



# New Jersey Pine Barons Meeting Minutes

AMA Chapter #1445

**Date :** July 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:02am

President Steve Schwartz begins with a general intro and does into an initial major issue:  
**Electrical Issues at the Power Station.**

## **Issue #1 : Electrical Issues at the Power Station**

Discussion took place among meeting members that lead to the discover of the of GFI being faulted at the power station. Reset fixed the problem.

**Issue #1 Status : Closed**

## **Treasurer Tony DiCoio gives update on Finances.**

The outing brought much needed funding. Current Total gives us good start into 2025 however we must look into better budgets and ways to increase revenue for the club.

More information can be obtained by attending our meetings.

## **General Meeting Discussions:**

### **Discussion #1 : Membership**

Total Members : **47**

Members discussed ways to promote the Club and Sport to increase membership. A concern was brought up that the increased membership dues may have driven away some members who are on tighter budgets. Other members mentioned how the younger generations are too much into computers, video games, social media nowadays.

Solutions brought up by members:

- Lower the cost of membership – However this would cause a problem of meeting budget numbers needed.
- Offer a limited time lower cost offer to members that have not renewed for 2024. Much like Comcast does if you drop their service – However this may make where some members may not like the fact that some members are paying less.
- Start trying to recruit new younger members through investigating and possibly setting up demonstrations for local school STEM programs.
- Possibly offer a monetary package deal to purchase a membership, a trainer like the Apprentice, and get basic lessons for our pros for new kid recruits.

**Discussion #1 Status : Still Open (to be continued)**



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### **Discussion #2 : Field Lease Status**

Continuing concerns with the owner of the farm that our field resides on. Keep looking for better options in other areas.

- Possibly create a committee to investigate new fields.
- Talk with Congressman Andy Kim on the feasibility of using public land.

Best option would be getting access and usage of public land.

**Discussion #2 Status : Still Open** (to be continued)

### **Discussion #3 : Field Physics Status**

President Steve brought up that based on the current hot weather, the grass has not been growing as much. Determination was made that based on the current conditions during the year, we should cut the grass less during hot times. Normal cutting during fair weather when the grass tends to grow consistently. This will be better overall for the field. Contact to who cuts the grass needs to be done to update on new procedure.

**Discussion #3 Status : Closed**

### **Discussion #4 : Porta-Potty Service**

Tony DiCoio brought up that the porta-potty was not service as typical. We need to call to find out why.

**Discussion #4 Status : Open**

### **Discussion #5 : Mass email issues**

Not all members are receiving emails that are sent during mass emailing. Tony DiCoio suggested that Anthony Orio to investigate. I talked to the one member at the meeting who seemed to have an issue and requested him to send me a message via Facebook to work on his issue. That was not done and is still open. I personally had an email issue which ended up being my email address being entered wrong. After correction, everything worked fine.

Solution offered in the meantime while we figure out the actual problem:

- Post on the Club's Facebook page to notify of meetings in the future.
- All club members should check to see if their address is correct on the New Jersey Pine Barons RC Club web page.

Will recheck upon next meeting.

**Discussion #5 Status : Open**

### **Discussion #6 : Fun Fly Event**

Discussion on having the Fun Fly Event for the fall. It was voted to have the event on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Open issues to be determined are the following:

- Entry (Landing) Fee – cost for the day.
- Events – Limbo was discussed and seems to concrete. However other suggestions were not set in stone like Spot Landing.
- Actual time span – 9am to ? i.e.
- Food to be supplied.

Materials will be needed to prep for events along with putting out the Fun Fly Newsletter, so the quicker we can decide the better we are. Anthony Orio will do the Fun Fly Newsletter and post it on the web site along with posting on Facebook. May need to utilize users that may be parts of other Facebook groups to share are post.

**Discussion #6 Status : Open**

### **Discussion #7 : October Fest Event**

Discussion on the October Fest Event for the fall. It was voted to have the event on October 13<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Open issues to be determined are the following:

- Entry (Landing) Fee – cost for the day.
- Events – Limbo was again discussed and seems to be concrete. However other suggestions were not set in stone like Spot Landing, Combat, Balloon Bust, Pylon Racing, & Acrobatics.
- Actual time span – 9am to ? i.e.

As with the Fun Fly Event..... Materials will be needed to prep for events along with putting out the October Fest Newsletter, so the quicker we can decide the better we are. Anthony Orio will do the October Fest Newsletter and post it on the web site along with posting on Facebook. May need to utilize users that may be parts of other Facebook groups to share the post.

**Discussion #7 Status : Open**

### **Discussion #8 : Crashed Plane Incident**

As we all know, an incident occurred where a plane crashed into the Barn. This was not a good look on the club with the owner of the farm. It is important to fly in the designated area of the field, however mistakes can occur. In the future, it was determined we must follow a process when an incident like this happens again in the future.

Upon being involved in an incident....

1. Call a Club Officer to report the incident.
2. Do NOT attempt to fix the damage.
3. Utilize the AMA Insurance with a Club Officer approved person to fix the damage when necessary.

**Discussion #8 Status : Closed**

### **Aircraft Demonstration**

A UMX modified Twin Otter was shown by a member. A nice small package where the box makes a great carrying case. Low Cost and a fun flyer.



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### Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12pm. There will be no meeting in August.

**Next Meeting** : September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024