

STARS REGULAR MEETING of July 11th, 2012

In Attendance:

Gary Baker, Randy Bittinger, Bob Bush, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Hoffmann, Kip Karn, Mike Karnuth, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage; sixteen in total.

Minutes:

Dick's minutes of the June 12th meeting were read by Tad M. After motion by Randy B., second of Brad D., they were accepted by vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Don W. gave the treasurer's report. He was able to give a rather upbeat accounting of the Rally finances. It was not finalized however, as some bills have not yet been received (i.e. Port-a-Potty and refuse). We are definitely in better shape financially than we were before the weekend! A motion to accept was made by Ramona F., seconded by Kip K. and passed by those present.

Membership:

A guest, Don Hoffmann of Delevan NY was introduced. Clark gave him a membership application to be filled in and returned at the next meeting.

Web Site:

Bob B. forgot his camera at Rally time, but he sincerely thanked Randy B. and Dewey B. for their photos, ... they'll be posted on the website.

Rally:

A big "thank you" from Clark F. for all who helped. He also expressed a special thank you to the Boy Scouts.

Randy B. gave a special thank you to his flight-line crew. He felt this was one of the best-run flight-lines we'd done... both days.

Tom O. thanked those who had brought gallons of ice this year; because of them, we spent only ten dollars on ice this year. He also thanked his wife, relatives, and all the ladies who spent the weekend in the "skunkworks". Tom also reported

that we did get a visit from the Health Inspector- who declared that everything was "okay".

Don W. here expanded his coverage of Rally finances, including figures for all income (parking, concessions, T-Shirts, Radio raffle, ice cream, Miscellaneous raffles, 50/50, and vendors); and also listed their expenditures where appropriate. As treasurer, Don gave everyone a "good job!" rating for the weekend.

There was some discussion on Rally -related topics; with the generators, the amplifier, and "flight-line/announcing booth communication" taking up most of the time. No hard-and-fast decisions were made.

Club Project:

Dick S. has come up with some new, novel and better ideas on cowling the motors. He will give specifics at the August meeting, after he finalizes his thinking on the matter.

President's Corner:

Clark is in the process of formulating a letter to Derrick on the secretaryship. As Derrick has, as he says- "so many irons in the fire" right now... Tad M. has been tapped to take over the secretary's duties. He will handle this month and next, Dick S. will do September through December, and Tad will take over again in January.

Clark was questioned concerning progress on the track. He said with Derrick so busy, we may have to reformulate the committee on same. There followed a short discussion on some track problems, and some concern for its future.

Clark next initiated a discussion on possible gas cards for the grounds' crew members. They now have to use their own money and then get reimbursed for gasoline purchases for mowing. As it developed, Don W. was asked to check with the bank on exactly how to get such a card. After a motion by Randy B, second of Jim K. and vote of those present- the decision to go ahead with a card not to exceed \$200 at any one time was made.

Clark announced that he'd received a letter from Chris Brown, president of the

SHARKS of Eldred concerning their fun fly of August 18th. They asked if we'd rather eat at 4pm, with flying beginning at 2pm and running 'til dusk. The consensus of those present was that the idea was a good one. Clark will reply to the SHARKS inquiry.

Dewey B. has ordered a part for the mowing machine- Clark said it'll cost about \$28.

Clark read a letter from Jim Goodemote. After 25 years, Jim is stepping down as Contest Director. We have two others, Dave P. and Gary F. who currently are qualified Contest Directors, but Jim says it's time for others to step forward. Because of health concerns Jim simply can't do it anymore. A spontaneous round of applause for Jim broke out at this time; for his many years of excellent, timely, and very knowledgeable contest direction. To say that next year's Director will have large shoes to fill is definitely an understatement.

Vice President's Corner:

Dick S. began by adding his thanks to that of Clark for the many years of service by Jim Goodemote.

He also thanked the skunk work girls and the 50/50 raffle girls.

He announced that there is ice cream left over... over the summer, please take what you want from the freezer for one dollar each item.

Dick also felt that maybe next year, we should discontinue the sausage (which is expensive and doesn't sell that well) and add cheeseburgers to our menu in place of it.

New Business:

Jim K. has been approached by the owner of the Sunny Hill Campground in Richburg, requesting we put on a presentation this summer. Jim has explained to him that because of space limitations, it would have to be limited to electric flying and a static show, with maybe an explanation on the principles of flying. If you'd be interested in being a part of this... contact Jim.

In a discussion led by Jim K., it was suggested by him, and supported by Brad D. that we change our Open House to Saturday, August 25th, with a rain date of Sunday, the 26th. Virtually everyone present felt this a good idea, but also felt it was too late in the season to do it this year. Many expressed the idea that we should do the "rain-date" thing next year however. Jim and Brad's motion was changed to reflect the dates of August 24th and 25, 2013, and action on same was tabled until our August meeting.

It was noted that the Sky Rovers of Phelps NY have their Air Show the weekend of July 14th and 15th. The Flying Knights of Hamburg NY have their Scale Rally on August 4th and 5th. As both these clubs have always supported our Scale Rally- we should likewise support their events.

There was no Show and Tell this month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad D., seconded by Jim K. and approved by those present.

Meetings:

The next planning meeting will be at the field at 7:00pm, July 30th.

The next regular meeting will be at the field at 7:30pm, August 8th.