

STARS REGULAR MEETING of February 12th, 2014

The meeting began at 7:03PM in Room 124 of the JCC Olean Student Center, with the pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Shelly Deitz, Dick Fisher, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Pat Kennedy, Matt Kloss, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, Mike Zias and a guest- Dan Haines: for a total of eighteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 8th meeting were read by Tad. There was one correction under the New Business heading. Regarding the fifth item in that heading, Gary had not suggested that we put Geotex on the current track as stated in the minutes, but rather use it on a second, flat and oval track. Including that correction, the minutes were approved by vote of those present, following a motion and second of Randy and Brad respectively.

Introduction of Guest: President Clark introduced Dan Haines who is interested in joining the club. Gary asked Dan to tell us a little about himself and his background in modeling. Following his completion of a club membership application, and motion and second of Gary and Brad respectively, Dan was voted in by the members present and given a round of applause and welcome.

Treasurer's Report: For the preceding thirty days, Don reported writing two checks- one to National Grid and the other for taxes. He also made a deposit of dues. Lastly he presented the current figures regarding the checking, savings and tractor accounts. Don's report was accepted by vote after a motion made by Brad and seconded by Fred.

Membership: Ed welcomed Dan to the club and stated that Jake would like to get back in. Ed has also sent out some membership updates, and will be doing again shortly.

Instruction: Walt was not in attendance this evening.

The President's Corner: Clark talked about the board's review of the "brainstorming session" that had taken place at Randy's place of business in Bradford in February of '08. Those present were brought up to date on that discussion.

Clark next read a letter he'd received from Bob Bush. Succinctly stated, Bob didn't feel he could continue to be a member as he was now so limited in what he could physically accomplish; so he said he wouldn't be renewing his membership this year. He did say he'd be willing to continue as webmaster until we found a replacement. Several members brought up the fact that his contribution as webmaster is a very important one- and one none of the rest of us could do as well. Most of us have no experience in this area. Clark brought up the idea of making Bob an honorary member. This was very well received, and after practically no discussion, a vote following motion and second to that effect from Gary and Randy, was passed unanimously.

Old Business: Clark reminded everyone to please get their dinner selection into Ramona, and the check for same into Don as soon as possible.

Regarding the tabled motion on concrete pad work as brought up last month by Jim, it was tabled again until next month, as Jim is currently in Florida due to the death of his father-in-law. Some discussion of the project did follow, mainly on the idea of using crushed limestone instead of concrete, but as the motion had been tabled, no action was taken.

New Business: Randy announced that the AMA paperwork for the 2014 Rally has been submitted, and that we do have the go ahead from the airport to use their facilities.

He then said he'd like to look into putting up significantly more signs for this year's rally. If we looked into coroplast signs, we might find a reasonable price on a large quantity. At this point Matt looked up a price on his electronic wizard, and said we could get one hundred signs for just eighty dollars. Dick and Matt will look further into this matter (including how much we can have written on the signs), and report back to us.

Randy also announced that he'd like to call a meeting of department heads concerning Rally preparation, and that we'll probably decide on a "when" at the March meeting.

The next big topic of concern was safety. Our current safety rules can be found on the website. They will be reviewed and discussed at the April meeting. In the meantime, Dale will send an e-mail to all with the safety rules as they currently stand. At this point Gary brought up some info about the "new technologies" and

how they will effect safety. He will send this new AMA safety info the Clark and Dale by e-mail.

Gary asked if the Flying Site Grant Report had been sent in to AMA. Clark said he'd sent in the six-month report- the final one is due at the one-year mark. He praised the great job Don did on putting together all the figures needed for the report. Those in attendance responded with a round of applause for Don's effort.

The last major new business topic concerned indoor flying. One item voiced was concern over one flyer who was not an AMA member. Matt voiced concern over the need for people to fly behind the flight line. He said at times it was "zoo out there". Both concerns will be looked into and addressed.

Show and Tell: Matt has a Hangar 9 Piper Cherokee for sale. He brought it with him tonight and made it available for anyone who wanted to take a look at it.

Stars' Stuff: Tom is "in the house" tonight- get over and see him!

The next regular meeting will be held in room 124 of the Student Center, JCC Olean at 7:00PM on March 12th.

The next planning meeting will be held at Don Wehlage's home at 7:00PM on February 24th.

Adjournment: Gary Fitch made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Randy Bittinger and passed without dissension at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jad P. Manske, Secretary