

STARS REGULAR MEETING of December 17th, 2014

The meeting began at 7:00pm in Room 124 of the JCC Olean Student Center, with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Dale Butts, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Robert Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, and Don Wehlage; for a total of thirteen.

Minutes: Tad thanked Dick in absentia for taking the minutes of the November 19th meeting, due to his absence. A motion to accept was made by Ramona, seconded by Dan, and passed by those present after the following two corrections had been made: the next to last sentence in the New Business section should read- "Ramona will be helped by Fred F., Brad D., and Tom O., and secondly- the planning meeting time should have read November 24th, and the next regular meeting time should have read December 17th.

Treasurer's Report: After giving summations as regards the checking, savings and tractor accounts, Don listed only a single check written during the previous month- one to National Grid.

Membership: Ed is still under the weather, and therefore not with us tonight, but no one knew of any changes to membership.

Website: Clark thanked those who have sent pictures to Bob; especially those relating to winter projects.

Instruction: Walt was not in attendance this evening.

The President's Corner: Randy has sent Clark an e-mail, notifying him that he has sent the annual letter to the Olean/Cattaraugus County airport, requesting permission to use its facilities for the 2015 Rally, but as yet has not heard back.

According to Ed, Vic Reynolds Farm Repair Service in Cuba is not yet ready to pick up the tractor for repair, hence it's still being found in the storage shed.

Clark read a letter he received from Paul Weigand, via Bob Brown, regarding a request for donations. Devin McGrath and others will be traveling to Poland this coming March as part of the USA F3P Indoor pattern team. Paul suggested the STARS might like to make a donation, especially when considering the

demonstrations Devin has flown at our Rallies over the past few years. After a somewhat lengthy discussion on our “bad year” financially, and relative inability to make a donation, the club did vote (following motion and second of Ramona and Dan respectively) to appropriate twenty-five dollars, after several club members said they’d be happy to add to that amount with their own donations.

Vice President’s Corner: Clark said he’s spoken to Dick and Sylvia, and our VP is doing better. He’d be happy to receive calls, but he probably won’t be on the e-mail trail anytime soon. His recovery is coming along, but it will be quite a while before Dick is really doing well again. Quite a few members spoke up, wishing Dick all the best, and noting how much he means to this club.

Old Business: Clark asked Dan about how his “shirt campaign” was coming. Dan said he currently has orders for eleven, and has sent those orders to Diane Fitch.

The tractor repair is going to cost in the neighborhood of \$1180. As asked for by Gary at the November meeting, Don has done a workup on our financial condition as regards tractor repair for the years 2011 through 2014. Don feels this cost in “nothing to complain about”, i.e. reasonable. The club voted to go ahead with the repairs after a motion by Ramona and second by Dale.

In regards to a possible club auction, Matt was not here tonight, but some suggested we might hold one during our open house. The matter was left right there, but will be taken up again in the future.

On suggestion of Ramona, and following some discussion, it was decided to limit our sit down dinner selections at Moonwinks to a choice between two entrees, not among three as previously talked about. Of course, one of the two selections must be prime rib!

Bringing up a topic that had been put forth at the November meeting, Clark reiterated that the board has recommended a ten dollar increase in dues, effective for the 2015 year. He noted that as presently configured, dues monies cover less than 50% of club expenses. Don and a few others noted that if we have a couple more rallies like this year’s, we’ll be in deep trouble! Following a little more discussion, a motion to increase dues by ten dollars (to a total of fifty-five dollars) was made by Jim, seconded by Dale, and passed unanimously.

New Business: there was none.

Show and Tell: there was none.

STARS Stuff: Tom not being in the house this evening, once again- there was none.

As it would fall during the holiday season, there will not be a December planning meeting.

Our next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean at 7:00pm on January 21st, 2015.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Fred Fowler, and carried by membership vote without discussion at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jad P. Manske, Secretary