



July 16th, 2022

Monthly Meeting Minutes
for April 11th, 2023

By Robert Wilson, Secretary

President Ralph Grant

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Vice President Dave Harrington

Attendance:

24 members were in attendance, including one of our newest members, Andy Engle.

Secretary's report:

Robert Wilson, Secretary

Secretary's report for last month was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Wayne Nenninger, Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was shared and had one correction. Check 1160 was for the rental fees for the February and March Porta Potty, not the Remix Church meeting room, and was for \$212.39. There was one Auto Debit for \$14.18 to Ameren UE.

We had \$403.81 in income all from member's fees.

Field Committee Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman

- 21 people showed up for the most recent field day working party. Greg Tesson was called out for being key to making it a successful day. Greg has taken ownership of the hand wash station as well as helping with some of the grass maintenance.
- A working party was scheduled for the next day and was done with great success. Rocks were placed under the tables as well as other work completed. The rocks will help prevent standing in mud after rain when you are working at the charging tables.
- Gregg Tesson is working on fixing the wheels that drag on the tables.
- As of now, mowing is being planned to take place this Wednesday evening starting at 4:00 pm. Once this time is confirmed, a separate email will be sent out to the club members. It is taking Dave about 4 hours to complete the mowing and trimming.

Safety Committee Report:

Sid Kinzel, Field Committee Chairman

Each of our 34 Safety Rules were read and discussed to remain in compliance with our Leader Club status.

Membership Chairman's Report

Ralph Doyle, membership Chairman

We have 100 members this year versus 107 last year at this time. Some regulars have not renewed their dues.

Old Business:

Greg Tesson tried to repair the old field sink (handwash station) but was unable to. Thanks to member Rick Wintjen who donated a replacement. Greg will install it as soon as he gets it.

Brian Gilmer will be receiving a free 2023 membership. He has spent a lot of his own resources to build our club some fantastic tables. Thanks Brian!

New Business:

Rich Taylor and Dan Morrison are planning a fun fly that will be enjoyable by all skill level of flyers on September 9th. More to follow.

Tuesday July 11th will be our Christmas in July meeting at Steve Pokorny's house. Float-fly starts at 2:00 in the afternoon. Pool will be open too.

Ralph Grant is suggesting that every time there are at least 5 non-expired Spirits RC Membership Cards hanging on the frequency board a picture should be taken of them and sent to him, and, at the end of the year, a raffle will be held for all the card users and the winner will get a free \$500 plane.

This month was our safety meeting. Below are some key highlights. Please also review the club safety rules attached or use the link below:

<https://www.spiritsofstl.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Spirits-Safety-Rules-Updated-Dec-13-2022.pdf>

- We must utilize the Frequency board. This helps ensure that we are only allowing AMA members to fly and prevent flyers from abusing the two free flights they can have before joining.
 - 20 minute time limit, particularly important if you are sharing frequencies.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on property.
- Only six flyers are permitted at a time to fly.
- Our most common injury is prop strikes. If you are not utilizing throttle cut, ask for help. This can prevent serious injury. This goes for both electric and gas/nitro aircraft.
 - It is also strongly recommended to remove the prop when servicing or building the aircraft.
 - When starting, use either an electric starter or wear a protective mitt.
 - Don't hold the transmitter, or let it hang from a neck-strap.
 - Before starting, and when using a hold-back, pull the place towards you to ensure it is firmly secured.
 - Never be afraid to ask for help.
 - In the past 3 years, we have had 7 - 8 instances of props striking fingers requiring one trip to the hospital.
 - Because of this and other medical emergencies, it is not ideal to fly alone.
- When flying, we must stand in the pilot's box which is behind the white safety fence.

Please take the time to read ***all*** the safety rules of our club. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. We should all feel comfortable approaching each other to offer help, reminders, or assistance. If someone looks like they need help, please offer it. We have a lot of great pilots with probably centuries of combined experience. A person not as familiar with the processes and "ways" to do things safely would most likely be grateful for some sage advice, especially, if it is the friendly type.