

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the First Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Approximately 15 members were present.

Minutes from the March 2025 meeting were read and approved

The club treasury update was provided by the club secretary from the treasurer's report. Bills are current, and the club treasury is in good shape with adequate funds in the checking account and CD accounts. A second CD has been opened to take advantage of current interest rates; both CDs will mature in August 2025.

Grass cutting at the field has resumed for the 2025 flying season. The usual schedule of complete field mowing on Thursday around 1130 and Monday for the runway and pit area will be followed in as much as weather permits. On monthly meeting Mondays, mowing will shift to around 530 pm prior to the meeting. There are no known issues with the mowers at this time and the field is in good shape.

WMAA Field Clean Up Day is planned for Saturday May 3. Planned projects include staining the shelter house and equipment sheds, weeding and mulching, repair of the pylon pole, rolling and fertilizing the field, and trash pick up along Africa Rd. Gary Smith will contact Delaware County to arrange for trash pickup materials, and John Baker will pick up the items and get them to the field. Club members are encouraged to bring hand tools for mulching etc. and brushes and rollers for stain application. Clean up will start around 830 or so and the club will provide coffee and donuts.

The WMAA Spring Swap Meet and Fun Fly is planned for Saturday May 17 at Dinneen Field starting at 9am. Come out to buy and sell and get in some flying. Lunch will be available at the grill.

Planning is being finalized for installation of a solar power system at the field to provide power for battery charging. Installation probably happens sometime in May or early June. The system will offer 12 and 24 volt taps for power to battery chargers. Thanks to club member Bob Rankin for spearheading this project.

The Cub Scout pack that has worked with the club the past few years to use the field for their end of year recognition ceremony will visit the field on Sunday May 18. They will be using the shelter house from 300 pm until about 730 pm, and will need use of the flying field for some of that time for rocket launch and flight operations. We also are planning to conduct a few RC aircraft demonstration flights for the group during that time. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Dave Dumond

Greg Knight has informed the club that he will be out of town on Saturday June 7, the day of the planned club pylon races and combat session. We need one of the pilots involved in the combat flying to assist with coordination of that event.

New member Kerry Hile introduced himself and was welcomed to the club.

Gary Smith shared that club member Philp Peppin has returned home and is doing well post cardiac surgery.

The next club meeting will be Monday May 12, at 7pm at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary