



November 6th 2024 Meeting Notes

Secretaries Report

- Secretary's report read and approved from the October meeting.

Treasurers Report

- October Income - No income reported for October
- October Expenses - \$10.00 T-Mobile Hotspot, \$207.00 property taxes, \$448.88 Ballstadt's mowing. Total expenses \$665.88

Old Business

- 2024 Field Projects
 - Spray the shelter with waterproofing - Neil to do in the spring
 - Siding is repaired and the front sign will be completed over the winter by Neil for spring installation.

New Business

- Event Calendar 2025 (proposed)
 - Frozen Finger Fly - Jan 1, 2025 with a 10:00AM start, (weather permitting)
 - ORCM Fun Fly#1/Open House - June 21, 2025 9:00 AM start
 - MRCSS Aero-Tow - July 10 - 13 2025 - Not verified yet
 - ORCM Fun Fly#2 - July 26, 2025 9:00 AM start
 - Civil Air Patrol Fly In Breakfast display - August 24, 2025 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Discussion was held on the status of using Ballstadt's to mow the field. It was decided to no longer continue to use an outside vendor for mowing the field and a letter was sent to them stating our appreciation for the condition of our field while they were mowing for us. If we were to continue using an outside vendor we would be broke in a few years as a club and would no longer be able to operate as a club. The following was discussed and voted on starting in the 2025 flying season
 - Dues will be increased in 2025 to \$100.00 along with a maintenance fee of \$25.00 per member added to the dues total. Juniors and additional family members are \$25.00 per person plus the \$25.00 maintenance fee. (See the application on the membership page for reference. Any questions please contact an officer for clarification.
 - The maintenance fee can be waived for the 2026 season as long as that member assists with the maintenance of the field in 2025. Maintenance includes mowing, trimming, rodent control and things of that nature. A calendar will be placed in the large shed for people to sign up each week. If you choose to not do maintenance work the fee will still be intact for your 2026 season. Log the number of hours on the calendar so we can make sure we have a record of your dates and hours worked for the waiver in 2026.
 - If you sign a new member in 2025, your \$25.00 maintenance fee will be waived in 2026 also. Our numbers are down and we are challenging our membership to help increase our numbers and get new people into the hobby.
 - It was also discussed with the Aero-Tow group that if they had 10 members sign up with ORCM, we would waive the \$500.00 fee for the event. They have had

pilots at the event sign up with us in the past to assist us in keeping our field the best in Minnesota.

- Dick is looking into the viability of becoming a 501c3 organization for possible funding options for the club. He also discussed some of the AMA programs that are in place and we will look into those to see if anything can help us with our maintenance of the field and to attract members thus keeping our treasury healthy for the future.
 - Some items that would benefit is new gravel on the driveway so it is not rutted and muddy in the spring and rainy days.
- Our officer team will stay the same as last year but for the position of VP to replace John Craig Christenson will step into this position. We will vote for all positions at the December meeting.
- November through April meetings will be scheduled at the Owatonna HyVee in the dining area on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM.

Next meeting is December 4th @ 6:30 pm in the Owatonna HyVee dining area.