



Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/13/2025

Location: Abby Bank Basement, Grand Chute, 6pm

Time called to order and by whom: ____6pm President TR Miller____

of club officers in attendance: ____4____

of members in attendance: ____14____

Secretary's report – Tim Stadler – Read and approved.

Treasurer's and report – Heath Bartel – Read and approved.

Membership Count 2025: ____31____

Old Business:

Membership Renewals Due – 2025 Membership renewals are open. Ensure you have valid VAM and AMA membership as well as current FAA registration. Gate combo has been changed.

Quarry field report: Field in good shape.

Swap Meet 2025 – VAM Swap Meet will be held on Sunday, April 6th at Maloney's in Kaukauna. Budget of \$450 approved for hall and \$55 approved for both swap meet and fun fly model aircraft ads. Swap meet will begin at 7:30 am with auction/raffle to begin at 10:30 am.

Ad submitted to AMA

Posters/flyers at area hobby shops. There may be new hobby shop in Seymour.

Raffle prize collection has begun.

Frozen Finger Fun Fly – Status update – 18 to 20 people. Some people got their first crash of the year. Chili dogs next year.

New Business:

Geo Textile / Field Leveling – There was discussion about doing something to help support more electric jets at the field. Considerable discussion on geo-textile and bringing in topsoil. With President not in attendance and given we are just now coming into Winter, we decided to table until spring. Tim will work with Oshkosh club to see if we can visit their location as they have two rolls of geo-textile installed and it is a bit different to fly from. We also needed to set expectations that VAM cannot afford to cover entire field – it would just be a small section of runway. The field will move a bit and we can see how the rolling hills are in the spring.

Fun Fly – June 13, 14, 15 (Fri, Sat, Sun). Events will be on Saturday morning. Food available Friday and Saturday. Cost will be \$5 each day or \$20 for all 3 days with T-Shirt. Shirts will be ordered mid-May. Events will include Bowling, Touch and Go, Bag Drop, STOL Drag Races. Tailgate swap meet every day.

Tax Bill – Heath mentioned we received our tax bill for buildings and improvements. This is a nice change from prior years where we were billed for personal property tax. The positive news is our annual bill is decreased. Motion approved for \$283.

Locks – Heath mentioned that every 4 years we need new locks at field. Motion approved for \$118 to cover all new locks.

Club reminders and upcoming events:

Jan 18 – Janesville swap meet

Jan 26 – West Bend swap meet

Feb 10 – VAM Meeting Abby Bank Basement, 6pm

Mar 10 – VAM Meeting Abby Bank Basement, 6pm

Apr 6 – VAM Show and Auction, Maloney's Bar, Kaukauna WI 7:30 am

Apr 14 – VAM Meeting Abby Bank Basement, 6pm

Show and Tell (after we adjourned):

Steve Kiser shared some details about his new design for an aircraft that goes in reverse.

Mick Warning brought a new canard he built that happens to use the OS-45 engine that sat in a tree for a season from prior crash at Quarry Field. It has spring gear, wing tip rudders. This was very unique airplane and we can't wait to see it fly.

Tim Stadler shared some insights about Spektrum NX8 firmware upgrade and how to back up models to Micro SD card.

Adjournment:

Motion made and approved to adjourn at: _6:25 PM__