

STARS REGULAR MEETING of March 9th, 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: Randy Bittinger, Bob Brown, Pat Casey, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Rob Jackson, Pat Kennedy, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and two guests, Shelly Dietz and Ida Hibbard; for a total of twenty-one.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 10th meeting were read by Tad. One error was discovered. It related to the description of Clark's show-and-tell model. The corrected minutes were then passed by vote following motion and second of Frank and Ramona respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that a check had been issued to National Grid, and checking account deposits were made from dues and Spring Party payments. He finished by giving the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote after motion of Brad and second of Ramona.

Membership: Ed reported "nothing new".

Website: Rob said he had sent Clark an e-mail concerning what he had done thus far, but Clark said he never received it.

As he is limited on how much time he is able to devote to the website, Rob said he's not as far along as he'd like to be.

Matt brought up the idea of having an alternate website, or maybe joining with the RotorSTARS website. He said that even going on facebook would help, as long as members utilized the site; it needs regular and frequent traffic to make it viable. A rather long discussion ensued, examining such matters as the problem of sending mass e-mails, use of the challenger.org website as an example to follow, mentioning problems directly to Bob for correction, and looking into a possible new website provider. No actions were taken, but many alternatives were discussed.

Rally 2016: Randy began by reiterating that our rally is now a “fun-fly”, and should be referred to that way. He said all appropriate AMA paperwork is in hand. Clark said he has received our “Worker’s Comp Exemption” paperwork, so that is also ready.

Randy talked about changes to flight line operations that will be implemented this year, and asked Tad to contact Dale about being in charge of that area again. Tad said he’d have Dale contact Randy directly.

The FPV Racing Event: Matt said we now have at least two more sponsors than we had as of last month, and also- more prizes and money. Mr. Scully, who we’d hope to get to announce the race, is busy our weekend, so Ready Made RC gave us some money to hire someone else.

Matt said he continues to get inquiries concerning our event, and that groups from the Buffalo area as well as the New York City area are planning to take part in it!

The President’s Corner: The Olean Food Pantry, as noted during their annual dinner and program, has put us on their list of donors. It certainly doesn’t do us any harm to put that aspect of our club’s activities to the forefront. Clark thanked all who had taken part in getting us this “free publicity”.

Clark also noted that, as he has received notices of upcoming events throughout the Western New York area, he has sent them out to the members via e-mail. Several swap meets/auctions have been announced recently.

The Vice President’s Corner: Dick asked Ramona if she had decided on a definite time for our Spring Party on the 26th.

Old Business: Although probably unintentional, Dick’s question was the perfect lead-in for our first item of old business.

Ramona said our party will start with cocktails at 5:30pm, followed by dinner at 6:00pm. She reminded us all to get our reservations into her and our checks into Don ASAP. By next week she will have to give Moonwink’s a definite number of attendees. The cost is \$25 per person.

It was announced that Rudy Meyer of the Kitchener Ontario Club, a very faithful and “every-year” guest at our rally, recently had heart surgery. Ramona said she’ll send a get-well card out to Rudy on behalf of the club.

The last major item under old business related to the changes in Airstrip Rules, Safety Rules, and Constitution and by-laws presented in detail at the February meeting. Only one additional change was suggested; that being to get rid of the section regarding ham radio requirements. There being no other changes brought up, a motion was made by Frank, seconded by Walt, to accept and implement the changes recommended. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

New Business: There was none.

Show and Tell: Randy showed his quadcopter drone. Matt had brought one as well. They both talked of entertaining experiences they’d had with their craft.

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

The next planning meeting will be at Dick Say’s home on March 28th, 7:00pm.

The next regular meeting will be here at JCC Olean on April 13th, 7:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ramona Follett, seconded by Matt Kloss, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Tad P. Manske, Secretary