

STARS REGULAR MEETING of September 14th, 2016

The meeting began at 7:31pm in the pavilion of the STARS Cuba Club field with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Isaac Baker, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage and one guest, Bob Mansour- for a total of fourteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 10th meeting were read by Tad. They were approved by vote without change or addenda after motion and second of Dan and Fred respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported the following actions over the past month. Checks were written to National Grid, Fred Fowler, Ramona Follett and Clark Follett. Debit card charges were made for pop and water, Walmart, Home Depot twice, and gas three times. Deposits were made from the following sources; the open house, donations, refunds and pop and water sales. A single transfer was made from the savings account to the checking account. He next gave the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. Don's report was accepted after a motion to that effect from Ramona, a second of Dale, and a positive vote of those present.

Membership: Ed was not present this evening, but a new member candidate was. Bob Mansour had previously turned in his application for membership, and he already has his AMA membership as well. He told us a little about his background and his interest in modeling. Following a motion by Dan and a second by Ramona, Bob was voted into our membership. President Follett explained to him about our dues and the requirements for participating in our annual July fun fly at the airport, our open house in August, and possible other events. Clark then welcomed him to the club, and Bob was greeted by a round of applause from the members present.

Web Site: Dick has talked to Bob and told us about two tapes he has received from him explaining the workings of the website, (just in case something happens to Bob). Some discussion of myriad points followed. Fred said he's "out of it" now; and was thanked by Clark for all he'd done to this point. Dick said that until people start sending things in (especially pictures), you won't see anything change

on the website. Dan asked if we're still actively looking for a member to relieve Bob of the duties he's carried on so well for so long. Dick said "yes", but Bob is willing to continue serving until someone steps forward. At present, no volunteer has stepped forward.

Instruction: Jim Keough reported that as of September 5th, Kamil had soloed- we have a new pilot in the club! Pat Casey is coming along well in his instruction, and Adam Moser from Olean High school is also being instructed. Those who were interested as of the end of last season seemed to have lost interest- Jim hasn't heard from them despite numerous attempts to contact them.

The President's Corner: Clark began by thanking Fred for the two new benches he's completed. A round of applause followed his thank you.

If we want a fun fly at the airport next year, it will be on the 8th and 9th of July. After very little discussion, all seemed to be in favor, and following an affirmative vote, Clark said he'd contact Randy, as Randy needs to start preparations ASAP, especially with the county and airport.

Clark next introduced Isaac Baker, a member currently serving in the armed forces. Isaac gave us a little background on himself, said he was currently on leave, and happy to be here tonight.

At its last meeting, the board discussed thanking Keith Miller for his years of support by giving him a \$50 gift card to the Beef and Barrel, and also presenting him with a framed certificate of thanks, suitable for hanging at his place of business. All present thought it was an excellent idea and were in favor of doing it. Sort of on the same subject, Fred asked if we had done the gift card thing for the airport as well. Clark and Ramona responded that they have, and the lady at the airport was very surprised and appreciative.

Lastly, Clark brought up the new multirotor/helicopter/drone flying area. We had gone through this in detail at the August meeting, but before we voted on changes to the safety rules because of it, President Follett asked if anyone had any questions. Dale questioned the need for this new area. The reasoning, rationale and preparation of this new area was all rehashed and a rather long discussion ensued. Eventually a motion to accept the rules changes was made by Dan, seconded by Fred, and passed by vote.

At this point, still on the topic of safety, a discussion commenced on “how far east can we fly?” The general consensus was that we had to stay away from the Seneca owned Tracewell building, but could fly over the forested hill to the northeast of our property.

Vice President’s Corner: Dick has secured room 124 of the JCC Student Center in Olean for our winter meetings. Our first indoor meeting will be next month, and they will run through the month of May. Dick reminded us that the indoor meetings begin at 7:00pm, not at 7:30pm as they do during the flying season. He then asked if we were keeping up the subscription of *Model Aviation* to JCC. Don replied that we send one to Cuba-Rushford Central but not to JCC. Dick and several others reminded all present that we used to send both of the institutions a subscription, and after a short discussion- Don was directed to renew both subscriptions.

Old Business: Ramona began old business with a short report on the Open House. She felt that we’d had a good crowd, great weather, and even made some money. She thanked everyone who had a part in the event’s success.

Next, on the subject of getting a new grill or grills, both Fred and Clark had checked into it. Someone mentioned that the same grills they looked up on line were available at Worth Smith’s in Olean. A discussion ensued, with several mentioning that this would be the time of year to look for a deal on grills. Clark will talk with Nate at Worth Smith’s to see what kind of deal we can get. Many seemed to think that getting both a large one and the smaller two-burner would probably be the best bet and get us the best deal.

Everyone was reminded of the FPV race coming up on October 8th. Ramona will be sending out an e-mail asking for responses on what people would like to bring as a dish-to-pass. The theme of the meal will center around pumpkins, fall and harvest. Matt and Shelly will be bringing roasted turkeys and Ramona a large pan of dressing. Some of the items needed would be mashed potatoes, gravy, possibly squash and other vegetables, and certainly a variety of desserts.

Lastly, under old business, a discussion was held on various aspects of our advertising efforts for this year’s rally. Many felt that the money spent on Times-Herald advertising was wasted... and very low in cost effectiveness. Jim Keough, our director of advertising for the event, agreed with those thoughts, but said

some members were adamant that this effort be continued. This will be talked about again over the winter month meetings.

New Business: President Follett reminded everyone that the October meeting will be the time to nominate new at-large members of the board for next year, and that those elections will be held at the November meeting.

Show and Tell: Nothing tonight

STARS' Stuff: Tom is "in the house" tonight. See him after the meeting.

The next planning meeting will be held at the field on September 26th at 6:30pm. Please note the different starting time.

The next regular meeting will be held at JCC on October 12th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Say, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary