



## **NJ PINE BARONS R/C CLUB**

### **NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2024**

**Date-** May 4, 2024 @11:00AM

**Location-** NJ Pine Barons Field

The meeting was called to order by Steve Schwartz (volunteer)

Steve asked for permission to run the meeting as he had "volunteered" at the last meeting. Motion was made and carried that Steve become interim President. Discussion was made about notifying AMA of changes, Tony said he would handle it.

#### **Board Members Present-**

Steve Schwartz	President (replacement)
Jim O'Brien	Vice President
Tony DiCoio	Treasurer
	Secretary (not present)

**Treasurer's Report** – Well barely have enough to cover expenses for the remainder of the year and will exhaust all funds, including emergency funds by year end. See recap of meeting below.

**Secretary's Report** – N/A Secretary not at meeting

**Membership Report** - Total (at end of meeting) 47

**Field Report-** No formal report, but field is in good shape.

**Donations-** We again would like to thank all those who donated to the club, whether services, money or items of value

#### **Recap of E-mails and Items Discussed (not sure if all e-mails went out properly)**

##### **Email #1**

This will be the first of a few e-mails being sent out because of our meeting this past Saturday. I am trying to keep them short and to the point rather than one long e-mail.

First, I would like to thank everyone that showed up to the meeting. It was a productive meeting and should help us move forward. At the meeting there was a motion made and passed to formally appoint me as the President. I will reiterate what I said at the meeting; It is not my intent to run for President next year, this is an interim solution to our current problems. Please start thinking about volunteering to run for office next year.

Speaking of meetings, there will not be a June meeting unless something comes up that requires such. (I will be out of town that weekend and as discussed previously, there really does not appear to be a need for a monthly meeting.) Please, let one of your board members know if you see the need. I will be in touch with another e-mail shortly.

#### Email #2

Most of you know we are headed in a bad direction financially. We have lost members and our field costs have increased dramatically. As a result, we are asking each member to make a donation. If we each donate a minimum of \$35 the club will survive. Obviously, the club would be happy to accept higher donations! The amount donated by any individual or group will not be divulged. Please, if you can afford to donate, send your checks to NJ Pine Barons R/C Club, PO Box 52, Medford NJ 08055. We thank you in advance.

At the meeting, to raise funds, we decided to sell one of the three car ports. The one to the far north gets little use most of the year. As of this date we may have it sold already! We understand that this could be an issue in the hot sun, but if the sun bothers you, I recommend bringing a pop-up tent when the field may be busy.

#### Email #3

On June 9 we will be doing our spring flea market. Details will be available shortly. (Denny is handling this). I am guessing he could use some volunteers to help. There will be a half decent number of things donated to the club that will be offered for sale. A lot of these items were donated from Harry's family when he passed away. (We do thank them). BTW- If you would like to donate something for the club, sell it would be greatly appreciated. I know I am going to donate a DX7 that is great shape. Tables will be available for rent as well should you have lots of things to sell. Please join us, pitch in and sell, buy and volunteer.

#### Email #4

The topic of the Warbirds event was brought up, trying to find a date. The problem is nobody volunteered to run it. If somebody would like to run the event they need to volunteer now. Please drop me an e-mail if you would like to take charge and handle this event. If nobody volunteers there will be no such event.

The idea of fun-fly's was also brought up. These were basically days of open flying and food. We used to have these once a month, but they were no different than a normal weekend of flying with food. It was decided to table them for now. Instead of doing these we are going to have a day of competition at the field. On this day there will be events that both the new pilots and experienced guys can participate in. There would be an entry fee and rewards. Things like spot landings, timed events, limbo and like may be on the list of events. Stay tuned for details.

#### Email #5

Once the weather improves, we tend to get more folks out at the field. This means we have the potential for old members who did not renew to be out there as well as new potential members. That means that we all need to wear or have in our possession our badges! Please remember, we are all responsible for making sure that those flying are members or formal guests of members. Guests must be AMA members! Please, be courteous and ask those you do not know if they are members and to show their badges. There will also be (in the near future) a list of current members posted as a reference. If they are not members ask them nicely to stay off the flight line and not to fly. Also ask them if they are interested in joining the club and tell them how to join. Remember, be courteous but make sure everybody out there flying is a member and that anybody on the flight line is an AMA member.

**Please note- it was asked and decided at the meeting that the club would not approach the owner at this time. No individual or group should take it upon themselves to do so. If the owner approaches you, please ask him to contact Steve Schwartz.**

*Should you feel any of this is inaccurate or needs clarification please notify the author. It shall be deemed as minutes for the next meeting if there are no objections.*

*Meeting Closed at 11:15*

*Next Meeting- TBD, 11:00 AM at the field*