

STARS REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10TH, 2015

The meeting began at 7:32pm in the pavilion at the STARS Club Field with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, David Conklin, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Tom Jackson, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Don Wehlage, and a guest- Bob Jackson; for a total of eighteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 13th meeting were read by Tad. President Clark noted that the start time recorded was incorrect- it should read 7:32 rather than 7:02. With that correction made, the minutes were approved by vote after motion and second of Frank and Jim respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that he had made a transfer to checking to cover costs incurred over the month. Checks were written to National Grid, Ed Flicker, Fred Fowler, Dick Say, and the County Health Department. He then listed the current balances in the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote after motion of Dave P. and second of Walt.

Membership: Ed reported nothing new for the month.

Website: As Dick was not here tonight, there was no update on STARS.org.

Instruction: Walt had nothing to report, but Frank showed a series of books by David A. Scott that he has purchased. He felt they were very well done and would be of value to anyone taking up the hobby. He mentioned that although these three were for beginners, advanced technique volumes were also available. He is willing to loan them to any member who would like to borrow them. He was thanked by President Follett.

Rally 2015: Randy began by stating that things seemed to be running along smoothly- at least he'd heard nothing to the contrary from any members.

He noted that all the signs from last year had been successfully re-dated. Randy reiterated that all who can do so, please take some of the signs, write on the listing how many you have taken, and place them in appropriate locations. Also, please check at home to see if you might have any of those unaccounted for- the missing signs.

He mentioned also that he'd sent out an e-mail to all members on June 2nd, referencing not only the signs, but other Rally topics as well- prime among them the need for all members to contribute during Rally set-up operations. Clark reminded him that he had sent out the schedule of all those already signed up for "set-up" work, on the 28th of May.

Randy said that has sent out 1,219 e-mails informing pilots about the rally... So far, 46% of those epistles have been opened.

Dan once again called on volunteers for the parking operation, and was rewarded immediately by Dave C. and Frank saying they would be glad to help.

It was noted by Clark and commented on by Tom O. that we have the same county health inspector as we had last year. She is tough, but thorough. It is hoped that a full year of experience will make her less nitpicky than last year. Tom said they had very little in the way of deficiencies last time, but expected to do even better this year.

Don said that although he won't be here for the Rally this year, Mary Ann will help as usual. Despite being called away by a family wedding, the club is welcome to borrow his generator and trailer. President Clark thanked him, stating they would be needed and appreciated.

Safety Officer: Although Dale was not here tonight (he had family duties) President Clark said that the first aid kit has been refilled with updated supplies. At this point Jamie told of an accident at the SHARKS' field in Eldred during which severe injury was done to a member's arm by a spinning propeller. The cut was so quick and clean that the pilot didn't even notice it until the blood starting spurting! This certainly got everyone's attention! Dan talked of a powder he though we should have in the kit, which he called "blood stop" powder. In the case of severe injury, it shuts down the flow of blood from the wound when used in conjunction with a tight wrapping of cloth.

The President's Corner: Clark led off with the good news that Dick will be heading home from the hospital tomorrow. Sylvia, who has been undergoing rehab for her new hip, will follow later that afternoon.

Clark brought up again, and reiterated very strongly, that we still need input from the majority of the members on their ideas and concerns regarding the future

direction of the club, especially in the matter of the future of the Rally. Only four members have thus far sent him a response. It looks like these topics will be taken up in a separate meeting (or set of meetings) - so please get that information in to him as soon as possible.

The Vice President's Corner: Although Dick was not able to be here tonight, he did want Clark to remind all that the picnic is on for the 27th of June. Dick has invited the WASPS' club of Wellsville to join us for that event.

Old Business: We have been invited by the Bolivar "Pioneer Days" Festival Committee to fly from 5 to 8pm at the Bolivar-Richburg Elementary School property in Richburg. Clark has checked out the space and said it is easily adequate for RC flying- large and free of obstacles. So far four members have volunteered to participate.

New Business: The SHARKS' fun fly will take place on August 1st. If you are able to go... enter the back way from the village of Eldred; a bridge construction project just north of the field prevents entrance from that, the usual, direction.

Randy brought up the "Wings over Bradford" show to be held on the 8th of August. It, also called the "2015 Aviation Awareness Day", will feature a myriad of events at the Bradford Regional Airport. Randy had several posters that members could pick up and post concerning the event, and encouraged us to take them.

Clark talked about the Grandparents Day at the Pines in Machias. STARS members have gone for two years now, and he encouraged us to go again this year. He has no date at the moment, but it usually occurs in September. Clark will give us a definite date as the event comes closer.

Show and Tell: Dan told of an interesting occurrence that happened to him and his wife on a vacation to Hawaii. Before flight, he asked the pilot of the 747 if he might not have a tour of the flight deck. To his surprise, he not only got a tour, but also sat in the pilot's seat, and had his picture taken!

STARS' Stuff: Tom O. is in the house tonight... see him after the meeting.

Our next planning meeting will be June 29th, at the STARS' Field, 7:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be July 8th, at the STARS Field, 7:30pm.

Adjournment: Walt Hibbard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Tom Orcutt and passed without discussion at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jad P. Manske, Secretary