

STARS MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2012

Members present:

Clark Follett, Dick Say, Jim Keough, Tom Orcutt, Dale Butts, Ramona Follett, Bob Brown, Matt Kloss, Ed Flicker, Jim Goodemote, Gary Fitch, Bill Messer, Brad Davis, Mike Zias, Fred Fowler.

Pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from the November meeting:

The minutes were read by Dick Say. Jim Goodemote made a motion to accept, seconded by Fred Fowler. The motion was passed by all members present.

Treasurers Report:

The report was given by Clark Follett as Don Wehlage was absent due to a work commitment. A motion was made to accept the treasurers report into the record by Bill Messer. Motion seconded by Ed Flicker and agreed upon by members present.

Membership:

There was nothing to report.

Web Site:

Bob Bush was absent – there was nothing to report.

Instructors:

Walt Hibbard was absent – there was nothing to report.

President's Corner:

There was a discussion by the membership of a permanent memorial to Jim Messer. Members brought forth ideas about size, type, location and timing, etc. Then the discussion expanded to the possibility of some other members being honored in a similar manner or even a gallery of past achievers/contributors, etc. Members agreed to discuss the options more at subsequent meetings.

Clark began a discussion of fund raising ideas with the suggestion of a gun raffle. This and other ideas were discussed at length. There was also a discussion about raising dues which ended without a conclusion.

Gary Fitch talked about Matt's competitive accomplishment in indoor electric aerobatic flying. Matt was offered many congratulations by club members and much applause.

Old Business:

Winter Party; Ramona said she will send an email out, and call those who do not use email, for reservations to the Winter Party (Spring Party?) as well as dinner selections, etc.

Gary Fitch and Bob Brown opened a discussion about the possibility of the STARS club acquiring and installing a Geotex runway for the small electric aircraft that many members now fly. Gary passed a sample of the material amongst the membership for their examination. Both Gary and Bob have seen the installation at other model flying fields and were quite enthusiastic about it. After much discussion about size, location, installation, longevity and costs it was decided by the membership to form a committee to visit a field where the material was in use and gather more information. Gary Fitch agreed to be committee chairman. The other committee members are; Jim Goodemote, Fred Fowler, Clark Follett and Ramona Follett. A report will be forthcoming at the January meeting. The flying field to be visited is The MARCS field near Geneva, Ohio. The contact person at MARCS per Bob Browns suggestion will be Dele Teis. If I misspelled the name, I apologise.

New Business:

Bob Brown talked about ongoing negotiations with the FAA and stated that the goal of AMA was to maintain a status quo of FAA rules regarding the flying of model aircraft.

Gary Fitch reminded the club that any flying field grant applications made to AMA should be mailed before March 1, 2013.

Air Show/Rally:

Jim Goodemote reported that he has the sanction from the AMA for the Rally and has received a positive reply to letters he sent to Mayor Linda Witt and DPW Director, Tom Windus.

Show & Tell: None

Stars Stuff: None

A motion to adjourn @ 8:30pm was made by Gary Fitch, seconded by Jim Goodemote and carried by the membership present.

Happy New Year!

Dick Say