

STARS

February 8, 2012 general meeting minutes.

Attendance:

Clark Follet, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Derek Clement, Isaac Baker, Ramona Follet, Brad Davis, Jay Wade, Jim Keough, Mike Karnuth, Ed Flicker, Randy Bittinger, Gary Fitch, Jamie Bowen, Matt Kloss, Chris Powers, Walt Hibbard, Fred Fowler, Don Wehlage

Corrections:

None.

Motion to accept January meeting minutes by Gary F, and Seconded by Jamie B.
All were in favor.

Treasurers report:

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Randy B, and seconded by Jim K. All were in favor.

Honorary Membership:

Clark Reported it is time to vote on the renewal of our Honorary members by the membership. There is 4 members currently listed as honorary members: Dave Mathewson, Keith Miller, Daniel Oakes, and Charles scholeno.

Motion by Jamie B, and seconded by Jay W to continue the 4 persons for honorary membership.
All were in favor.

Membership:

Ed F. reported he received an application from Austin Clement for membership(Derek Clement's son). Ed reported Austin is a student and there would be no vote needed his membership is automatic.

Website:

No report available.

STARS Rally:

Jim G. was not present for report.

Jim K reported he has received advertising funds grant from the Cattaraugus County Tourism and Economic Development.

Instructions:

Walt H. reported that we are still looking for training aircraft for training potential members.

After discussing what he is looking for, some members offered some equipment for use:

Gary Fitch offered a complete Avistar trainer for use, not looking to sell but would let club use it.

Randy B. thought he had a case of 10% fuel, a radio, and maybe some servos.

Don W. thinks he might have a .40 size nitro engine.

Mike Karnuth offered the use of a JR buddy box for 72mhz.

With the offered equipment above it is believed the only thing left to buy would be a trainer arf to complete the aircraft needed for training.

Dick S made a motion to spend \$150.00 on a ARF and any other equipment needed to complete the project. Seconded by Randy B.

All were in favor.

Club Project:

Dick S reported he has bought dummy engines to build the cowls for the electric motors, with some trial and error, a little redesign and they are starting to come together.

President's Corner:**Clark Reported:**

the By-Laws and Constitution are due for review, and will be done at the February 27th planning board meeting.

would like to see the club do an additional Open House at the field for interaction between our club and the public. This is what the original Open House started as and now has almost turned into a mini rally. The idea of this additional open house would be to try and promote modeling to the general public with multiple trainer aircraft with buddy boxes, and also maybe some flight simulators on PC available for a more one on one approach.

Gary F. mentioned there is funding available through the TAG program of AMA for advertising functions like this, must fill out application and is due by mid march.

Club is still looking for a news letter editor if anyone is interested!!!

Club is still also looking for a full time treasurer if anyone is interested!!!!

has looked into the cost of a PO Box for the club with the changing of officers this would keep mail going to one location.

In march will be looking for Trainers to be listed on the Intro-Pilot Application for AMA. These trainers need to be readily available when needed with the program only good for 60 days per pilot, we need to get as much training in as possible

Old Business:

Jim K Inquired on the status of the winter party, and has offered to check with Moon Winks in Cuba for dinner menu, date, and cost. He will send email out to all members with information.

New business:

Gary F. spoke about meeting with a gentleman that is in an organization involved with Ham Radio and how this organization could be a great asset to get involved with. Suggested that we should think about inviting them to set up a booth at our rally with no cost and this could help to promote our organization.

Gary also spoke about the ongoing FAA regulation dispute. He reported that the members of AMA should be proud that there voice has been heard. There has been a bill passed by both the House and the Senate and is now awaiting the Presidents signature, stating that the FAA will not regulate local Modeling clubs that are governed by AMA Rules and Regulations.

Motion to adjourn by Walt H. seconded by Jay W. All were in favor.

Meetings:

Next regular STARS meeting will be at JCC March 14th, starting at 7:00pm.

Next Planning meeting will be February 27th, at Kip & Audrey's starting at 7:00pm.