

## **STARS**

September 12, 2012

Regular meeting minutes

### **Attendance:**

Clark Follett, Dick Say, Fred Fowler, Isaac Baker, Jim Keough, Walt Hibbard, Kip Karn, Bill Messer, Don Wehlage, Dale Butts Tom Orcutt, Gary Fitch

### **Reading of last month's regular meeting minutes:**

Minutes read by Dick Say. A Motion by Walt Hibbard, seconded by Gary Fitch to accept minutes as read. Motion carried by members present.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurers report was presented by Don Wehlage. A Motion to accept the report was made by Gary Fitch, seconded by Tom Orcutt and motion was carried by members present.

### **Open House:**

The STARS annual open house was well attended this year and all appeared to enjoy the event. There was some discussion among members about the timing of lunch and perhaps including a "rain date" in next years' planning for the event. Gary Fitch suggested that 2pm was too late for some of our Canadian friends to be able to eat, as they then faced a long trip to get home and some had to leave by 2pm. Clark suggested that next year the open house would be on Saturday with a rain date of Sunday and that lunch would be served at 1pm. The membership agreed.

### **Membership Report:**

Ed Flicker was not present. Clark Follett reported being contacted by Chuck Golden from Arkport, NY. Chuck is a recent past member of STARS. Chuck sent Clark a check for dues and a request to be reinstated. All members present agreed to Chuck's reinstatement and that his check would cover dues thru 2013.

### **Web Site:**

Bob Bush was not present & no other comments were made.

### **R/C Car Track:**

Derek Clement was not present. Clark Follett quoted costs of materials @ Home Depot to construct a 4' X 10' platform with railing for the "drivers". There was more discussion about adding a "straightaway" section to the track so as to provide an oval on which to run the cars. Members all agree this is a good idea. Gary Fitch suggested that the platform be larger for reasons of safety and most members agreed. There was some discussion about how much more should be invested in the track and whether it would produce the intended results. Kip Karn graciously volunteered to provide a number of RR ties as a base for the platform and to create stairs as well. Kip also said he would be willing to do the bulldozing work required to add a "straightaway" section to the track. Other questions arose such as; ongoing maintenance of the track, will there be an active chairman, should there be a co-chairman, when will the work be done etc. Work party times to be set.

On a related note, Gary Fitch recommended applying for a field improvement grant AMA to include an R/C car track and perhaps a paved or other smooth surface addition to the runway for use by smaller electric aircraft. The application should be mailed in by February, 2013.

### **Instructors:**

Walt had nothing new to report.

### **President's Corner:**

There was some vandalism at the STARS field in the parking areas – ruts in the grass and soil created by spinning tires! After some discussion by the membership it was generally agreed upon that a sign reading "Field closed after dark" or similar be posted at entrance. Clark requested that members consider any other ideas or solutions to add and present them at next month's meeting. Committee members nominations will be made at the Oct' meeting.

Eric Baker wants to borrow a Fokker DVIII wing jig if anybody still has one.

Dewey has resigned as field maintenance chairman. What will we do without his concern and expertise?

Dick reported that permission has been granted to hold our meetings at JCC, Olean Campus, in Room 124 beginning Oct' 10, 2012 @n 7:00pm.

Dick reports the senior care facility @ Houghton College has requested a STARS seminar. Arrangements are being made. Dick and Tom O just presented a seminar at @ Total Senior Care facility in Olean.

**Old Business:**

Nothing was brought up.

**New Business:**

Boy Scout leader Kevin Krautz expressed interest to Tom Orcutt in having the scouts being given some “buddy box” time at the STARS field someday. Tom and Walt will make arrangements with the Scouts. Gary Fitch said he would bring a flight simulator also. Gary said also that an AMA award pertaining to these activities is available and should be applied for.

Gary Fitch reported that AMA President, Bob Brown is meeting FAA officials with new proposals. Neat Fair is this weekend and Gary is going. If anyone wants to join him – call.

Fred Fowler reports a Fly In Breakfast at Olean/Cattaraugus Airport on Sept 23. The WASPS Club announced tha on Sept a dedication stone was set at WASPS Field for Vo Decker @ an open house event. We will all miss VO.

**Show & Tell:**

None

**Motion to adjourne:**

was made by Gary Fitch, seconded by Bill Messer and carried by membership present.

RW Say