



Monthly Meeting Minutes for 14Nov2023
by Stephen Adams, Secretary

Attendance: 25 Members

Club President: Ralph Grant

Vice President: Dan Morrison

Meeting called to order at 7:16pm by VP Dan Morrison
Show-n-tell occurred prior to meeting starting

Upcoming Events

- 12Dec Annual Christmas Party and Meeting at Steve Pokorny's place
- 01Jan Frozen Fingers Fun Fly
- 12Jan Indoor Fun Fly

Watch the website calendar for details.

Monthly Meeting location for January-to-March 2024 will be at the Creve Coeur Airport.

We are pleased to announce the *Spirits of St Louis Radio Control Flying Club* is now a FAA- and AMA-recognized FRIA site.

Secretary's Report: Stephen Adams

No meeting minutes available from previous month's club meeting.

Field Report: Dave Brown

Deer season (rifle) is upon us so be cautious about venturing in, or near, the woods. Wear bright colors, and be noisy, if you must enter the woods to recover a lost aircraft.

Treasury Report: Wayne Nenner

Annual filing of IRS Form 990 complete

Safety Report: Sid Kinzel

Nothing to report. Which is a positive thing.

Membership Report: Ralph Doyle

Renewals are underway

FWIW: The Club currently has two Life Members

Remember, you cannot fly in 2024 unless your AMA is current and you are a Member in good standing.

[Website: Stephen Adams](#)

Experiencing errors uploading your AMA card during the Renewal process? This has been resolved and teste as of 25Nov:

Windows: Edge, Chrome and Firefox

MacOS: Safari, Chrome and Firefox

Website error reported Calendar was not working from the Menu. That has been fixed 24Nov.

Can we add an online form to simply update contact information? Yes, coming soon

NEW BUSINESS

Mowing proposal received from Dave Brown

\$125 for six-acre mow

\$225 for entire field mow

Motion made, seconded, and accepted by Members present.

Reminder to everyone. If you see a flyer at Bob Gizzie Memorial Field who you do not recognize then introduce yourself. Ask if they are current Members and ensure they have a valid Membership Card posted on the Board.

Constitution and Bylaw Updates

Parts of our current operating documents have become dated and do not accurately reflect how the Club functions. Paul Geders led the effort, working with the Board, to bring the text up-to-date and welcome any feedback prior to finalizing the new documents.

KEY DATES

23Nov Revised documents containing proposed changes sent to Members for review.

15Dec Members are welcome to provide comment and feedback prior to 15Dec. Please send your comments to sa@stepheneadams.com. Board will review comments and revise documents as necessary.

02Jan Publish final version for Member acceptance.

02-08Jan Online voting period open to Members.

09Jan Results announced at monthly Club Meeting.

[Constitution Proposed Changes](#)

[Bylaws Proposed Changes](#)

Expenses and Dues

Wayne pointed out the Club budget is managed as end-of-year net-zero; meaning we finish each year Dues minus Expense equals zero dollars leftover. Sometimes, as in 2023, we must tap Club reserves to ensure we make the mark. A lively discussion around the topic took place with questions such as “should dues be raised?”, “should we ask for a one-time assessment, if

needed?”, etc. Concerns were raised such as “raising dues may cost us members”. In the end, it was agreed ***no action is necessary*** and the Club will evaluate the 2024 spend in Jun-Jul.

Annual can food drive was a SUCCESS. Food items were donated to *Loaves and Fishes for St Louis, Inc.* Receipt submitted to Secretary for filing. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.