

STARS REGULAR MEETING of May 11, 2016

The meeting began at 7:01pm in room 124 of the Student Center at JCC, Olean Campus with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Randy Bittinger, Dick Say, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Don Wehlage, Brad Davis, Dan Haines, Frank Leute, Dale Butts, Gary Baker, Ed Flicker, Richard Fisher. A total of 12 members!

The minutes of the April 13th Regular Meeting of STARS were read by Dick Say. The Minutes were accepted without change or addition after motion by Dan Haines, seconded by Ramona Follett.

Treasurers Report: Don Wehlage reported on expenditures, income and checking, savings and tractor fund balance. Treasurers report was passed by membership present after a motion by Ramona Follett and a second by Brad Davis.

Membership: Ed Flicker had nothing to report. Clark Follett has been communicating with Dan Razey, (a former member) and told membership Dan would like to rejoin the STARS Club. Dan had already given Clark a check for his dues and Clark said he (Clark) would be Dan's sponsor. Ramona Follett and Randy Bittinger made a motion and second to accept Dan into membership. The motion was carried by all members present.

Web Site: Dick Say on behalf of Bob Bush said there was nothing new to report.

Fun Fly 2016: Clark brought flyers to the meeting for the members to distribute in the community. The flyers were printed for us by Cattaraugus County Enchanted Mountains Group at no cost to STARS. Randy reported doing several hundred mailings and emails. All required AMA sanctions are complete and The City of Olean is on board. There followed a discussion by all about logistics of registration, flight line, field preparation, announcing, prizes etc. Everything seems to be progressing in a timely manner.

FPV Event: Matt Kloss has asked Ramona Follett to be in charge of purchasing food for the FPV Event. Ramona Follett gave a report on buying the food as well as preparation and sales. A long discussion followed about quantity of food to be purchased. A decision was finally made that was agreeable to all. Discussion followed about locating the FPV race course. Without Matt present though it was all conjecture.

Instruction: There was no report as Jim Keough was not present.

President's Corner: Clark Follett reported The wind vane on top of our flagpole is broken and needs to be repaired. A volunteer party was assembled on the spot and will see to the repairs. A report will follow when the repairs have been made. Clark uncovered an interesting story about the wind vane. Several years ago , while attending a scale model aircraft meet at Kitchener Ontario, several of the STARS wives contributed money to purchase the rather expensive wind vane as a gift to the STARS Club members! Randy Bittinger and Don Wehlage who were present at Kitchener and at tonight's meeting said their wives were among the contributors. Another little bit of interesting STARS history!

Dick Say passed the final draft of the "Founders Plaque" around the membership for all to see. Dick said all contributions or changes are now closed. After much research and contributions by several members the information contained in the plaque is accurate.

Work Party: A work party is needed to clean up the strip of land between our property and West Shore Road. There are events that are going to take place at the STARS Field soon and this will do much to make the facility look good. It's not a big job if enough members volunteer. The work party will be called for on a Saturday in June.

Old Business: Clark said our first Community Open House will take place on May 21st and we all hope it is a success.

New Business: Dale asked if the club could advance monies to field maintenance persons for cost of gas & materials. Don Wehlage said he would work with these folks in any way they want to. Don reported the field has been sprayed with weed killer. Don also reported the new tent poles have been ordered and received. Don said he will investigate the cost of bank run with which to fill the holes in the southeast area of the STARS property.

Next Planning Meeting: At STARS Field, May 30th at 7:00pm

Next Regular Meeting: At STARS Field, June 8th, at 7:30pm

Adjournment: After a motion by Ramona Follett, seconded by Gary Baker and carried by membership present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Say V.P.