

Lake County Modelers and Flyers Assn.

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Baldwin, MI 49304



March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes



1. Open Meeting: Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Baldwin Village Hall
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Club Officers – Jeff Wollett, Len Todd, Bob Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Greg Bayles
 - b. Members – Shane Eskew, Josh Hanson, Bob Hodges
 - c. Club Officers Absent – Mac McClellan, Tammy Wollett
3. Additions to Agenda:

Old Business – Clarification of Organization and Corporate Board Structure

New Business – Twisted Sticks Events, Microsoft Publisher Update, Brochure Mix-Up, Change of Meeting Day, Village Use Permit for Events
4. Minutes of February 12, 2025: Moved by Len to approve minutes of February 12; seconded by Bob Robinson; motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Reports and Bills: Len reviewed the Treasurer's Report reflecting income of \$230 in donations and \$720 in dues, showing a check book balance of \$12,499.79. Expenses were \$359.88 for website; \$140 for sanctions; \$577.73 for marketing; \$15 for library donation; \$138.48 electric bill; \$469 and \$100 for the raffle plane; and the

PortAJon bill paid in full. Forecast expenses of \$3,142.26 for drones and \$2,204.51 for cars which may be offset by the Lake County Community Foundation grant request of \$5,336.89. Drones and cars will NOT be ordered until the LCCF Grant Proposal is awarded. Forecast \$603 for batteries which was offset by a donation of \$600 from the Rotary.

Moved by Len to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Greg; motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. School Program, Drone Soccer: There has been a turn-over of students in the drone program. The high school students did not continue but we gained the middle school students. There will be a demonstration of the school drone program on March 26 at the Mason County Central School in the evening. The Mason County STEM Coordinator has been invited to attend the program at the Baldwin School on Tuesday March 19. Baldwin Schools have requested the addition of a school personnel as an instructor.
- b. Field Maintenance: Len reviewed a list of items needing to be completed at the field. Some of the items discussed were moving out the mower, gravel, building trim, signs out, fire extinguishers prepared, well operating and tested, fertilizer and asphalt sealer. The President is responsible for organizing work parties.
- c. Chamber of Commerce: Tabled
- d. LCMFA Club Trainer Planes: Greg will help get these ready. Tabled.
- e. Assets List: Will be done as soon as weather permits. Tabled

- f. Parental Student Club and Student AMA Membership: The forms for AMA Youth membership need to be sent home for parent signatures. Tabled.
- g. Potential LCSO Meeting: Len would like Shane to accompany him to meet with the Sheriff. Tabled.
- h. Event Food Service Provider: Debbie Vargas has us on her schedule. Table pilot coupon or cash donation discussion. The food vendor uses our use permit from the village. The vendor is responsible to meet any health department requirements.
- i. Marketing: Len reviewed a mix-up with the printing of the brochures discovered after printing so will need to re-order brochures.

Bob Violet Models has gone to on-line format and donations requests must now be done on-line and are completed for 2025

Horizon Hobby is also on-line for donations. In the past they received a Gold Member Sponsorship based on their commitment to donate \$500 in merchandise, however, the contact we used is no longer with Horizon Hobby. Leaves uncertainty of whether we will get donations in exchange for sponsorship. Donation requests have been submitted for three events.

- j. Status of Altitude Waivers: We should be okay on altitude waivers based on the latest information from AMA. A permanent altitude waiver is still pending.
- k. Clarification of Corporate Board and Organization Structure: Barbara requested further clarification in view of Officers and Directors of Corporation as shown on the Department of Licensing and Regulation Corporate Online Filing Report. The Corporate Bylaws are in conflict with this filing. The Vice-President of the Organization also needs to be reflected as an officer. In addition, the AMA Charter

requires a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. Barbara agreed to draft a revision to the Bylaws to reflect these requirements for Board approval and vote by members.

7. New Business:

- a. Shane discussed the Twisted Sticks events scheduled and requested participation and availability of simulator equipment.
April 13 – 1 to 4 p.m. Indoor FunFly Club Event. Will be doing Play 21 and a timed event. All invited.
April 27 – 1 to 4 p.m. Indoor Spring Fun Fly. Requesting use of our simulators and assistance.
July 28-August 1 Shane will be involved in the West Shore Community College for Kids Program. He plans a field trip to the club field and will need buddy box assistance, simulators, and assistance. More details coming later.
August 9 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Summer Fun Fly – Requesting use of our simulators and assistance.
- b. Microsoft Publisher no longer available. Len will need to find software to do the newsletter, brochures, and flyers.
- c. Dates of Meetings: Len has received requests that our Organization Meetings be changed from the second Wednesday to allow for more participation of members. After review of the responses received via email and discussion, there was no day or time that was satisfactory to all requesting this change. It was determined to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Moved by Barb to hold meetings May through September meeting at the flying field and October through April at the Village Hall. Since three of our four events at the second weekend of the month, hopefully the early arrivers for events will be able to participate during the summer at the field. Seconded by Len Todd; motion carried.
- d. Village Use Permit for Events – Barb will obtain the permit forms and submit them for approval for the four events.

- e. Initiation Fee Waiver: Barb presented a request from Les Smith to waive the initiation fee. Discussion was held regarding Les's involvement with LCMFA in the past. Moved by Bob R. to waive the initiation fee. Seconded by Len. Motion carried.

8. Round Table Discussion:

- a. Barb reviewed a week-long FunFly event to be held May 5-11 at the Little Finger Thermaleers field in Maple City, MI. It will include all winch launch and electric sailplanes, aerotow, and U-Control. Barb will promote our U-Control layout at this event.
- b. Dave Nederfield has donated a number of planes and equipment. Greg and Jeff will see what can be used either as prizes or auction at our events. If auctioned this could raise some money for the organization.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.