

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING OF March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**The meeting began at 7:02pm in Room 124 of the JCC Olean Student Center with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.**

**In Attendance:** Dewey Barron, Jamie Bowen, Dale Butts, Dave Conklin, Alan Covert, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Thomas Jackson, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, and Don Wehlage; seventeen in total.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, so ably done by Clark and Dick, were read by Tad. He thanked both of them for the great job. The minutes were accepted by vote without change or addenda following a motion and second of Dan and Don respectively.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don reported the current balances in the checking, savings and tractor accounts; and also that he'd written checks for National Grid, for the Rally Sanction, and for our donation to the USA F3P Indoor Team, of which Devin McGrath is a member. He also made deposits of both dues and Spring Party payments. Don's report was accepted by vote after motion of Don and second of Frank.

**Membership:** There was no report, as Ed Flicker was not in attendance tonight.

**Web Site:** Vice President Dick mentioned that Bob is still looking for input from members. Pics of your current winter project would be especially appreciated.

**Instruction:** Walt reported that two prospective new members have contacted him; one definitely wants to join, the other would be in our Intro pilot program. A new training class will be started in the spring after decent weather arrives.

**Rally 2015:** As Randy was not in attendance tonight, Tad opened by reading his rather voluminous notes of the Rally Meeting that Randy had chaired on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Randy had begun by announcing that the main purposes of the meeting were three-fold... brainstorming, problem areas, and promotions.

Beginning with promotional ideas, Randy said the whole thrust has to be to get a greater turnout of spectators- that's what we should be striving for. The areas of facebook, flyers, our across-the-street banner, our fifty signs and use of cable

channel six were all discussed (Ed will handle the banner updating and placement, and Randy has decided to print one card this year for both pilots and spectators, not two as was the case last year). Tad will contact the Wellsville and Alfred papers as regards to appearing in their "Coming Events" columns the week before the rally, and he will also write an article for the Cuba Patriot, hopefully to be printed in that paper the week prior as well.

In regards to problem areas, it was noted that no problems were currently expected in the areas of flight line operations and concessions. Only minor ones are expected in regards to Parking (Dan will chair that operations, and he and Dale will work together on scheduling); the announcers booth (where Dick and Tad are resigning the registration card with the help of Don and Dale, and it looks like Randy will be providing the trailer and cover for the booth proper), and registration- Don has a family wedding in Canada that weekend, but Ramona will step up and handle that department.

Doing some brainstorming, the following were discussed: Should we sell hats this year? (people were pretty much against going with shirts again); In an effort to cut down on loses among our fifty signs, Ed suggested that we sign them out to people, rather than simply telling members "here they are- take some"; since our flags are still missing, how can we go about getting them back? (a mailing to all members was one suggestion); and lastly... we've talked at some length about putting together a set-up committee (to make it easier for the younger members to make a contribution), along with this Dan brought up the ideas that the fence has to be put up before anything else... how can we get this accomplished when so many of our older members can't do the really physical work anymore?

The meeting ended on a positive note as the members agreed on the need to order new headsets for our radios, and Don announced that the replacement tent pole parts are currently on hand and being stored in his garage.

Randy thanked everyone for coming, and felt much had been accomplished.

**Safety Officer:** Dale asked if everyone had received his e-mail (only Alan Covert hadn't). He talked about the Notem and its effect on our relationship with the Olean/Cattaraugus Airport. Clark thanked Fred, Dale and Steve for their work on this issue, and said that, "as of now"- we're covered. Dale also suggested

everyone read the article on page 154 in the March issue of *Model Aviation* magazine.

**The President's Corner:** President Clark announced four upcoming area RC events that will be happening in Hamburg, Canandaigua, Geneva and Erie, Pennsylvania.

He also made us aware that Craft World of Jamestown will be moving to a new location in May, moving to 1385 Kiantone Red.

Lastly... if you haven't already... remember, dues are due NOW!

**The Vice President's Corner:** As a friendly reminder, Dick reiterated to everyone that we're all expected to work at both the Rally and Open House- "if you can". Obviously family and job have to come first.

**Old Business:** Clark has talked to Ed, and found that the tractor is still waiting to be repaired.

He reminded everyone that tonight is the last chance to sign up for the Spring Party.

Don't even try to get to the field right now... it's just too wet and messy.

**New Business:** There was none.

**STARS' Stuff:** Tom is "in the house" tonight, see him after the meeting.

**Show and Tell:** Jamie told of his experiences at the Lebanon, Pennsylvania RC Flea Market. He has been there other years, but felt this year's effort was especially impressive. There were about two hundred ARFs and kits there, and he came away the proud owner of several planes and also some engines by NGH.

**Our next planning meeting will be a Fred Fowler's at 7:00pm on March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean at 7:00pm on April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Adjournment:** Brad Davis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dewey Barron and passed without discussion at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tad P. Manske*, Secretary