

STARS REGULAR MEETING of November 11th, 2015

The meeting began at 7:00pm in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Bob Brown, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Rob Jackson, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and one guest, Shelly Dietz; for a total of seventeen.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 14th meeting were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Dan and second of Tom.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported checks written during the past month to Fred and Ed. He also updated us on the current balances in the checking, savings and tractor accounts. His report was also accepted by vote, following motion and second of Dan and Ramona respectively.

Nominations and Elections: The nominations and corresponding nominators from the October meeting were repeated. No new nominations ensued from the floor. However, Matt declined his previous nomination, removing his name from consideration for the officer of Safety Officer. At this point, Bob made a motion that the nominations be closed, and it was seconded by Jim. Dick made a motion that the secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate, it was seconded by Matt and carried by vote. The Secretary complied. As had been stated last November, all in attendance seemed pleased with the election's outcome (with the possible exception of those elected!)

Membership: Ed noted there was nothing new to report, other than the fact that he'll be giving new member packets to Clark for delivery to our newest members- Patrick Casey and Kamil Murawski.

Web Site: Jim noted that he has sent some pictures to Bob Bush for posting on our site. After President Clark reiterated that we're still looking for someone to take Bob's place (he's been serving as an interim seemingly forever), Rob said he

would be willing to help Bob and learn the ropes so to speak. He was thanked by Clark.

Instruction: It was reported that Kamil has been flying indoors on Sundays. A friend of his who has an AMA membership card has also been flying with him. A possible new member?!?

The President's Corner: Clark reported that he'd been able to secure an extra month of indoor flying this year from the Cuba-Rushford Central School administration. This was greeted with lots of smiles from those in attendance. He also explained that the school has finally straightened out its automatic lock system on the gym door, and he explained to all exactly how it functions. It was noted that the last few weeks have seen fourteen to sixteen in attendance for the Sunday flying session- a good turnout!

Clark then noted that our Annual Meeting will take place at the January meeting; and will consist in the main of a follow-up to what was discussed at the special meeting conducted September 23rd.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick had nothing special to present.

Old Business: Concerning the mounting of banners on Union Street for the Rally (or rather the lack of facilities for doing so)... Ed has contacted the Mayor by both cell phone and e-mail, suggesting that he call a meeting of all the local organizations who have in the past made use of the privilege- and that maybe something can be done. Ed seemed to feel that the mayor was not cognizant of the large number of organizations involved. As of tonight, Ed has not yet received any reply.

New Business: President Follett and Ramona brought up the matter of a Spring Dinner. Although most seemed to be in favor of it, no volunteer stepped forward to handle the job of chairman. The situation therefore currently sits in limbo.

Ramona made a pitch for the members of the STARS to help out the Olean Food Pantry. With the holiday season almost upon us, the situation is even more needful than usual. She noted that two specific items, cereal and canned fruit, are in especially great demand and low supply. Bob made a suggestion that those who fly indoors in Cuba these winter Sundays, might bring a can of food for the pantry each time they fly. All seemed to agree that this was an excellent idea and

should be followed through with. Ramona also said anyone could contact her if they had donations to make. Tad noted that the same situation exists currently at the Wellsville Salvation Army Food Pantry. It is not that they are receiving less food than they usually collect at this time of year; it's that there are significantly more people in need than last year.

Dan said that this holiday season might also be a good time for the club to help out a needy family. If anyone knew of such a family, they should inform one of the board members, and we'd still have time after the December meeting to organize and carry out some assistance.

Bob and Matt brought up the idea of holding a Quad FPV Race at our facility. What is a quad race, you ask? It's the use of a mini quad copter drone controlled by an RC pilot utilizing First Person View goggles to fly a set course, usually for both fun and prizes. Both said this is the hottest item at present in Radio Control aircraft. Currently, races can be attended in the Pittsburgh area, and northeastern Ohio, but if we held one- it would be the first in Western New York. Between them they laid out the basics of a plan which would both attract flyers and earn some money for the club. Quite a discussion ensued, with most of the members in attendance seemingly not only in favor of, but even excited about, such an event. It could be done in the spring, at a time not in conflict with other events, and seems to need mainly a loan of money from our treasury and the help of lots of willing hands. I personally felt that this discussion was not only positive in nature, but it was great to see- as Matt and Bob said "this club get truly excited about something!" A lot of our "old hands" said they'd be glad to sign on to help with the effort. As Bob and Matt, who would function as Contest Director, will be presenting a more detailed plan at future meetings, this is one topic that can only grow!

Bob followed this topic by giving us many updates about what is happening at AMA headquarters. Many topics are still of a classified nature by government decree, but he "told us what he could" and it was all interesting, to say the least.

Star's Stuff: Tom is "in the house" tonight- see him after the meeting.

Our next planning meeting will be a Don's house in Cuba on November 30th at 7:00pm.

Our next Regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean on December 9th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:45pm (a rather late adjournment time for us!)

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary