

MID-HUDSON RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/2/2015

Start time: 7:05 PM, at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

Present: 22 members, 1 guest

- The minutes from the previous meeting, located on the club's website, were accepted as posted.
- Wallkill field report: Ron Revelle is taking over for Rick Rizza as field director of the Wallkill field. A special thanks to Rick for a fine job. Ron has been in touch with the field owners, and a check has been sent to them.
- Redwing field report: Rob Schulze mentioned that the field is not accessible due to the snow. The entrance has not been plowed by the owners.
- Warren Batson noted that the ORA Spring Fun-fly is scheduled for May 16-17. All who attended last year's event had a great time, and this year looks to be well attended. The sanction for the event is in place. A "missions" flying event will be experimented with for a few hours during the fun-fly, with balloon bursting, etc... Tim Haggarty and friends will help run this.
- Jerry Rohling will be looking into the feasibility of holding the "Float-Fly" this year at Lake Taghkanic. The issue at hand is if the Parks Department will allow flying of RC models on park property.
- Fred DiMaria reported on the club's financial status.
- It was reported that approximately six people attended the "Frost Fly" in January despite the weather conditions. All were able to get flights in.
- Warren commented on the recent rulings by the FAA on the regulation of drone flying. A brief discussion followed.
- Warren discussed the proposed Bylaw changes that have been developed by the board regarding new membership rules. The recommendations are a combination of requests from club members and months of work done by the board. Proposed changes include identifying local counties and "out of area" locations, having a cap for "out of area" members, an interview process for new prospective members, and a probationary period for new members. An open comments session was held.
 - A motion was made by Ron Revelle to designate the following counties as "local" or "in area": Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange, Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Quick. A vote was tallied and the motion passed with 18 "yes", and 1 "no".
 - A motion was made by Rick Rizza to change the number of event obligations for prospective members from 4 to 2. The motion was seconded by Rob Schulze. A vote was tallied and the motion passed with all in favor and none against.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 PM

Minutes submitted by: Flavio Ambrosini