

# **BRISTOL COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC. # 1349**

## **Minutes of Membership Meeting**

03/06/2013

The monthly meeting of the Bristol County Radio Control Club, Inc. was held in the Northeast Terminal Building at the New Bedford Regional Airport on Tuesday, 03/05/2013

### **Officers Present:**

President Gary Carreiro  
Vice President Jeff Rebello  
Secretary/Clerk Gary Barboza  
Recording Secretary Carlos Costa  
Treasurer Michelle Brito  
Safety Officer Gerry Dupont  
Events Coordinator Ted Brito  
Contest Director Ned Watts (Absent)

There were ( 18 ) members present also 1 guest.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

### **Secretary's Report**

The lengthy minutes of the 02/05/2013 meeting were read by Gary Carreiro and unanimously accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was read by Michelle Brito and unanimously accepted.

### **GENERAL FUND**

(February) starting balance \$ 2,874.46  
Expenses -50.99  
Deposits + 522.00 and 392.50  
October Ending balance \$ 3737.97

### **TAG GRANT**

(February) starting balance \$ 151.93  
Expenses -000.00  
Deposit 0.00  
October Ending balance \$ 151.93

### **Committee Report**

Grass cutting committee now has 5 members we are still looking for an active member to keep the list current and circulate the schedule and e-mails. We anticipate a couple of cuts each week the first month than cutting back to weekly as needed. A vote was held and unanimously accepted to get the tune up kit each year without any future votes. This usually costs us under \$60 annually and Bob Dupre has been graciously in charge of the process since the purchase of the riding mower.

## **Correspondence**

Two letters were circulated around the room and sent by e-mail to all from UMass Dartmouth, thanking us for the presentation we put on in June. Payment from them was also received. We now have a generic recommendation that we can use for other venues.

## **Unfinished Business**

The Airport Fun Day will be 05/18/2013 and was discussed in great length. We still need some volunteers to help with plane spotting and ranging and another Heli pilot or two. Anyone interested needs to get with Ted B to discuss the planned asphalt practice sessions coming up. This is our chance to shine Guys! It was also mentioned that less than 60 clubs annually fly on a real runway at an airport.

Currently we are allotted 2 half hour time slots with perhaps 8 minutes of WWI Era planes,

Bipes, followed by 8 minutes WWII Era War Birds, Followed by Hellis? Second session might be 8 minutes of Traditional planes Cubs etc... followed by Jets, than Helis? You get the idea.....

## **New Business**

The 3 nominated new members from last month were all voted in unanimously. We currently have 3 members on the waiting list, 1 was in attendance last night the other two were not. Letters to them to reinforce their commitment will be sent and their sponsors are required to tell the group something about them. This is an important step in the selection process as always we will fill up this year and we want to maintain the highest level of quality modeler and flyer. Our Guest speaker was Dr. Gordon Schimmel an education outreach specialist with the AMA. He shared with us a program they put on in schools and are currently doing at the Talbot middle school in Fall River. We have been selected to participate in both static display and indoor electric flying to help create more interest among future aviators. This type of participation always

leads to future interest but is very hard to gauge. Many in the room remember who and what first got them interested in the hobby. This is part of the “Pay It Forward” concept and I hope we will have many volunteers.

Dr. Schimmel was able to demonstrate working models starting with the FPG9 which brought many smiles to our faces. Made from a template available on the AMA website and cut out of a 9” foam plate.

They flew well and the Abe Lincoln Pilot could be replaced with Jefferson or Washington for a few more cents..... The next demo was adding Dihedral to a cheap balsa kit to make it more stable and finally the elastic powered version tethered to a waste can with thread and timed for flight duration and speed. Amazingly we learned as much from his talk as the kids would and everyone enjoyed this session.

#### **Comments from the Officers**

The WRAM show was FANTASTIC!!!! All who went enjoyed it Jon Bier went the next day with his son Ben. We heard from some the time there was too short others thought it was perfect. Maybe next year we can get 2 vans to go up and they will stagger the time they leave to allow some members more hours at the show. I for one would have liked to see the painting session and the convert gas to electric which was going on upstairs. The SWAP meet part was excellent and many members took advantage of the deals.

Gary Carreiro mentioned the indoor flying at Sippican School is coming to an end with the anticipation of warmer weather. We voted to have 3 more sessions every other Saturday as we have been and finishing up on 04/13/2013. Anyone who has not even visited a session is encouraged to as the laughs alone are worth the \$5 charge. Gary will e-mail more information as to rules and such but I personally encourage every member to go to at least 1 session.

#### **Comments from the members**

Ted mentioned that Wingbusters will in fact be joining us for the annual Float Fly and will take care of the raffles. We expect a larger participation this year and perhaps due to the planned move earlier in September, much better weather. Since there is still plenty of time and 3 other events before the float fly Ted thought it best to table for future meeting discussion.

The meeting closed at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlos A Costa

Recording Secretary