

STARS REGULAR MEETING of May 13th, 2015

The meeting began at 7:02pm in the pavilion at the STARS Club Field with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Dale Butts, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Jim Keough, Ben Kirk, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage; for a total of sixteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 15th meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda following a motion and second of Ramona and Ben respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don gave the current balances for the checking, saving and tractor accounts, and noted that he'd initiated a transfer to cover the tractor repair. Deposits were made of dues paid, and checks were written for the tractor repair, National Grid, and two to Dewey to cover gas costs. This report was also accepted by vote following a motion by Brad and a second by Dale.

Membership: Ed had nothing new this evening.

Website: Nothing from Bob, but when queried by Clark, Dick said Bob is always in need of pictures, especially of projects and scenes here at the field.

Instruction: Walt was not here this evening. Dick said he's had some health problems.

Rally 2015: Randy is attending Joe Nall, but did send in two sign-up sheets for July 9th set-up help with the Rally. These were attended to by most members following the meetings' adjournment.

Jim brought up the need to change the dates on all our current signage. President Clark responded by saying that Randy was personally handling that.

Clark announced that he's procured the workers' comp exemption and the Health Department Certificate for the Rally.

Safety Officer: Dale noted that he'd sent out a safety letter by e-mail, asking for notification of receipt, and had received most of them back. The letter related to things he'd seen at the field already this season. He also mentioned that he and

Linda had looked over the First Aid kit kept at the field, and that he'd be updating that shortly.

Ed asked Dale if he felt that an update to the safety information in the New Member Folder was needed, and Dale replied in the negative. The latest safety information completed last season was still pertinent and in effect.

The President's Corner: Clark was pleased to announce that the tractor was back and running well. He also said he has heard nothing from the Bolivar Lions on their request to us, so that may be the end of it.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick's announcement of the first picnic of the season at the field was well received by all in attendance tonight. It will be held May 23rd (a Saturday), with a rain date on Sunday. The club will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers; but as for the rest – it's a dish-to-pass. If you can't possibly bring a dish-to-pass, bring a bottle of pickles, a bag of chips, or something else that doesn't have to be prepared. Dick wondered if we should invite the WASPS or SHARKS to join us, and the resultant feeling was very favorable. The SHARKS will be invited for the 23rd.

Old Business: Dale brought up the fact that he felt that we, although having said we'd loan our radios for the District II Fun Fly, should make that a one-time occurrence. We should not lend anything in the future with the exception of chairs and tables, which can be loaned only to members. A long discussion ensued, with two ideas being prevalent. The first- many "what ifs..." were brought up for consideration, but secondly- everyone seemed to agree with Dale's concern. A motion was made by Dale not to lend anything to outside individuals/bodies in the future, and only tables and chairs to members. The motion was seconded by Dick and it passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business: Clark brought up the matter of the Board's recommendations for the future of the Rally, activities, and other factors affecting the future direction and viability of the club. To firm this up, he read aloud the letter he had sent out to all members by e-mail.

He reiterated that there would be no discussion of these matters this evening, but that they will be dealt with at a future regular meeting or meetings, or even a specially called meeting, if he or others felt the need for one.

Ed, noting that President Clark had asked members to write down and bring to the next meeting their personal ideas on what the club should do, and where it should be headed- felt that this idea was a good one. He did, however, question whether the membership would take this to heart and do it. He was rather pessimistic about the chances of this request succeeding. He suggested, and Clark agreed, that a letter should be sent to each member specifically asking for those ideas, emphasizing the importance of such an action.

Clark closed by saying that this year will, in one way or another, do much to determine the future of the STARS.

Show and Tell: David talked about his experiences with a couple of helicopters thus far in his RC career, and said that this coming winter he plans to build a “tricopter” a multicopter with three motors. Clark thanked him for his presentation.

STARS Stuff: As Clark announced that Tom was “in the house”- see him after the meeting, Tom asked what anyone knew about Craft World’s recently announced move. Several members told what they knew, but the basic gist of the statements given was that Craft World will keep both the old and new stores open until the move is completed. They are hoping that will occur by the end of next month, June.

Our next Planning Meeting will be here at the field on May 25th at 7:00pm.

Our next Regular Meeting will be here at the field on June 10th at 7:30pm.

Adjournment: David Pratt made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Ramona Follett and passed without discussion at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary