

Lake County Modelers and Flyers Assn.
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June 2024

June 2024 Meeting Minutes



1. **Open Meeting:** 7:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

- a. **Club Officers:** Jeff W., Tammy W., Mac M., Rob O., Len T., Barb R., Bob R.,
- b. **Members:** Paul B., Marshall E., Jim M., Arnold S., Daniel R., Avrey W., Jack F., Tyler K., Jon S., Dan L., Chuck M., Jeff W., Garrett W., Dwayne W., Keith Y., Dave P., Curtis W., Jordan P.
- c. **Guests:** 0

3. **Agenda Additions:** No new additions for the June Agenda.

4. **Approve Past Meeting Minutes:** Len made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes as published. Discussion held on the motion. A correction needs to be made in the May minutes where it was stated that Mac will be the head CD for the September event. The correction now states that Barb will ask Mac to help CD the September event. Barb seconded Len's motion. No one opposed the motion, all in favor. Motion Carried.

5. **Treasurer's Report/Approve Bills – Mac:** Checking Balance for June 2024 is \$10,707.

Len made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the presented bills for June 2024 as reported. Bob seconded the motion, all members in favor, none opposed, Motion Carried.

6. **Old Business**

- a. **School Program – Len:** We started out early in the year setting up drone soccer with the kids. We have spent around \$4,000 so far with the help of grant providers. We had about thirteen kids in the beginning. We are at about seven kids now. We had each kid build their own drones. Towards the end of the school year, we brought the kids out to the field to run our RC cars and a couple were able to fly the apprentice. They had a fun time. They love going on field trips. That worked out well for us taking them to the field. Next year Len will ask the school to start integrating other

departments in with this program, i.e., IT, to start up a website and/or FB page, graphics department and arts department. The school did provide \$4,000 to this program for us to buy more drone kits. The end goal is getting other schools involved in the area so we all can start competing. The kids have been involved in building the drones, learning how to fly the drone, setting up, and tearing down the cage. Most importantly, they have learned how to work together as a team. Hart School invited us to visit their Stem program. That will be for next year as the invitation was so close to the ending of this school year.

- b. **Remote ID/FRIA – Len:** We are not getting a FRIA. We got a letter of authorization to operate without a Remote ID. Two differences:
1. With a FRIA you do not need to turn in a NOTAM to fly.
 2. A FRIA is on their navigational maps.

Len thinks that they did not want to include FRIAs on or near airports on the navigational maps because on their maps there is a circle for every airport and typically some text inside the circle. Our whole airport was one FRIA application. Showing a FRIA could complicate their maps. We were rejected four times.

They have now created this new Letter of Authorization to Fly Without Remote ID (Letter). In the letter it says we must put in a NOTAM 24 hours before you go flying. Which will not work for us. We are also supposed to cancel the NOTAM when we have finished flying. Len contacted AMA regarding that. They concluded that we could put in one NOTAM per month. Starting at the beginning of the month and ending at the end of the month. That is what we will end up doing to meet the requirements of the letter. Len and Mac are submitting NOTAMS per our Operational Rules to address the requirements of the “Letter.”

Also, there are altitude waivers involved in all of this. Previously, Mac worked out with FAA that we submit NOTAMs stating a 2000’ altitude. During sanctioned events we can get an AMA waiver for up to 700’. Which means we observe the 400’ altitude when flying on regular days. Len is submitting NOTAMs for our mini rallies. During sanctioned events, we will get an AMA waiver for up to 700’. Len is still pressing AMA to pressure the FAA for a permanent altitude waiver up to the 2000’.

Event Marketing – Len: Len has completed the marketing for the year. Usually goes from December through May. The amount spent on marketing is typically \$4000-\$5000. That includes a packet to our national sponsors. Talking and giving brochures to all our local sponsors. Following up with phone calls. Handing out brochures to all our local businesses, restaurants, and events. We normally receive around \$1,200-1,500 from local sponsors. We also normally receive \$5,000-\$6,000 worth of products from our national sponsors.

- c. **Other Event Issues:** Len to oversee the West end during the Expo. Jim M. will CD and oversee the main event area during the Expo. Len will be emailing out a sign up sheet for workers.
- d. **Field Maintenance – Rob:** Rob purchased a new tire pressure gauge. He also asked if we should order a new hard tire for the fertilizer spreader? The Club will not order a new tire at this time. Rob typically checked the air filter on the mower. With Rob being laid up for a while, users of the mower need to check and clean the filter when used. The lawn mower deck also needs cleaning after mowing.
- e. **New Membership Packet- Tammy:** Tabled
- f. **Club Car Track – Tammy:** Tabled car track operational rules.
- g. **Chamber of Congress – Jeff:** The main conversation at this meeting was about the Blessing of the Bikes. Jeff will bring back information after each meeting. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Len is thinking that it might be a great idea to hold a mini jet rally the Saturday during the Blessing of the Bikes weekend. More information to follow regarding this
- h. **Village of Baldwin, Marketplace Baldwin – Len:** Tabled
- i. **LCMFA Club Trainer Planes – Jeff & Tammy:** Tabled.

7. New Business: No new business

8. Member Round Table Discussion:

- Barb will be having two surgeries this summer. Mac is going to help CD the September Fun Fly Event along with help from Barb and Bob.
- Len brought up Ken Olsen's suggestion that it would be nice to have a smooth path to the storage tents. Garrett suggested a small extension on the end of the black top and putting storage tents there. Tammy will put this suggestion on the July's Agenda under New Business.
- Garret offered to help with radios if needed during the Expo.
- Paul suggested for the club to slow down on projects as the volunteers are getting tired.
- Marshall supports Baldwin by eating in town and filling his vehicle up with gas in town.
- Jim suggested having a one-day pilot's fee for people that can only attend our events for a day. Tammy will put this suggestion on the July's Agenda under New Business.
- The members at the June meeting were all very thankful and grateful for everything that everyone has done and is doing for the club.
- Dan, asking if we could have one big event a year? How profitable is having all these events? Len said we usually gross \$2000 for the Spring Fling event. Our club events bring in quite a bit of money and business to the town of Baldwin. Our support from our local sponsors and use of the property is based on us conducting events to draw tourists to Lake County, school programs and the labor we provide to help maintain the airport. We could NOT maintain the infrastructure that we currently have without

the community support, sponsor support, and the income our events typically generate for LCMFA.

9. Adjourn: 7:56 p.m.

**The next LCMFA meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
at the LCMFA fly field.**