

## **Sky Streakers Monthly Business Meeting Report**

Meeting Date: May 12, 2024

President Paul Attwood started the meeting on a cool overcast morning at 9:00 A.M. with 25 members and one guest present ( Mark Potter, President of KVMA).

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report as presented by Paul Attwood was as follows:

The ending balance for April was \$8,206.47

The club is committed to pay a tent rental balance in August of \$1,679.62.

Field maintenance this Spring has cost \$1,486.54

Secretary Field cautioned the group that although \$8,206.47 seems like a healthy amount, we need to be careful with expenditures since yearly costs of running the club can be (and have been ) as much as \$3,500.00. The effective amount in the treasury is much smaller than the April ending balance implies. ( Edit:  $8206.47 - 1679.62 - 1486.54 = \$5,040.31$  minus whatever the 2024 yearly costs to operate will be. Note: Some funds will be donated to help support the State of Maine Fly-In. )

The report was accepted as given.

**Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Field stated that the last report for which notes were taken was October of 2023 and no errors or omissions had yet been reported, so no action was probably required.

Field went on to report that membership was currently at 68. Two (2) are "Additional family members", five (5) are youth members, and eight (8) are dues exempt for various reasons. ( That translates to 53 members paying the full adult dues.)

**Tom Chabot Plaque:**

President Paul has ordered a plaque for long time member Tom Chabot and will install it when it is ready.

**IMAC:**

President Paul asked if a second port-a-potty was needed for the IMAC weekend.

After some discussion and a somewhat confusing motion, it was determined that then club should do what the club has always done and provide a second potty.

**Davis Weather Station:**

Geoff Wagner was present to give an update on what would be needed to get the weather station connected to the "Internet cloud." He and Doug Delaney met to go over the electronics and functions thereof. Basically a "hot spot" is needed to connect to the Internet which would require a dedicated cell phone number. Doug had one that was added to his personal phone contract ( at a reduced monthly rate that could be turned off in the winter ) and had never charged the club. It could require a two-year contract at \$50.00 a month for a cell connect.

Various free alternatives for getting weather information were discussed, such as the Auburn-Lewiston airport's site or weather.com.

Eddie Alonso offered to contact his cell carrier to check the cost of an add on number and the subject was tabled until a report is given.

### **State of Maine R/C Fly-In:**

Bill Reeve ( CD for the fly-in ) gave a report on the event , the purpose of which, is to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup>.anniversary of the club.

The event is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>. – 4<sup>th</sup>. at the flying field. Ray Labonte has arranged for District I AMA to help sponsor the event with a \$500.00 donation which makes the event have a broader New England impact.

Highlights are:

Open for visitors; July 29<sup>th</sup>.- August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Porta-Potty service on site; no hookups

On site food truck each day ( owner will be making a \$500.00 donation )

Tail gate swap meet daily and raffle event

Open flying daily and night flying

Flight Demonstrations

Guest appearances from Horizon Hobby and CARF Models USA

Free admission to the public

Landing Fees: \$10.00 a day or \$20.00 for all 4 days ( AMA and FAA required )

**SATURDAY's TYPICAL EVENTS:**

Open flying 9 AM - 12 Noon

Flight demonstrations 12 Noon - 1 PM

Open flying 1 PM - 5 PM

The current plan for volunteers is that they should report to the field to receive assignment areas.

A question was asked about club approval and President Attwood explained that the members of the board of directors were contacted and each gave approval.

### **Training:**

Paul Attwood asked the club members if training should continue to be offered as the club does not get a high percentage of trainees who continue on and join the club.

Andy Dixon said that he would oversee training depending on how much help is given.

Brian Prescott said that he plans to help.

No start date has been announced.

### **Civil Air Patrol:**

Paul Attwood asked for a volunteer who would attend an Auburn-Lewiston Civil Air Patrol meeting to give instruction on RC flying. Eddie Alonso has volunteered.

**Reminder:**

A reminder was given of the AMA and FAA requirements for attaching informational stickers to aircraft.

**Announcement of Upcoming Club Officer Vacancies:**

Paul Attwood announced that this would be his last year as club president and it also would be Kathy Attwood's last year as the treasurer for the club.

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned at 9:?? A.M. ( I forgot to check the time. My BAD.)

Respectfully submitted, Dave Field, Secretary