

Valley RC Flyers Board Meeting

December 18, 2018 – Labby's, 6 attendees (Ken L absent)

Checking	\$4,896.79
Savings	\$2,285.56
Total	\$7,182.35

The Moorhead Adult Ed class on "Introduction to RC" by VRCF is scheduled for – March 9, 10-12 am. Probsfield Elementary School, Moorhead. We need as much help as possible, flying simulators, examples of RC aircraft. We will check into if Indoor flying could be available in the Gym.

FAA licenses that were due to expire in 3 years should expire this year. However they automatically extended them for one more year. So you can print out new FAA license with extended date from the FAA website.

We are still looking for events to piggy back on to showcase our hobby. Perhaps things like the Kiwanis Pancake feed, other community events.

Club membership renewals – remind people to renew with link with application.

Feb meeting – Bob Miller in tough shape. Medical problems. So we will not meet at his place in February. We can hopefully do it at a later date. We should maybe do Osh Kosh, or FAA, for the Feb. 5 meeting.

Field improvement – need a master plan so the incremental steps makes sense towards that overall goal. We will draw up a site plan map to go with the written ideas we already have. Pull people to the middle? Bring to members at a meeting.

Fun Flys – Spring, Summer and Fall? Spring – no prizes of supper, no sanction. Look at other dates and try to find a date. June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Beginner day, instructors. Tuesday nights.

On meeting nights we could save meetings until sunset so we don't burn any flying time.

Instructors – check list, AMA?

Field Improvements: from last meeting

Discussed choosing some items and focusing on getting them approved and implemented. It was agreed that safety items should be the priority. It is felt that some safety fence and flight station changes along with some procedure changes for Fun Fly events was a good place to start. The fencing could be temporary so we can see how it works and make changes as we learn things.

After a lot of discussion the trend towards something like the following was the consensus.

- temporary fence between existing fence and flight stations,
- extend fence to the north

- leave about 30' space between existing fence and new safety fence for canopies and planes and pilots (the pit area)
- leave ~3 openings in safety fence
- in front of the openings will be another fence to protect against planes coming into the pit area
- Instead of the flight stations we have not we could have designated spots along the new safety fence for flyers. Limited to ~6 spots. This brings pilots together close enough to communicate
- A set of rules or procedures to go with new configuration would be implemented for Fun Flys
 - Keep aircraft in the pit area,
 - no spectators in pit area without a pilot
 - to fly, bring a plane to the opening in the safety fence, line up if necessary
 - when one of the designated pilot stations is free, bring plane outside the pit area
 - have your spotter (mandatory for all flights) hold you airplane (or bring a restraint with you) for starting glow and gas engines.
 - Fly only from designated pilot stations
 - Enforce the new procedures through pilot meeting, members good examples, gentle reminders as needed
- REMINDER – These changes would be primarily for events like Fun Flys. Everyday flying just requires good communication and common sense.
- ALSO – these ideas will be vetted with the membership prior to implementation

Other ideas also discussed.

- Maybe move fence out and make permanent when the propex needs to be replaced.
- Crosswind runway is not as critical a need with such a wide runway
- Potentially paint a reference line down center of runway as a target for pilots to air for. This could help safety and improve flying skills.
- We should consider having an early fun fly to try out some of these ideas.
- Consider having just a 3D event? Invite Big reps (suppliers)?