

Valley RC Flyers Board Meeting

December 18, 2018 – Labby's, 7 attendees

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| Checking | \$4,736.47 |
| Savings | \$2,285.22 |
| Total | \$7,021.69 |

Ideas for changing yard light fixture on the shelter were discussed, probably an LED version would be preferred.

Mall Show? NO on flying due to liability. This would have been a good draw but without it we don't think it is worth it, especially since it would too close in time to the DL Mall Show.

We discussed to invite the Grand Forks club to join us at the Fargo AirSho next year. Build friendships and get more exposure to the hobby. There is plenty of room at the air show.

Ron to send out email to request responses to get a number of potential attendees for the Christmas Party on Jan 26, 6PM at the Speedway in West Fargo.

Field Improvements:

Discussed choosing some items and focusing on getting them approved and implemented. It was agreed that safety items should be the priority. It is felt that some safety fence and flight station changes along with some procedure changes for Fun Fly events was a good place to start. The fencing could be temporary so we can see how it works and make changes as we learn things.

After a lot of discussion the trend towards something like the following was the consensus.

- temporary fence between existing fence and flight stations,
- extend fence to the north
- leave about 30' space between existing fence and new safety fence for canopies and planes and pilots (the pit area)
- leave ~3 openings in safety fence
- in front of the openings will be another fence to protect against planes coming into the pit area
- Instead of the flight stations we have not we could have designated spots along the new safety fence for flyers. Limited to ~6 spots. This brings pilots together close enough to communicate
- A set of rules or procedures to go with new configuration would be implemented for Fun Flys
 - Keep aircraft in the pit area,
 - no spectators in pit area without a pilot
 - to fly, bring a plane to the opening in the safety fence, line up if necessary
 - when one of the designated pilot stations is free, bring plane outside the pit area
 - have your spotter (mandatory for all flights) hold you airplane (or bring a restraint with you) for starting glow and gas engines.
 - Fly only from designated pilot stations
 - Enforce the new procedures through pilot meeting, members good examples, gentle reminders as needed

- REMINDER – These changes would be primarily for events like Fun Flys. Everyday flying just requires good communication and common sense.
- ALSO – these ideas will be vetted with the membership prior to implementation

Other ideas also discussed.

- Maybe move fence out and make permanent when the propex needs to be replaced.
- Crosswind runway is not as critical a need with such a wide runway
- Potentially paint a reference line down center of runway as a target for pilots to air for. This could help safety and improve flying skills.
- We should consider having an early fun fly to try out some of these ideas.
- Consider having just a 3D event? Invite Big reps (suppliers)?