



## New Jersey Pine Barons Meeting Minutes

AMA Chapter #1445

**Date :** November 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:00am

President Steve Schwartz begins with a general intro then hands off the meeting to the club Treasurer.

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

Current Finance Numbers still has the club with a good start into 2025. The OctoberFest Flea Market was good and generated some revenue. However, as usual, we must look into better budgets and ways to increase revenue for the club. More detailed information can be obtained by attending our meetings.

### **General Meeting Discussions:**

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

Total Members : **50**

An additional member has joined the club... unfortunately numbers are still down from previous years, which requires a higher revenue generation to keep the club afloat. This, however, has raised the cost of the membership to its current day membership fee. We have to find ways to increase membership while keeping the membership dues at an affordable price.

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

#### **Discussion #2 : Membership Dues**

Yearly Membership Registration Fee : **\$150**

The yearly membership registration fee is due now for the upcoming 2025 year. The sooner we can get everyone's dues, the better it is for our club to be prepped for the various cost of the maintenance of the field, planning of events, etc. throughout the year, and a much better view on where the club is headed in the future.

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



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### **Discussion #3 : Field Lease Status**

Continuing concerns with the owner of the farm that our field resides on. The first negotiations with the owner on price cutting were not successful. The best foot forward would be to line something up with another location to have as leverage for future negotiations.

Solutions offered are:

- Still try to renegotiate the Allen Sod Field with the owner.
- Keep looking for better options in other areas.

As mentioned previously, best option would be getting access and usage of public land. However, that would require cost to get a new field prepped for flying. We also would lose our FRIA field status as it can not just be transferred from one field to another.

**Discussion #3 Status : Still Open** (to be continued)

### **Discussion #4 : Field Physics Status**

President Steve mentioned that based on the current dry weather has made the field very dry. There has been some relief with rain, but exercise caution when using the field and know where the fire extinguisher is. As we have witnessed recently in NJ, a small spark can have big consequences.

Also want to give a big shout out to Chet Broda for maintaining the field, he is the reason we have one of the nicer flying fields in New Jersey.

**Discussion #4 Status : Closed**

### **Discussion #5 : Mailing Address**

Tony DiCoio has closed the PO Box for the club. The new mailing address is now....

**24 Elm Court  
Tabernacle, NJ 08088**

All future mailings need to go the above address.

**Discussion #5 Status : Closed**



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### **Discussion #6 : October Fest Event**

The October Fest Event went well and saw a good turnout. We want to thank everyone that contributed and supplied items to make the event successful.

**Discussion #6 Status : Closed**

### **Discussion #7 : Frosty Fingers Event**

Discussion on the Frosty Fingers Event for the New Year. The date, as always, is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

As with all Events.... Materials will be needed to prep for events along with putting out the Frosty Fingers Newsletter, so the quicker we can decide the better we are. Anthony Orio will do the Frosty Fingers 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 #7 Status : Open**

### **Discussion #8 : Officer Nominations for 2025**

It is the time of the year to nominate the club officers for 2025. Nominations need to be locked in at the next meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting start time is 11:00am. If anyone wants to get nominated, please show up for the meeting.

Current Nominations so far....

**President : Jim Obrien**  
**Vice President : John DeSena**  
**Vice President : Larry Williams**  
**Treasurer : Anthony DiCoio**  
**Secretary : Anthony Orio**

Feel free to throw your name or any others who might be interested into the list of nominations. It takes people to step up to keep the club running successfully. We can not just depend on the same people to offer their time.... It depends on all of us.

**Discussion #8 Status : Open**



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### **Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45am.

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

### **Final Notes :**

The New Jersey Pine Barons want to give big kudos and thanks to our outgoing President Steve Schwartz. Steve stepped up as President to take over the position that was vacated by Rich Prohut when Rich moved to Illinois. Steve's leadership made for another successful club year. We appreciate everything he has done to lead our club into the next year and the continuing life of the club. We definitely can use members like Steve, who can dedicate what little time he had and make room to handle the major duties of being the President of the New Jersey Pine Barons RC Club. We all thank you Steve !

### **A Note from our Outgoing President Steve Schwartz**

*There are do-ers in this world and there are talkers. There are people who take action, take pride in their abilities and put them to the test daily; and there are others who stand on the sideline watching.*

*How will we ever know what's possible if we don't go out and try it for ourselves?*

*How will we know if we have the skills for the game if we never have the courage to check ourselves into it?*

*People will always criticize you and your way of doing things, but most likely those same people are too scared to go build and execute on their own ideas, thoughts, and ventures... so they critique your actions.*

*Remember, you are in the game. You are on the field trying to put points on the board. You are creating value, creating opportunities, and driving change.*

*Don't overthink it. Don't over analyze it. Success comes from learning by doing, not just watching and talking.*

*Chop wood, carry water... Have a great day!*