

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**The meeting began at 6:59 in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.**

**In Attendance:** Randy Bittinger, Bob Brown, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Dick Say, Don Wehlage and one guest, Shelly Dietz; for a total of sixteen.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Jim and second of Don.

**Treasurer's Report:** As activity for the past month, Don reported on transfers made, deposits for pop and dues, and checks written to National Grid, school taxes, gas, table materials and the tractor tire repair. Referring to the last, Fred remarked that we'd done much better financially on the tire repair than had been expected, and the repair was much faster too! Don's report was accepted by vote after motion and second of Ramona and Frank, respectively.

**Nominations:** As this is the month to make officer nominations, Clark asked for such, and the following were put forward and recorded.

Brad nominated Clark for President

Clark nominated Dick for Vice President

Dick nominated Don for Treasurer

Dan nominated Tad for Secretary

Jim nominated Fred for Safety Officer

Randy nominated Matt for Safety Officer.

Clark reiterated that the nominations would remain open until our November meeting when more could be made before the actual voting, which will also take place at that meeting.

**Membership:** There was nothing new.

**Web Site:** Once again... "Please send pictures!"

**Instruction:** Due to Walt's continuing health problems, Jim will now officially head up our instruction program, rather than just being an important part of it.

**The President's Corner:** Clark reminded everyone to please read the special meeting minutes he'd sent to everyone. Also, be prepared to discuss the proposals therein during the coming regular meetings.

Although he hasn't heard back from Cuba-Rushford Central as of yet, President Follett has requested we be allowed to fly indoors at the Elm Street school from 1:00 to 4:00pm on Sundays during the period November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>. He will let us all know when he received final authorization. It was noted that this would be one month longer than in previous years- something several members had asked for.

Dan, Dick and Clark attended this year's "Grandparents Day" at the Pines in Machias. As usual, their appearance was appreciated, and Clark has already received a thank-you letter from the organizers.

Finishing off "The President's Corner", Clark read aloud to those in attendance a letter he had written to all STARS members concerning safety thoughts, awareness, practices and enforcement.

**The Vice President's Corner:** Dick has, since the last meeting, now received official word- we have use of the Community Room at JCC (Room 124), the Second Wednesday of every month through May of 2016.

Dick gave a special thank-you to the following, who all did a great job at the "ditch work party", it looks at least 100% better. Thanked were Randy, Dick, Clark, Ramona, Fred, Dan, and Don.

Finally, Dick thanked all those who were able to make the final picnic of the season, and make it such a success.

**Old Business:** Clark read aloud the thank you letter from the Pines in Machias, which also invited us to return next year.

It was noted again that Reynolds Farm Machinery had already taken care of our tractor tire repair- mission accomplished.

**New Business:** Randy began by asking- “are we going to have a Rally next year?” he has to know because, if so, he needs to get started on it. The answer given was a resounding “yes!”

Dan said that he found out today that there will be no poles for holding banners erected on Union Street. Randy and Ed gave further elucidation to the matter, and Ramona said she will talk to someone in authority tomorrow. Dick asked Ed to check with the chamber of Commerce on the matter.

Jim commented on “stuff” in the barn that doesn’t really belong there. If it’s yours, please take it with you. Also, there appears to be some stuff there that nobody seems to know “what it’s for”.

It was noted, with appreciation, that Fred has painted the tables he made.

Brad made it a point of safety to tell everyone that “Wound Seal” really does work- and he knows that from experience!

**Show and Tell:** nothing this evening.

**STARS’ Stuff:** Tom was not “in the house” tonight.

**Our next planning meeting will be at Fred’s house on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**Our next regular meeting will be at JCC Olean on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Jim Keough, and passed by vote at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tad P. Manske*, Secretary