assessment of our budget and increasing our dues is not recommended.

Safety report:

- No incidents reported since last meeting.
- Members are reminded to not fly near or over houses. The two main causes seem to be poor visual depth perception or loss of aircraft control. To help with maintaining control, members are encouraged to spend time with an instructor if necessary. To help with depth perception the club is considering the use of a spotter located at the house North of the runway who will alert pilots when they overfly. Additionally, Tom will move two of the existing pilot stations further South. Please remember to use these pilot stations while flying.

Webmaster report:

- FRIA announcement has been posted on our website.
- Multiple, easy methods for renewing your membership have been added to the website.
- Sam will investigate making the "For Sale Items" more prominent on the website.
- Sam will create a new WhatsApp group for buying and selling.

Activities report:

- First Flight will occur again this year on January 1, 2024. Dress warm and enjoy some flying on the first day of the new year.

Training Report:

- Training activities are winding down with cooler weather approaching.
- Recommend students and instructors coordinate training days and times directly with each other based on individual availability.
- The club trainer and buddy box are available for use by new students and instructors.
- Our club could use a simple 6 channel Spektrum transmitter for use as a master transmitter that will be paired with the existing club buddy box transmitter. Please reach out to Jimmy or Mike if you have a spare Spektrum transmitter that you would like to donate or sell to the club.

Field Report:

- One of the tarp awnings has holes that need to be patched. All awnings will be removed soon in preparation for winter weather.
- Service has been requested for the Porta Potty.
- The Landowner has advised the club that the field surrounding our runway will once again be trimmed. The “trimming” will most likely include the removal of numerous trees.
- Tom made repairs to the charging shed. The sagging roof line has been mostly corrected.
- Wood siding on the mower shed is rotting and needs to be addressed eventually.
- There are numerous items stored in the white shed that are free to any member. The items are located as you enter the door, to the left and marked free.

New Business:

- The club is considering an annual dinner at a local restaurant to be held in January. Stay tuned for details.

Elected Officers for 2024:

- President – Dave Kimmel
- Vice President – Jimmy Chandler
- Treasurer – Sam Yakulis
- Secretary -Mike Penzo
- Member at Large – David Back
- Member at Large – Dan Cox
- Safety – Dan Cox
- Field – Tom Tucker
- Lead Instructor – Jimmy
- Webmaster – Sam Yakulis
- Events Coordinator – As required at the direction of the President

Our next club meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in January at Stafford Airport.