

# **DRONE FLYERS CLUB**

## **The Villages, FL**



Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** The May 16, 2024 meeting was called to order at 18:31 hours. John Hawley, our Membership Director officiated at the meeting this evening in the absence of President Wiley.

There were 26 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Hawley welcomed all members and guests that were in attendance. New members this evening included Lori Murry, Bob Galbert, and David Smith.

A Ken Heron drone crash video was shown to open the meeting.

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

#### **President's Report:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Peggy Garvin was out of the country for this meeting, however Peggy forwarded the May 16, 2024, report for presentation.

Opening Balance:	\$3,701.45	
Revenue:	Hats	\$ 60.00
Expenses:	\$472.77	
	Name Badge	\$ 44.94
	Hats	\$ 320.84
	Other	\$ 106.99
Balance:	\$3,288.72	

**Motion and second** to accept the May 16, 2024 Treasurers report as presented. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Secretaries Report:** Secretary Randy Justus reported the April 18, 2024 meeting minutes had been posted on our website. No comments or changes were received.

**Motion and second** to approve the April 18, 2024, minutes. Motion approved by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Hawley presented information on items that could make a drone pilot's flying more enjoyable. These items included:

- Mini strobes (available at <http://Firehouse.com> )
- Colored props (available at Master <http://masterairscrew.com> )
- Costrail Chair and umbrella (available at <http://www.amazon.com> )
- SanDisk Extreme SD micro chips for recording your flight activities (available on-line)
- Drone skin's (available on line (available at <http://Wrapgrade.jp.en> )

The Pilot Institute was also discussed. This is a great resource for timely news and drone related information. Recent presentations have been made regarding:

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- The prohibition on public safety officials using any/all DJI equipment (6 years to implement). This would effectively ban all first responders from using DJI drones. This would also create a tax on traditional users. This is a potential 30% tax on DJI drones.
- Michigan Supreme Court Case. A drone was used to surveil a backyard that was being used as a junk yard. The Michigan Supreme Court decided not to rule on this issue.

Hawley announced the Club recently participated in the Village's Lifestyle Expo. This is a once-a-month event that targets new residents to the Villages community. The purpose is to showcase the various clubs that residents can join as well as other information that is beneficial to new residents. The recent meeting resulted in many persons stopping by our booth and asking questions. This appears to be a great opportunity for the Club and our intent is to staff each future Lifestyles Event. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the June 14, 2024 event which will be held at the Ezell Recreation Center. We are looking for members to help staff the booth. The event runs between 08:30 and 15:00 hours and we would like to staff a morning and an afternoon shift.

### **MEMBER VIDEOS:**

- John Hawley presented a video on his recent trip to Arizona. This included views of the Grand Canyon and surrounding areas.

### **MEMBER DISCUSSION:**

- DJI Phantom 2 drone was given to the club and is available for a member of the Club to purchase. See Randy Justus if you are interested. (UPDATE: drone was sold and the proceeds were given to our Club Treasurer).
- The Club had agreed to provide video footage to The Soldier Girl Coffee event scheduled for May 18, 2024. While we were looking forward to assisting this group, the Soldier Girl Coffee club decided they would like our participating members to provide liability insurance. Due to this requirement, it was decided to defer our participation as this would be a member cost issue.

### **SAFETY OFFICER:**

Cres presented the monthly safety briefing. This briefing, in its entirety is available on our Club Website (<https://www.droneflyersthevillagesfl.com/>). Please make sure and review the Safety Officer's briefing each month for important safety information. Highlights of this month's report include:

- Take off and landing rules
- Safety in the landing area
- Transitioning over adjacent areas
- The importance of making sure your software and firmware are up-to-date each time you fly
- Inspecting your aircraft and components
- Checking the weather and knowing your abilities in adverse weather conditions

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- Understanding the airspace you will be flying in and restricted/prohibited areas near where you will be flying.
- Your readiness to fly (refer to the FAA's I'M SAFE website)

The May 23, 2024 training session was also discussed. Members requested training on flight regulations, Cres asked that members planning to attend this training session prepare by bringing any questions they may have on regulation issues.

**DRONES FOR SALE:** Members are able to list and sell drones by visiting our Club website <https://www.droneflyersthevillagesfl.com/> ).

### **ITEMS FOR SALE:**

- Please see Peggy Garvin should you need Study Books, Club Hats, Club Stickers, Name Tags, etc.

**CRASH OF THE MONTH:** There were no drone crashes reported this past month! Congratulations to the membership!

**PRESENTATION:** John Hawley presented a brief report on Heat Emergencies. Members should be aware of this information as the warm weather approaches.

### **FLYING DAY REMINDERS:**

- Soaring Eagle: Tuesdays, 08:00 – 12:00
- Edna's/Hog Eye Path: Thursdays, 08:00 – 12:00

**50/50 DRAWING:** The lucky winner of tonight's for the 50/50 drawing for \$43 was Terry Spencer. Congratulations Terry!

### **NEXT MEETING(S):**

- **Business Meeting:** The next business meeting is scheduled for **June 20, 2024**, at 18:30 hours (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Meeting will be held at the Rohan Recreation Center.
- **Training Session:** The next training session is scheduled for **May 23, 2024**, at 18:30 hours (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) Meeting will be held at the Rohan Recreation Center. The June training session will be **June 27, 2024** at 18:30 hours

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no additional business being brought forward, John Hawley adjourned the May 16, 2024, Drone Club Meeting at 19:50 hours.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Randy Justus*

Randy Justus, Secretary

