

# **STARS REGULAR MEETING of October 10th, 2012**

## **In Attendance:**

Isaac Baker, Randy Bittinger, Bob Bush, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Ramona L. Follett, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Gene Hickey, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Dick Say, Don Wehlage; thirteen in total.

## **Minutes:**

Dick Say's Minutes of September 12th were read by Tad M. After motion of Ramona F. and second of Ed F., they were accepted by vote.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Don W. presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Brad D., seconded by Bill Messer and carried by vote of the members present.

## **Board Membership Nominations:**

After noting that we'll have three opening on the board for the 2013-2014 session, President Clark opened the floor to nominations. He noted as well that nominations would continue to be open until such time as the vote was taken at the November meeting.

Nominated tonight for the 2013-2014 Board Session were: Brad D., nominated by Ramona F.; Ramona F., nominated by Brad D.; and Kip Karn, nominated by Don W.

## **Membership Report:**

Ed F. reported that he had updated the membership listing via e-mail during the previous week.

After some discussion on the "re-applying of former members" policies as related to the club by-laws... during which no decisions were made; a vote of those present readmitted to membership Chuck Golden of Arkport. He has sent in his dues.

President Clark noted that he still hasn't heard from prospective member Dan Hoffman of Delevan. He has received no paperwork, nor has he been contacted.

### **Web Site:**

Bob B. noted he has received e-mail photos from both Jim Keough and Dale Butts. He thanked them. Dale has been added to the web site under the "Pilot Projects" category. Bob said he'd love to receive and post most photos.

### **Instructors:**

Walt Hibbard was not present tonight.

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

Clark began with the RC Track. He noted that Kip K. has done a significant amount of work on the track; reworking its layout, and bringing in ties which he has donated for the project. Although Kip wasn't here this evening, President Clark thanked him for his efforts.

Continuing track discussion, Ed F. asked "what happened to all the young men who were going to join the club to help with and utilize the track?" Clark noted that most of them were "Derek's followers", and he's had no time to work on the issue. Ed then asked if we're wise to continue improvement efforts. Clark said that the only additional monies to be spent currently will be for some nails, screws, and railing materials. We'll need to expend some labor, but little cash.

All present agreed with Ed F. when he said "We need a new Derek!". If Derek doesn't have the time, the committee needs a new director!

Those same members also agreed with Clark when he said "we're not investing any more real money until we have some serious interest shown."

At this point, Bill M. offered some coated metal pipe to the club to use as railings for the track driver area. Clark thanked Bill and gratefully accepted the donation.

Clark's next topic was the 2013 STARS Scale Rally. He reiterated that we're going to need a new CD for that (and the sooner someone steps up, the better). With the amount of work required for that effort, the CD needs all the time he can muster.

Other offices were then brought up. Besides the CD, the club is also in need of a treasurer, a newsletter editor, and a Head of Field Maintenance.

Ed F. volunteered to head up Field Maintenance- but not building mainte-

nance. Fred F. said he will help Ed with both tractor maintenance/repair and with mowing. Clark stated that both Gary B. and Dale B. had also volunteered to help mow. President Clark thanked all who had come forward on this issue.

Lastly, Clark announced that he's sent in his letter of request to use the Cuba Middle School gym on Sunday afternoons again this year. He has yet to hear back from the school, but has asked for November 4 through March 31st. He will keep the membership informed.

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

For general information, Dick brought up the fact that BC/BS and Independent Health Univera would be sponsoring information meetings on the new 2013 plans at the Olean YMCA to get us "older folks" ready for the Medicare "switching" season.

### **Old Business:**

Tad asked that those board members who cannot attend Planning Meetings, please inform Clark ahead of time. It makes many things easier all around.

### **New Business:**

Ramona F. asked those in attendance if they wanted a Winter Party this year. Brad D. immediately said "yes", and others followed. After some discussion, it was decided to have it at Moonwinks again, and Ramona will try to get a date in early or middle March.

### **Show and Tell:**

There was none.

### **Adjournment:**

Following a motion by Ramona F., second of Fred F., and vote of those present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

### **Meetings:**

Next planning Meeting- October 29th @ 7:00pm at Clark and Ramona's.

Next regular Meeting- November 14th @ 7:00pm at JCC Olean