

STARS REGULAR MEETING of July 13th, 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.

Before the start of our normal meeting sequence of events, President Follett brought up a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the club membership.

He laid out the sequence of events and planning board meetings that have lead the board to recommend that one of our members have his membership revoked. This was done strictly in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the club's by-laws. A long period of discussion ensued.

At the end of a half hour, everyone who had wanted to speak on the matter had been allowed to, and, following the provisions of Article III, Section 2 of the club constitution, a secret vote was taken to determine whether the member would have his membership revoked or not.

The vote showed three against, one abstention, and fourteen in favor of revocation.

At this point, President Follett directed the secretary to draft a letter to the member in question, and then send the draft to himself.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Brad Davis, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Ben Kirk, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say and Don Wehlage; eighteen in total.

Treasurer's Report: Don's report was very complete and very complex this time, due to all the club activity over the course of the month.

Deposits were made of monies from the open house, the FPV races and the Fun-Fly. Checks were written to the Health Department, Ed's Sportster Shop, National Grid, Brown, Giant, Adam's Services, two to Worth Smith, and for the banners, advertising, as well as to the following individuals: two to Dick, two to Fred, two to Clark, two to Ramona, and one each to Tom, Randy, Matt, Dewey, Ed, Mary

Ann and himself. Debit card purchases were made at Walmart, Home Depot, and for hardware, mower blades and three gas purchases.

At this point Don gave us the balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by vote after motion and second of Frank and Dewey respectively.

Next, Don gave very complete reports on all financial transactions regarding the FPV Races, followed by those for the Fun-Fly. He included both budget and actual figures regarding income, expenditures, and profit.

President Follett thanked Don for the completeness of his work, and reminded everyone of how difficult and time consuming the treasurer's job is... especially at this time of year!

Membership: There was no report as Ed is not here tonight; his wife Gerrie is in the hospital, right after Ed himself was released.

Website: Dick says he hasn't seen Bob lately, but that he would be seeing him tomorrow.

Instruction: Jim reported that he hasn't had much luck getting his students to the field, with the exception of Pat Casey, who is doing well. He also mentioned some youngsters from Buffalo and a gentleman from Hinsdale who may become involved in the future (at least with the AMA, if not directly with us).

The President's Corner: Clark announced that Gary and Diane have donated a used refrigerator and microwave, both in working condition, to the club. They are now on-site and being used. Dan suggested the club send Gary and Diane a thank you card, and Ramona said she'll take care of it.

Clark next read off a long list of RC events coming up in our corner of the world...

In July: The Canandaigua Chiefs' Fun-Fly, in Canandaigua, the 16th and 17th
 The Sky Rovers Fun-Fly, in Phelps, the 23rd and 24th
 The Perry Jet Rally, at the Perry Airport, on the 30th

In August: The Perry Fun-Fly, at the Perry Airport, the 6th and 7th
 The SHARKS' Open House, in Eldred, the 13th

The Flying Knights Scale Rally, in Hamburg, the 13th and 14th
The WASPS Vo Decker Memorial Fun-Fly, in Wellsville, the 20th

September: Southern Tier Float Fly, Kanakadea Park, Hornell the 17th and 18th

The Vice President's Corner: Dick reminded everyone who has pictures of the FPV Races and/or the Fun-Fly... send those pictures to Bob for the website. Ramona and Dewey noted that they had some.

He also expressed concern over the ridiculously high fines that may ensue if you don't put your FAA registration number on all your aircraft. It's the law everyone- save yourself some grief.

Old Business: President Follett felt that the FPV Races went well. We had many nice compliments on the field. Several racers told us they appreciated having food at the race, that doesn't often happen evidently. They also felt the electric setup was excellent. We, as a club, made a nice profit from the weekend.

After some discussion, it was agreed to look into having another race in late September/early October. It was also suggested we go deeper into looking at the Acme building as a site for a winter race. All this will be checked out with Matt. Randy said that if more of our members would try this facet of our hobby, we'd enjoy it. It is actually easier than flying RC airplanes.

It was also duly noted that both the *Cuba Patriot* and the *Wellsville Daily Reporter* both did a nice job covering the event.

Turning next to the Fun-Fly, Tad said the money we'd received from the Cattaraugus Tourist Bureau really helped in advertising- it was spread all over Allegany County papers. A round of applause was given Jim, as this is his bailiwick, and he did a very nice job with advertising.

Our announcing team was next feted to a round of applause, Dick and Tad make a great team! They kept things moving along nicely, and there was very little "dead air space" during the weekend. Speaking of announcing... Dick and Tad both said the new flight line system of aircraft identification worked very well for them, and was both easier and more effective than the old system.

Tom was asked next for his comments, as regarded the food concession. First he thanked those who had helped out, most of them by name. On another positive note, the homemade cookies went over very well, were a solid money-maker, and over fifty dozen had been sold by 1:00pm Sunday. Tom's wife and Linda Butts made the cookies, and next year could use some assistance in making more. He did note that they had a problem with coffee supplies. It seems someone had taken certain items, never returned them, and never let anyone know they were gone! Tom also said the grill badly needs a thorough cleaning, and may need to have some of its parts replaced. Mary Ann had a difficult time cooking on it- it was erratic in its heating, and even a fire hazard at times.

While he had the floor, Tom said we'll need new speaker posts next year, and mentioned what he felt should be purchased.

Randy thanked virtually everyone who had a hand in the duties of the weekend, and said "this is what is needed, everyone working together!" He singled out every area of the weekend for praise, and noted that the new headsets we had this year had been donated by Dale Butts. He also singled out the airport crew for their efforts... everything was so much easier for us (especially the absence of mowing and raking as in so many past years). It was suggested that the club purchase a gift certificate for the airport crew, and by popular acclimation it was decided to get one for \$50.

Lastly, Randy noted that we really need some new signage for next year- what we have is really showing wear and tear.

New Business: Dick made a suggestion that, instead of having a picnic this month, why not take our ladies out to a Friday night dinner? Some discussion ensued, with issues of time and date the main concern. Dick asked all who were interested to let him know by e-mail what date they'd prefer, and he'd then get back to everyone.

Don noted that our insurance bill will soon come due. He asked for permission to try to find a less expensive carrier and Clark told him to go ahead.

Lastly, Ramona reminder everyone that before we know it, our Open House will be here. She'll be contacting members to see what their wives can bring for dishes-to-pass. She also reminded us that Dave Lander does an excellent fish fry

every year at the open house- free to all who stay. She encouraged every member to either stay, or if one needs to leave, please come back for the fish fry. Clark seconded his wife's request, as did others.

Show and Tell: There was none this evening.

STARS's stuff: As Tom had had to leave a short time ago, there was none this evening either.

Our next planning meeting will be here at the field on July 25th at 7:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be here at the field on August 10th at 7:30pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ben Kirk, seconded by Dewey Barron, and passed by vote of the members at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary