

STARS REGULAR MEETING OF August 12th, 2015

The meeting began at 7:28pm in the pavilion at the STARS Club Cuba field with the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Randy Bittinger, Dale Butts, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Rob Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Bill Messer, Dave Pratt, Richard Say, and a guest, Anika Roof- for a total of seventeen.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 8th meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Dan and second of Brad.

Treasurer's Report: Don not being in attendance tonight, his report was read by our President. Clark read off the list of fourteen checks written, the transfers made, and deposits from the Rally. He also reported the balance-on-hand currently in the checking, savings and tractor accounts. The Treasurer's report was also accepted by vote following motion and second of Randy and Dale respectively.

Membership: Ed reported no changes over the past month.

Website: Clark reported that Bob really needs pictures from this year's rally. If you have any at all... please send them to Bob Bush.

Instruction: According to Jim Keough, Dan's granddaughter (here this evening) and several other "newbies" have been flying at the field. There has been some interest shown by kids from Portville. Walt had nothing to add to that.

Rally 2015: Randy began by noting that this year we hosted forty nine pilots over the course of the weekend. That compares favorably to the forty five we had last year.

He felt that things went well both days, and thanked all who participated for their help, efforts and enthusiasm. He especially singled out Dale, Dan, Rose and Tom for their efforts and management of the flight line, parking area and food tent respectively.

He also announced the profit for the weekend, and all seemed to agree that we'd done very well (especially when compared to last year's financial figures).

Safety Officer: Dale explained to everyone that the safety line runs not just from flag to flag, but rather from horizon to horizon- please be aware of that when you're flying.

He also remarked about the necessity for stopping engines promptly as they are returned to the flight line area. If your radio has a throttle cut feature, that will suffice for gas and/or glow engines. Another way to shut down a gas engine is to utilize an optical engine shutoff; an example of which Dale passed around at the meeting.

President's Corner: Clark again reminded us of our invitation to Grandparents' Day at the Pines in Machias- that's coming up on Sunday, September 13th.

Members have noted more than twice, that the door to our restroom has been left unlocked at the end of the day. Please check it and the garage doors when you leave, if no one else is at the field. We certainly don't need any thefts or accidents occurring because we forgot to lock up!

Bringing up the subject of storing airplanes in our buildings... Clark reiterated, and we all agreed, that a past motion was still in effect – no personal airplanes are to be stored in our buildings – only the club trainer plane. The only exception was during special occasions, our open house for example, where we move our equipment outside so that large assembled planes can be stored inside, during the event. They are to be removed right after the event. Ed added that, when the floor is cluttered, it makes it tough for the grounds crew to “work around obstructions”.

At this point, President Clark read a letter from his wife addressed to the planning board, but obviously appropriate for all club members. Because of health issues, Ramona has resigned from the board. As she has no timeline as regards testing or treatment, she asks that we place another member in her board position. Clark asked that we respect their privacy regarding the medical issues. As things develop, he will let us know when he can about what is happening. Members quietly and with obvious sincerity thanked Ramona for all her efforts and wished her the best as she and Clark begin this new struggle. Dan made a motion to have

the board replace her, it was seconded by Randy, and carried. Any member who is interested in serving on the board, please let a board member know. We'd like to get this slot filled soon.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick brought up the issue of the cleaning out the ditch at the northwest side of the field that has been talked about so frequently of late. Some discussion was held on a work party to accomplish the task at hand. Suggestions included digging, cutting, or even "pulling trees out with the tractor". After still more discussion, Dick volunteered to chair the effort and was gladdened by the eight members who volunteered to make up that work party. The work was scheduled for 9:00am on Saturday, the 12th of September. Thanks to all who volunteered!

Old Business: Clark is still in need of more input from club members on what they'd like to see as the future direction of the club. As of the meeting, only a very small minority of members have responded to his request. Please try to get an e-mail or letter to him prior to the September meeting, if at all possible.

Clark had a sign-up sheet from Ramona asking members to write down what food item they would like to bring to the open house. This will help preclude having twenty desserts and nothing else for the meal. Members were encouraged to come forward and write down their selection after the meeting tonight.

New Business: Randy mentioned that the District Two Fun Fly will be held at the home of the Canandaigua Chiefs the weekend of the 15th and 16th. All types of aircraft are invited to fly, and food and beverages will be available.

Tad said that same Sunday, the 16th, the WASPS of Wellsville will be holding their annual Vo Decker Memorial Fun Fly and Open House at their field. Both the STARS and SHARKS have been invited by President Tucker, and they'd love to see you there. Flying will commence about 10:00am and a free picnic lunch will be served at 2:00pm.

Show and Tell: Randy had brought his new Avanti jet to show. It uses a 90mm ducted fan for thrust and is controlled through seven digital servos. He talked about its electric retracts, which cycle with the cover doors, and look very realistic in action. He answered several questions, and was thanked by President Clark for bringing the jet.

Surprise Drawing: Using stubs of the tickets passed out at the beginning of tonight's meeting, Clark had our guest, Anika Roof, come forward and draw the name of our winner, Dick Fisher, to receive a \$25 gift certificate from Craft World of Jamestown. We're sure Dick will make good use of this pleasant surprise!

STARS' Stuff: As Tom was not in attendance tonight, hold on to your money until the September meeting!

Our next planning meeting will be August 31st at the field, 7:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be September 9th at the field, 7:30pm.

Adjournment: David Pratt made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Brad Davis and passed without discussion at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jad P. Manske, Secretary