

STARS REGULAR MEETING OF June 8th, 2016

The meeting began at exactly 7:30pm in the pavilion of the STARS Cuba Club Field with the pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Randy Bittinger, Dale Butts, Dick Fisher, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Gene Hickey, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dave Pratt, Dick Say and Don Wehlage; for a total of fifteen.

Minutes: Tad thanked Dick for his excellent job taking minutes at the May 11th meeting, and then read them. They were accepted by vote without change or addenda following motion and second of Frank and Jim respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported making deposits of dues, and writing checks to National Grid, to Ed for mower costs and to Ramona and Clark for Community Open House costs. He then reported on balances currently in the checking, savings and tractor accounts. His report was also accepted by vote, following a motion of Walt, and second of Jim.

Membership: As Ed was not present, there was no report.

Web Site: Although not specifically concerning the web, Dick reported that Bob is having heart problems. Ramona will send him a get well card from the club.

Instruction: Jim said that although things are not "rolling" yet, he has contacted last season's students and they all will be underway soon.

FPV Race: Clark spoke for Matt, as Matt was on call tonight and could not be present with us.

Matt reported that we currently have either six or seven vendors for our race.

Clark said that he and Matt will need to get together soon to lay out the race course.

Matt noted that some RV's will be attending, although he does not have an exact number. Some club member(s) will have to be on-site when they arrive, to guide them into their parking area.

The food permit needed for the event is on hand, and Clark has made some signs concerning water usage.

The President's Corner: Clark thanked all the members who took part in the June 4th work party, singling out Dick especially for his job of organizing the effort and feeding those who showed up to work.

The 2016 Fun Fly: Realizing at this moment that he'd inadvertently skipped the Fun-Fly, Clark back tracked and asked Randy to fill us in on the efforts and needs thus far. At times in conversation with other members present, Randy put out the following main points.

Assignments currently made and filled include:

Dick and Tad- announcing

Dan running the parking with the assistance of at least Frank and Jim

Don managing the money

Dale running the flight line, with club member assistance when needed. This year we will be asking the pilot's to either use their own spotter, or, if need be- ask us for the loan of one.

Tom and his family will once again be running the food concession, although help from members would be appreciated- especially since his crew will be taking over the ice cream concession (this following a discussion in which the club decided to keep the ice cream concession as a money maker).

Clark and Tom will be in charge of the Public Address system

Ramona and Don will handle registration

Ed and Fred will be in charge of the generators

Things already accomplished are:

Our additional insurance certificate and sanction paperwork is completed and on hand. We also have the food permit.

So far, we have one donation for a door prize, a Flyzone airplane.

Advertising signage has blanketed Cuba, but is still needed in other places

The new tent poles needed to replace bent ones are in hand

Although the radios are okay, new headsets need to be procured

Other needs and reminders that still need to be addressed:

Tom reminded all to freeze gallon containers of water. Last year, no ice needed to be purchased, because all did such a fine job in bringing gallons of the stuff. Let's do it again this year!

Fire extinguishers need to be checked, and several buckets of sand need to be on hand for the electric flyers.

As we will not need complete flight line crews this year- Randy particularly (among others) made the point that those not yet involved with other duties are encouraged and expected to volunteer where needed. Some additional help will be needed in parking, as flight line "fillers", and in the food tent. Tom said that at noon lots of extra help would be a boon, as the line tends to get rather long at lunchtime.

Setup is scheduled for July 7th. Be at the field at 10:00am; and if you have a trailer, please bring it.

Randy also noted that the airport has a brand new finish mower, which should make for a smooth runway at the Fun-Fly.

Lastly he reminded all members that they are encouraged to bring planes to fly during the weekend. We may have to fill in "dead space" with our own members.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick passed around the Founders' Plaque he had designed and had made. Following suggestions from Dick, and a discussion, it was decided to place it on the frequency pin flightbox under the pilots' shelter. All in attendance also favored a ceremony when the plaque is installed. Dick will handle the particulars there. Following a "good job!" from Randy, the members treated Dick to a well-deserved round of applause.

Old Business: Clark gave a brief report on our Community Open House held on the 21st of May. The turnout wasn't as good as we had expected, mainly because of the weather. Those who did attend however seemed very interested, happy to be here, and enjoyed their time with us. He then threw out the suggestion to possibly have another in September, after everything else slows down. It's something to think about...

New Business: Randy showed some very nicely done pilot information decals he'd printed (complete with our new logo). They are printed nine to a peel-off sheet, and are to be placed on member's planes, as required by AMA. He left them on the president's table, and suggested we all take whatever we needed at the end of the meeting. He was thanked by President Clark for his efforts.

Tad said he'd try very hard to get these minutes out to Clark and Dick by sometime Sunday afternoon, so he could then pass them on to Bob as soon as possible. As we do not have another meeting before either the FPV Race or the Fun-Fly, everyone needs to be as well-informed as possible about those two upcoming events.

Lastly, he announced that the Windy Ridge Flyers of Bath/Hammondsport will be holding a fun fly this coming Saturday and Sunday at Jolamptra Airport in Bath. The CD, as usual, is Dave Lander, a good friend of the STARS (known for his Friday night perch fish-fries). Yours truly will be announcing the event.

Jim brought up the fact that, although our radios were here following their use at the District II Fun-Fly in Canandaigua- they are now missing. Anyone knowing their whereabouts, please let a board member know.

On a happy note... Clark announced that the US and Canadian flags that had been missing, are now back in his possession.

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

The next Planning meeting will be here at the field on June 27th at 7:00pm.

The next Regular meeting will be here at the field on July 13th at 7:30pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Fisher, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote on the members present at 828pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary