

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**The meeting began at 7:03PM with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.**

**In Attendance:** Members Gary Baker, Randy Bittinger, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Ramona Follett, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Jim Goodemote, Thomas Jackson, Kip Karn, Jim Keough, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and two guests- Allen Harris and Michael Whitney; a total of eighteen.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Tad. After motion of Jim G. and second of Jim K., they were approved without change by vote of those present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don presented us the totals for the checking, saving and tractor accounts, and listed the checks he'd written to the following over the past month. They were written for Clark F., Randy B., Ed F., Ramona F., Clark Follett, Service Store, Adam's Septic, National Grid and Jim K. He also made deposits from the Open House, and the sale of excess Rally food. Don's report was approved by vote after motion of Tom O. and second of Ramona F.

**Membership:** Two new membership applicants were introduced, Allen Harris and Mike Whitney, both of Angelica. Allen is new to the hobby, but has been working diligently at the simulator. Mike is getting back into it after a number of years off. Both were welcomed into the club after a motion to accept them by Don W., a second of Gary B, and an enthusiastic thumbs up by all voters. The vote was followed by a round of applause. It was explained to them that besides privileges, membership entailed certain obligations; chief among them the payment of dues, and attendance and work at both the annual Scale Rally and Open House. Ed F. gave each a folder containing the

constitution, membership list, and various other items. Congratulations and welcome!

**Web Site:** As Bob Bush was not in attendance, there was no report.

**Flight Instruction:** Walt Hibbard was not in attendance either.

**President's Corner:** Clark began by a retelling of the visit he and Dick made to the Pines in Machias, to present a program of RC modeling. We may even get a new member out of their trip! It was so well received that they felt more members should participate next year.

Our president next read the letter than member Dennis Den Bleyker had sent to AMA. Clark explained the background, including the main incident in question at our open house concerning SHARKS president Chris Brown, and AMA President Bob Brown's wife.

There was no open discussion of the matter, but the board is recommending that Dennis be invited by letter to the September 30<sup>th</sup> planning meeting to go over the situation. Those in attendance seemed to agree, so that action is going forward.

**Old Business:** Vice President Dick S. brought up the Geotex project. The first matter at hand was the pickup of the material from Randy's in Bradford. After some discussion, and input from Don W. who will be providing the trailer for the move, it was decided to meet at Country Fair on Wayne Street in Olean at 8:30AM on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who said they could help were Tom O., Jim K., Don W., Clark F., Randy B. and Dick S. Dick S. will also be sending out an e-mail on the project shortly.

Updating the Track Project, Ramona F. and Tom O. will be picking up the pipe for the deck this Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the generosity of Bill M. who is providing it.

**New Business:** Dick S. has set us up for our winter meetings at JCC Olean. Our next one will be, as usual, in Room 124 of the Student Union. November will be an exception to the norm however, as the college has already booked 124 for another purpose. That month we'll be in the Meeting Room across the hall from 124.

Dick reminded us that we should renew the *Model Aviation* subscription that we've previously provided to JCC. All present agreed with Dick.

**Show and Tell:** Jim G. showed us his custom designed and made three staple drivers he's put together for the Geotex installation project. Just another example of his ingenuity!

**STARS Stuff:** Tom O. had his "stuff" with him.

**Adjournment:** Jim Keough made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Tom Orcutt and passed without dissension at 8:19PM.

**The next regular meeting will be held at JCC Olean at 7:00PM on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The next planning meeting will be held at the field on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary