

STARS REGULAR MEETING of March 13th, 2013

The meeting began at 7:12pm with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance:

Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Fred Fowler, Jim Goodemote, Walt Hibbard, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and one guest- David Conklin. We had fourteen total in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 1 3th meeting were read by Tad M. After motion by Jim G. and second of Walt H., they were accepted by vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Don W. reported he'd written four checks since last meeting; to National Grid, Moonwinks, Ed's Sporter Shop and Jim G. He also gave us the updated totals for all accounts. His report was accepted by vote following a motion and second by Randy B. and Dewey B. respectively.

Membership:

An application for membership was received from David Conklin of Cuba, upon recommendation of Pat Kennedy. After David told us a little about himself and background, he was elected unanimously by those at the meeting. Ed presented him with the Blue STARS Information folder and welcomed him aboard.

Flight Instruction:

As he had last month, Walt H. reminded us that we need some new students. Dewey B. was added to the list of instructor pilots, joining Walt and Clark.

Web Site:

Bob B. was not at tonight's meeting, but Jim K. said he'd sent Bob pictures from the winter Banquet- specifically for posting on the website.

Rally Information:

Jim G. announced the following appointments, and all had agreed to handle the requested tasks: Ed F. will handle the radio raffle and dumpster procurement; Don W. will handle registration; Fred F. will do the vast majority of the mowing, and Tad M. will be the announcer.

Jim also announced that he'd procured additional insurance for the rally. With someone questioning as to whether we might be able to use the airport's dumpster, Fred F. said he'll check into it.

Randy B. brought up the problem of radio plugs. Randy, Fred F. and Jamie B. will try to remedy these problems for us. The cable for the announcer's booth is another problem- it needs to be replaced. Clark F. will handle this "generator-related" concern.

President's Corner:

Acting for President Clark F., who was not present tonight due to a death in the family, Acting President Dick S. said although he had the Golden Prop Award at his house, he'd forgotten it in his hurry to make the meeting tonight. He praised Dewey for all his work on the field, the buildings and grass cutting, and said Dew was truly worthy of this award. Clark F. will present the award at the April meeting.

Dick S. announced that our grant application has been received by AMA headquarters.

Old Business

Jim K. continued his presentation on field improvement. He began by withdrawing his proposal for a building addition. He will look into the proposal by Ed F. to possibly buy a used trailer to make up for that withdrawal.

As regards the runway project... Ed F., Gary F. and Fred F., as well as Clark and Ramona, will check out the Geneva Club on Saturday, March 23, weather permitting. They should have feedback at the April meeting.

Everyone present seemed in general agreement on the third of Jim's proposals... putting a concrete floor in the existing building. He formally presented motion to expend up to 1800 dollars on the project. The motion was seconded by Fred F. Jim K. went on to explain his rationale for same. Some discussion ensued, mostly concerned with floor preparation. Jim will talk to Gene Hickey about possibly putting in the floor (as *Gene* had previously done our pavilion floor, and done a very nice job of it). There was no vote on the project at tonight's meeting; it will be brought up again at the April meeting and discussed further. A vote may or may not be taken at that meeting, depending on that evenings'

discussion.

All were reminded that dues were overdue as of the 1st of March. At that point you've been dropped from membership, and must pay the \$10 penalty to rejoin.

New Business

Acting President Dick S. said the Winter Banquet was a great success. All seemed to agree that both the weather and the food were outstanding. He felt we should continue next year with Moonwinks. Those in attendance who had gone to the affair heartily agreed. It was suggested however, that a new name should be given to the event, possibly the "Busting Out of Winter" Dinner.

Looking ahead at Spring work to be done, Dick mentioned first that the ladies feel we need to clean and paint the bathroom. Dewey mentioned that we should also get the septic tank emptied. No one present seemed to remember the last time (if ever) that this had been done. It was generally agreed to get this accomplished towards the end of April.

The toilet needs replacing, as the present commode is cracked. Ramona F. has one "new in box" that she will sell the club for \$60 (about half the going price). Jim K. will look into it to make sure that it'll fit our bathroom. Jim K. and Dewey B. will get together on both the toilet replacement and septic tank cleaning.

Lastly, Dick reminded all that we'll need volunteers for both the cleaning and painting.

There was no Show and Tell this evening.

As Tom Orcutt was not in attendance, there was also no Stars' Stuff available.

Meetings:

The next Regular STAR's meeting will be here at the JCC Olean Campus at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 10th.

The next planning meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 25, at Don W's. house.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim G., seconded by Don W., and passed by those

in attendance at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tad P. Manske, Secretary