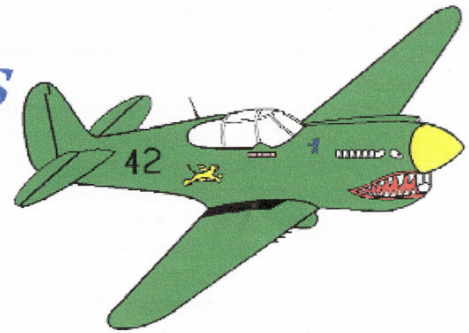


Tiger Tales



The Monthly Newsletter of The New Hampshire Flying Tigers Radio Control Club

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**This Month's meeting will be on
Wednesday, October 26th, 7:00 pm. at
the Marion Gerrish Community Center,
Derry, NH.**

**What's Happening
Nominations for club officers at this
month's meeting.**

**Important proposal included inside to be
voted on regarding club constitution
changes and dues and fees set by the
Budget Committee.**

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Meeting began at 7:00 with 28 members present.

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Rick Mastalerz announced that the mower fund is up to \$1850.00.

Rich Bono's proposal to require all members to display their current membership card while flying at the field was discussed. Rick Mastalerz suggested changing the wording to include on exterior clothing.

Rich added the wording "on their person".

The motion was voted on and passed with 28 in favor.

Bill Horton and Steve Black's proposal to allocate \$500 to finance the purchase of apparel and decals was voted on and passed with 15 in favor.

Dave Annicelli's proposal to allocate \$100 for the purpose of a donation to the Community center was withdrawn.

John Lavery thanked all members that helped with the Jenny project. Glen informed the membership that the new locks are in place on the new mower.

Glen also mentioned that the gate has been left open on one occasion.

Rich Bono suggested just locking the gate and leaving the chains off to the side. Rick Mastalerz said that the field has been a target of vandalism in the past and suggested locking both the gate and the chains.

An informal vote was taken with 10 to lock just the gate and 9 to lock both the chains and the gate. John Lavery said that the motion should be published prior to a vote being taken. After a heated debate a vote was taken to rescind the vote to lock just the gate.

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Another motion was then made to re-vote with 14 members voting to lock both the gate and the chains.

Bill Horton reminded all members of the fun fly scheduled for October 1st, and that the event is open to all members.

The budget proposal committee made a presentation on the suggested budget for the following year. The presentation consisted of a very detailed spreadsheet that outlined several different scenarios.

Brian Greenfield won the 50/50 raffle for \$12.00 which he donated back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well it looks like reality has finally caught up to us, after having several months of enjoyable warm weather, the past 2 weeks have been miserable flying weather. Oh well, we can't have everything now can we.

The club had great weather for fun fly that Bill Horton and Steve Black organized and everyone had a great time, although I heard a rumor that the club trainer was sacrificed to settle a tie. Oh well, easy come, easy go as long as it was done in fun.

I must apologize for having to leave last months meeting early and not being able to hear a well thought out presentation by the members of the budget committee, I had an issue with my son that needed some parental attention.

Rich has posted the numbers on the forum and they seem very reasonable to me and now we'll have to work on some details such as adjusting the constitution to reflect the needed changes in order to make our finances work. So please come to the meeting with an open mind and be willing to listen to the details.

In order to pay for our land agreement and insurance, the dues will have to be raised. In my opinion, the

numbers I have seen are very reasonable. We can certainly discuss details, and although not everyone will be happy with the outcome, the reality of this is that for 20 years, we as a club paid nothing to use the field and we saw what that lead to. I believe the Clinton quote was "NO CONTROLLING AUTHORITY" and that was no longer an acceptable position to be in.

Also don't forget that nominations for club officers will be accepted this month and this month only. So if you feel you have something to contribute and can make the commitment to help out the club, then have your name tossed into the ring. All elected positions will be up for grabs.

I am available to the club for limited service next year but will not serve another term as President, I think I might try just flying for a while and see how I like it and get reacquainted with some of my R/C Friends.

See you at the meeting,

Glen

From the Field Marshall

Here it is, Fall. The time to start thinking about what to build or fix over the Winter. Once again I have been AWOL. With work and trying to get things done on the house I have not been to the field or even looked at a model. I do hear that things at the field are looking good other than with all the rain there are worries about drainage. Iain spent some time trying to clean out the culvert pipe by the gate as it was pretty much plugged up. A big thanks to him for what must have been a pretty nasty job.

I am leaving for Japan again on the 21st so I won't be at this meeting. I can't seem to remember the last meeting I was at!

With all the rain the field must be pretty wet so please take extra care when driving and parking. Try to stay on the gate side of the storage building as it always seems drier there. We don't want ruts in the field from tires sinking in.

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One of these days I may even get a chance to come around and say, "howdy", but don't count on it for a month or so. That W word is a real pain!!

Hans

Proposal from the Budget Committee.

The budget committee is recommending that the members vote for the following changes to our constitution to support a new dues structure as discussed at the September meeting.

The only major difference here from what we presented at the September meeting is a change in the definition of a Junior membership and the addition of a Youth membership. These changes were done to bring our membership classes more into line with the AMA's. We believe that these changes should not impact our current Junior members.

I hereby make a motion to amend our constitution with the following four changes. These will require a 2/3rds majority vote to pass.

1) Replace the entire current ARTICLE IV - SECTION IV - MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND DUES with the following:

ARTICLE IV - SECTION IV - MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Club memberships are defined as follows:

- Youth Member – Those members under sixteen years of age as of January 1st. The NHFT R/C club is not responsible for the supervision of minors. Minors under the age of 16 years must always be accompanied by a parent or guardian while at the flying site or participating at any club activity.
- Junior Member - Those members sixteen years of age as of January 1st.
- Standard Member – Those members nineteen years of age as of January 1st.
- Senior Member - Those members sixty-two years of age as of January 1st.

2) New Section ARTICLE IV - SECTION VI to be added:

ARTICLE IV - SECTION VI - PAYMENT OF DUES AND FEES

Each application for club membership must include payment in full for annual dues and all applicable fees regardless of the date of the application. Application for membership in the club is not considered accepted until paid in full and is subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the members present at an official club meeting.

A membership application received after July 31st will be given a half year credit on the dues (only) for the following year. An application received after September 30th will be given a full year credit on the dues (only) for the following year. Note that no other fee's are allowed either of these credits.

Any member that performs four or more hours of work will have their following year's field maintenance fee waived, subject to the Field Marshall's approval.

Membership renewals must be received by the club with full payment of dues and all applicable fees by March 31st. An application received after this date will not be considered for renewal and will be subject to all new membership application procedures, dues and fees to be considered for club membership.

3) New ARTICLE VI - SECTION X to be added:

ARTICLE VI - SECTION X - BUDGET COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint a budget committee which is to analyze the financial needs of the club and to present a recommended dues and fees structure to the club membership at the October meeting.

The membership shall vote to approve the budget committee's report by a 2/3rds majority of the members present which will set the dues and fee's structure for the following year.

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4) Entirely delete the following ARTICLE VII - SECTION VI

ARTICLE VII - SECTION VI – RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS

Officers that have fulfilled their obligations to the club during the twelve months of their office will have their following year's membership dues waived in recognition of their service. A vote by the members present at the regular November meeting will determine if each officer has fulfilled his or her obligations.

The budget committee would like to present this final report to the membership for a vote to set the Dues and Fees for the 2006 membership year.

The following are the Dues and Fee's as presented and discussed at the September meeting. This has also been published on the forum since the September meeting to allow for any questions or additional discussion.

According to our proposed constitutional changes, the following should be approved by a 2/3rds vote of the members present at the meeting. Note that these Dues and Fees should be re-evaluated at the end of next year (2006) to see if any changes or refinements are needed.

The budget committee is hereby making a motion to approve the budget committee report and to set the Dues and Fee's starting with the 2006 membership year to:

Standard Member dues per year	\$59.00
Senior Member dues per year	\$49.00
Junior Member dues per year	\$20.00
Youth Member dues per year	\$ 0.00
New member initiation fee	\$30.00
Flight School fee(paid each year)	\$25.00
Field Maintenance fee	\$40.00
Newsletter, delivered via US-Mail	\$ 8.00
Newsletter, delivered via e-mail	Free
Field access key	\$ 3.00

From The Editor

Any comments or suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has anything to contribute please mail to:

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Deadline for submissions: November 21st

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