

Lake County Modelers and Flyers Assn.  
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May 2024

May 2024 Meeting Minutes



**1. Open Meeting:** 7:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

- a. **Club Officers:** Jeff W., Tammy W., Rob O., Barb R., Bob R., Len T.
- b. **Members:** Greg B., Jim M., Marty B., Pete B., Scott & Melanie G.
- c. **Guests:** Debbie Vargas

**3. Agenda Additions and Approval:** Len made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with corrections made. Barb seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**4. Approve Past Meeting Minutes:** Len made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes as published with correction made. Barb seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**5. Treasurer's Report/Approve Bills:** Len made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report. Rob seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**6. Old Business**

- a. **School Program – Len:** The club cars and club planes are all set to go for when we bring the drone kids out to the field. Due to the weather, we had to cancel on May 7<sup>th</sup>. If weather permitting, we hope to bring the kids back out to the field on May 15<sup>th</sup>. When unable to be out at the field, we will be at the school with the kids working on building drones. We hope to be competing with other schools in the 2024-2025 school year. We are hoping to have more new kids in the 2024-2025 school year. We could use more instructors to help with this program especially when we start going to other schools and competing.

- b. **Remote ID/FRIA – Len:** “Yesterday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the AMA announced that the FAA reauthorization act was in committee and came out of committee and will be going up for a vote scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. But what they said is, here is some things to consider, they maintained the four-hundred-foot altitude limit in an uncontrolled airspace, which impacts us. They also included a process to request flights above four hundred feet. Not sure what that means yet. Can we get a permanent waiver? Or do we get a new waiver every time we want to fly above the four hundred feet? To fly in a controlled airspace and to get above those heights, they may have to request a Notam. That may be where they are heading with this for us. We will deal with that when it happens. FAA must coordinate with AMA on an approval process for the controlled and the uncontrolled airspace. FAA is required to prioritize the FRIA review in a adjudication process. Right now, it is on their back burner. FAA does not want anything to do with recreational models. But now it is back on the front burner. Basically, we are back to where we were because it will take a while for FAA to change their regulations. Then AMA must figure out how to input it. For our sanction events, we can request a waiver to not have a remote ID and to be able to fly higher than four hundred feet. This can be both done under one waiver.”
- c. **Electrical Project – Len:** Completed. Remove from Old Business
- d. **Event Marketing – Len:** Len to get fifty posters with event schedule & sponsors listed. He will also print local sponsors and gold sponsors brochures. National sponsors, local & gold sponsors will be getting emails.
- e. **Other Event Issues:** Len will find staff for June/August events and will CD for both events. Jim M. to CD the July Expo. Jim & Len will find staff for the July Expo Main Event Area. Jeff to find staff for July Expo at the Pavilion Area. Barb and Jeff to find staff for the September Fun Fly Event. Barb will be asking Mac to help out as a CD during the September 2024 Fun Fly.
- f. **Field Maintenance – Tammy (Mowing Schedule):** Tammy to email out weekly reminders of the mowing schedule. June is all taken care of. Still need volunteers to mow for July, August, September, and October. Scott & Melanie to look at Lowes for a new gas weed trimmer. Money has been approved in the budget for this purchase.
- g. **New Membership Packet – Tammy:** Tabled
- h. **Assets List – Rob/Mac:** Tabled
- i. **LCMFA Debit Card – Len:** Completed. Remove from Old Business.
- j. **New Annual Car Event 2024 – Rob:** Cancelled this event for 2024. Remove from Old Business.
- k. **Club Cars – Rob:** Rob worked on the cars. They are all set and ready to go.
- l. **Club Tracks – Rob:** Rob wrote up a document with Car Track Rules. Tammy to type up these sets of rules for Rob and will email them out to board members for approval.

m. **Bylaws/Policies Update – Jeff/Barb/Mac:** Jeff, Mac and Barb reviewed the operational rules that were presented at the last meeting. Len had worked up some changes on those operational rules. The committee compared it to the one we proposed in January. Almost all the areas were covered in both. The only difference between the two operational rules was the AMA safety code and the airport manager need for item #8 which was the exemption authorized by the airport manager and the committee agreed that it should be in there. The committee was concerned with item 13 of the operational rules, which was the aspect of who has access to the field and who can fly out at the field. All LCMFA members are allowed to be at the field and may escort any AMA non-members. This was all ok in the committee discussion and with Mac. With those clarifications, Barb sent out the proposed policy again to all board members. This email incorporated each of those items. It is a 2-page policy that can be sent out to our members when updated as needed. The committee covered everything including the spotters and selecting the person in charge of flying at the field.

Len: Item 12 of the posting, it says “a club member who observes a violation of our club rules”, I believe, very strongly, that it should say “a person in charge”. An ED (event director), CD (contest director) or a board member.

There will always be a person in charge. If there is one person flying, you are in charge. If there is more than one person, you pick the person to be in charge. Barb will amend Grievance C1 and amend the posting under i to all say the same thing.

Len: On the position, item 4, “if ever a time when there is no designated person in charge, the pilots shall designate a person in charge”

When you go to new policy, it says, “when there is more than one pilot flying on site, it is recommended that one pilot be in charge”

We now have a “shall” of what we are posting on the wall, we now have a “recommendation” in the policy.

Len made a motion to change the policy to get rid of the recommended concept in item 2d page 2. And in Policy 2i we will get rid of a club member to what we have in the grievance policy, c1. Bob seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion Carried.

Len made a motion to approve the poster for the operational rules with the changes. One change of item 12 is to “make it a club member” is removed, and it is going to be aligned with what we have in the policy. Bob seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion Carried.

## **7. New Business**

**a. Joining the Chamber of Congress – Len:** Asking if we should have a LCMFA member to join. \$75 fee for a nonprofit organization. LCMFA President to be the contact person and keep us all informed. Then possibly another LCMFA club member to attend meetings if necessary. Barb made a motion to approve a LCMFA member to sign up with the Chamber of Congress for \$75. Greg seconded, none opposed. Motion Carried. Jeff to fill out the application to be our LCMFA member of the Chamber of Congress.

**b. Village of Baldwin, Market Place – Len:** LCMFA to have a static display, talk to people, handout brochures. Tabled for now.

**c. Trainers – Len:** LCMFA club trainer planes should all have FAA/AMA numbers inside each plane. Tammy & Jeff to take on this project.

**8. Member Round Table Discussion: None**

**9. Adjourn:** 8:23 p.m.

**The next LCMFA meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2024, 7:00 P.M.  
at the LCMFA Fly Field - Main Event Area.**