

STARS REGULAR MEETING of November 9th, 2016

The meeting began at 7:03pm in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Gary Baker, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Kamil Murawski and Dick Say, for a total of fourteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 12th meeting were read by Tad. They were approved by vote without change or addenda after motion and second of Dan and Ramona respectively.

Treasurer's Report: As Don was in Washington, D.C., President Follett read the report. Three checks were written during the period, one each to National Grid, Tractor Supply and Worth Smith. Clark next read the balances for the checking account, the savings account and the Tractor fund. This report was also accepted by vote after motion of Frank and second of Jim.

Election of At-Large Board Members: As no new nominations for the positions were made from the floor, Jim and Ramona made and seconded a motion to close the nominations. This was passed by vote. Clark declared the election to be between and among Ramona, Dan, Brad and Fred. At this point, Fred declined his nomination, as he was already on the board as the Safety Officer, and Jim and Frank respectively made and seconded a motion to have the secretary cast one ballot for the remaining trio. This was passed by vote, and President Follett congratulated the current members on the fine job they'd done and said he knew they would continue to do so in the future. As all the incumbents had been re-elected, the remaining members let out a collective sigh of relief- they didn't have to serve!

Membership: Although Ed was not here this evening, Jim led a discussion of the Intro program from AMA. Clark explained how the program worked, and answered questions on it. Adam Moser, a student at Olean High, was mentioned as one who had completed the program at our club, but had yet to appear at a meeting to be accepted as a member.

Website: Bob has given Dick two disks explaining the operation of our website. Dale has gone through a box of website materials, and will contact Bob after Bob's return from Washington, D.C.

Instruction: It was noted that Pat Kennedy had been at last Sunday's indoor flying session. According to Brad, there had been a very good turnout that day! There was even a guest from Eldred in attendance.

The President's Corner: Clark called Kamil to the head table and presented him with a certificate of Training Completion. Kamil thanked all who had helped him in this endeavor. This was followed by a round of applause.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick had nothing special this evening.

Old Business: The new grill from Worth Smith is now in our possession. It does however, need some assembly.

New Business: President Clark reported on the incident of vandalism at the field. He gave what particulars were known, and said that Dewey had straightened the bent post.

A long discussion ensued concerning possible action we could take as positive reaction to the incident.

The state police will not patrol our area as long as a "welcome" sign is attached to our main sign at the beginning of our driveway to the field. They did say however, that they would "conduct random patrols" if it were taken down. It was noted that, despite the sign they had given years ago to the WASPS in Wellsville, they do not give out signage anymore. Clark made a strong suggestion that everyone carry their STARS' card with them- the State Police may well ask for it if they notice you at the field during a random patrol.

It was then noted that a motion light has been erected at the field. Most of the discussion centered on a security light, maybe a second, and on cameras. Frank asked about the costs of a camera. Several members answered his inquiry.

Show and Tell: Dale has had the kit for a giant scale Aeronca L-2 laser-cut for him from a plan he had Staples copy. The model has a nine foot wingspan. He would happily lend the plan (which he got from Dick) to any club member who would

like to have it copied on their own. A general discussion on the lending of plans and actually offering some resulted from Dale's talk.

Dan gave a short talk on a forty nine plane flyover of Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City that had piqued his interest.

STARS' Stuff: As Tom was not here this evening, there was none.

The next planning meeting will be at Don's home on November 28th, at 7:00pm.

The Next regular meeting will be held here at JCC Olean on December 14th, at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: As Brad Davis was either daydreaming or talking to someone, a motion to adjourn was made by Ramona Follett, seconded by Fred Fowler, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, secretary