

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**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:** Dewey Barron, Jamie Bowen, Bob Brown, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Rob Jackson, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and one guest, Shelly Dietz, for a total of seventeen.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Tad. One error was discovered. Matt pointed out that the email name for the Rotor STARS was incorrect- the last two letters should be reversed. It was corrected. The corrected minutes were passed by vote following motion and second of Ramona and Dewey respectively.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don reported that a check had been issued for Ischua taxes, and another to Ed for banner costs. There were also two deposits of dues during the month. Don finished by giving the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote after motion of Jamie and second of Dewey.

**Membership:** Ed reported "nothing new".

**Website:** Rob has talked to Bob. They settled some differences as they come from different backgrounds, and Rob says he will be using a different system than Bob utilized. Currently, they have been working together so that Rob can become more familiar with the requirements of the job.

**Instruction:** Jim reported that Pat Kennedy's father and several others have expressed and shown interest during this winter's Sunday indoor sessions. He is looking forward to spring weather to get them all on the road to being RC pilots.

As he had the floor, Jim announced that we have once again been given a one thousand dollar grant by the Cattaraugus County Bureau of Tourism to be used for advertising the Rally. He was asked several questions concerning the grant by Bob and Dick, and answered them both.

**The FPV Racing Event:** Matt began by noting that we have at least three vendors coming to our event, and hopefully more will join that group before spring. *Ready Made RC*, through Mr. Scully, will be providing organization, prizes, equipment including flags and gates, and help with set up. Bob gave us more information about the event and the current state of FPV racing nationwide.

**The President's Corner:** President Clark informed everyone that there will be no indoor flying on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The school district will be putting up new wall mats in the gym we use during that weekend. He also noted that he'd sent out flyers on a swap meet coming up, the one sponsored and put on by the RCCR (Radio Control Club of Rochester).

**The Vice President's Corner:** Dick brought up a computer problem he had been having because of a conflict between Microsoft and google. A website called [duckduckgo.com](http://duckduckgo.com) solved it for him and he wanted us to know in case any of us encountered that problem in the future.

**Old Business:** Ramona gave us all an update on the spring dinner to be held at Moonwinks on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. After giving us a choice of a sit down dinner with three different entrees, or a buffet with two different menus, a discussion amongst the members led to a decision to have one of the two buffets. The cost is \$25 per person, and that price includes tax and gratuity. Please get your reservations complete with check into Ramona as soon as possible- certainly no later than the March meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

A short discussion was held on one of the requirements for our upcoming Community Open House in May. Tad suggested that we supply a hot dog and drink to each spectator at the open house. Each arrival would be given two different colored tickets upon appearing at the field. One would be for a soda or bottle of water, the other for a hot dog. This would be done gratis for our guests, and hopefully would help lead to a positive outlook on the event by all in attendance. Tad volunteered himself and Brad Davis to take care of the cooking; Ramona volunteered to get the supplies.

President Follett next went through, in detail, all of the recommended changes that the planning board has been working on for the past three months in regard to our safety rules, field rules, and constitution and by-laws. Several questions were asked which Clark handled ably. A few other changes were included after

Bob recommended changing various wordings as regards mention of the AMA and FAA in the documents. By acclamation, the changes were approved by those in attendance. President Follett thanked the board for all the time they'd put in on the project. He said we're now "good to go" for another four years until this systematic review has to be done again!

**New Business:** there was none except to remind everyone that dues are due. Please get your checks for \$55 into Don ASAP. Thank you.

**Show and Tell:** Matt talked about FPVfreerider.com, an inexpensive simulator that might interest those members wanting to know more and learn more about FPV racing.

Clark spread out, for all to see, a 1942 kit of a Taylorcraft Cub he has, including wood and plans. Quite a few took him up on it, after the close of the meeting.

**The next planning meeting will be at the Follett's home on February 29, 7:00pm.**

**The next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean on March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.**

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Leute, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tad P. Manske*, Secretary