

Lake County Modelers and Flyers Assn.

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Baldwin MI 49304



July 2024

July 2024 Meeting Minutes



1. Open Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- a. **Club Officers:** Jeff W., Tammy W., Rob O., Len T., Barb R., Bob R.,
- b. **Members:** Ted D., Garrett W., Dave D., Paul B., Marshall E., Jeff & Avery W., Jon S., Jim M., Dan L., Jerri & Calvin L., Tom M.
- c. **Guests:** 0

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

4. Approve Past Meeting Minutes: Paul made a motion to approve the July 2024 minutes as published. Barb seconded Paul's motion. No one opposed the motion, all in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report/Approve Bills – Mac: Tabled until August meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. **School Program – Len:** The School bought six more drones for the Drone Soccer. We unfortunately have lost two of our instructors. If we bring on 4-5 new kids, three instructors will not be enough. We will need to recruit 1-2 new instructors. If the eight kids return in the Fall, then they will be able to help lead the group. Len has talked to the school about other school departments getting involved. Two of our main goals are: get other schools involved and get a second team going. Then we could get out and go intramural with our program to other schools. The main plan was to get other departments involved so it becomes a little business center in the school, which will give these kids an opportunity for coming out of that school with some line items on their resume. If we keep those kids for 3 years, they will have their part 107.
- b. **Altitude Waiver – Len:** We do have a letter of authorization to fly with a remote ID. We will have to issue a NOTAM to alert manned aircraft pilots the NOTAM's effective date, time, and duration. Specific directions for members to provide the necessary information are listed in the Operational Rules. (Operational Rules are attached.) Our thinking is that we will put in

one NOTAM for a month at a time. If they do not agree to that, we will have to issue individual NOTAMs. The next step for us is getting a permanent altitude waiver. Right now, we have a temporary waiver during our sanction events, which will take us up to 700 feet. All our NOTAMs that we turn in takes us up to 2000 ft, which those are approved by the FAA. We are working with AMA to establish a permanent waiver. Then we will not have to put in NOTAMs if we want to get up to 2000 ft.

- c. **Other Event Issues: Len** – One main issue for this event is that most of our main crew is tied up with either medical issues or other family obligations. Which this has made it hard to run this event. Several of our members either live far away or live out of State making it hard for them to help. Which is understandable. Without enough crew members, leaves us having to cut back on a couple of things that we would normally do here at the Expo. We were fortunate enough this time to have five of our drone soccer kids to help at the car track on Saturday during this event.
- d. **Field Maintenance – Rob:** Air box still not cleaned. The air cleaner and the mower deck need cleaning after each use. The oil needs checking before mowing each time. Duplicate items were on the shelves in bldg. #1. **Len:** I had to return our new weedwhacker back to Ace Hardware as it stopped working. Len has loaned the club his old weedwhacker to use. The club will end up buying a new one here soon. We have a few projects that need to be worked on at the field: The sprinkler heads need some work done on them. Miscellaneous painting needs to be done. We also need to have shelves built for building #2 as soon as we can, along with other little projects.
- e. **Membership Packet- Tammy:** Tabled
- f. **Club Car Track Operational Rules – Tammy:** Tabled
- g. **Chamber of Congress – Jeff:** Tabled
- h. **Village of Baldwin, Marketplace Baldwin – Len:** Tabled
- i. **LCMFA Club Trainer Planes – Jeff:** Tabled
- j. **Inventory List – Rob & Mac:** Tabled

7. New Business: No new business

8. Member Round Table Discussion: Pilots commented that they were happy to be here at this event and were having a great time. It was brought up by several members to have 1-2 sanctioned events per year along with some mini rallies throughout the summer instead of the four sanctioned events that we have now. This will be discussed further to see if this would be a good option for the club as it has been difficult to get the help needed to run these events.

9. Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

The next LCMFA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

at the LCMFA fly field.