

STARS REGULAR MEETING of December 9th, 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: Randy Bittinger, Pat Casey, Alan Covert, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Rob Jackson, Matt Kloss, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and one guest, Shelly Dietz, for a total of eighteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 11th minutes were read by Tad. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda after motion of Dan and second of Fred.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that checks were written this past month to National Grid and AMA- that second one for our charter. His deposits for the month consisted of dues paid. He then reported the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. His report was also accepted by vote, following a motion and second of Ramona and Gary respectively.

Membership: Ed reported no changes for the month. Tad thanked him, however, for his updates!

Web Site: Since Bob is unable to visit the field, Rob (who volunteered to help at the last meeting) said he'll be calling Bob to see what he can do. Rob also made some suggestions regarding pictures for the website. Lastly, Gary asked if we were still using the AMA District II website as our home. He was answered in the affirmative.

Instruction: As Jim Keough was not here, he is in Florida- and then on his way to California, there was no report.

The President's Corner: Clark reminded all that our next meeting will be the annual meeting. At it we will be going over the suggestions, discussions and positive points from our special meeting.

Our constitution and bylaws will be the main topic of our February meeting, with decisions on changes to be made at the March meeting. Following the February

meeting, Clark will be e-mailing suggested changes and/or additions and deletions to all members.

Please, if you have any comments or suggestions for either the January or February meeting- get ahold of Clark or any board member and bend their ear for a moment. If you'd rather not telephone, send an e-mail... but whatever way or method you choose, get your thoughts and concerns included by letting someone know ahead of time!

President Follett announced that our charter for 2016 has been paid for already, saving us ten dollars through our perspicacity and punctuality.

Lastly, Clark announced that we have to fill a board member's seat, as current board member Fred has agreed to take over as safety officer- this freeing up his chair. Vice President Dick chimed in that free donuts or other significant-other homemade delectables are a regular and integral part of all board meetings.

The Vice President's Corner: Other than his just-mentioned obvious attempt to entice someone to apply for the board, Dick was rather quiet this evening.

Old Business: It seems that everyone wants a Spring Party- but no one is willing to volunteer to head it up, i.e. we still need a volunteer!

Bringing up the possible FPV Race at our field, it looks like it will be the 24th and 25th of June, if we have it. Gary congratulated Matt for passing his Contest Directors test with a perfect score of 100. Matt will be the C.D. for this event.

Matt says that time is "of the essence" if we are to present this date and event to the modeling public. At this point, Clark requested a budget from Matt. Gary spoke up saying he'd like to make a motion that the STARS provide "a contingency budget of up to \$1000 for the Event". Ramona quickly seconded Gary's motion, and when the vote was called for, there were no negative votes on the measure.

Randy and Gary both gave Matt advice on obtaining an AMA sanction for the event. Dan asked if we needed to build anything for the event. Matt said thank you, but the sponsor supplies pretty much everything.

Lastly, there was significant talk and discussion about advertising and sending information on the event to area schools- science and technology curriculums would be a natural fit for such an event. Fred brought up the idea of possibly

seeing if we could get the Acme Electric building for an event the following year. It would be a fitting site, what with its very large interior space, and plentitude of available parking. Just about everyone thought that would be a great idea.

New Business: Randy announced that our AMA sanction for the 2016 Fun Fly (to be held on July 9th and 10th) has been received, and he then read out the details of the event he was sending out to his numerous contacts. He also said that he has heard that the city is planning on hanging our banner again this year, possible on State Street.

Gary gave us an update about membership changes at AMA. One of the main ones is that new members will renew as of their joining date each year, not the end of the calendar year. He also spoke at length about what DOT wants model pilots to do. The prime requirement seems to be to have all RC pilots register with the government. He asked all to try to keep up with AMA pronouncements e-mailed out- as they will keep everyone abreast of “what is happening currently”.

Speaking of registration, Dick reminded us all to make sure to have AMA stickers inside of each of our planes. They have a place for all necessary items of information, and they are inexpensive and “plastic protected”. Randy even said he may make such items for us in the future.

Don reminded us that dues are due- are due!

STARS’ Stuff: Tom is “in the house” tonight, so see him after the meeting.

Our next planning meeting will be in January, the 25th at Brad Davis’ home, at 7:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be here at JCC on January 13th, once again at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote of the member’s present at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, secretary

