

## **STARS REGULAR MEETING of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**The meeting began at 7:00pm in Room 124 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.**

**In Attendance:** Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Alan Covert, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt and Don Wehlage; for a total of thirteen.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were read by Tad. Dale pointed out one error which was immediately corrected; to wit, under website, Dale will contact Don after he returns, from Washington. The minutes were then approved by vote following a motion by Brad and a second of Don.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don reported one check written during the previous month, to National Grid. There was also one debit card transaction, at Home Depot. Deposits for the month came from pop can and water bottle redemption, dues and a donation. Don then gave the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote, following motion and second of Frank and Tom.

**Membership:** There were no changes from last meeting.

**Instruction:** As Jim Keough was not in attendance, no report was given.

**The President's Corner:** At the last board meeting, it was decided that we should notify the Cattaraugus County Sheriff as well as the State Police in regards to encouraging random patrols of our area. The board also felt a single security lamp on each end of the building is the way to go currently, with other options left open, should changes be necessary in the future. During discussion, there was widespread agreement on both issues.

President Follett reminded us to pay our AMA dues, as well as our club dues. Remember, if not renewed by March, a lapsed member will have to re-apply. Clark also reminded us that it's that time of year to check on our AMA charter as well. Our application is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. He asked both Tad and Jamie if they knew where the old charters were. Their status is unknown at this time. Lastly, he asked Don for an update on our Gold Leader Club status. Don says he still hasn't received the papers from AMA for this renewal.

Lastly, he reminded everyone that the January meeting is our corporate meeting. Please do your best to attend.

**The Vice President's Corner:** Dick Say was unable to be here this evening.

**Old Business:** As regards Sunday flying, when questioned by Clark, Brad reported that there still are problems with the door hours. Someone asked if holidays (specifically Christmas Day and New Year's Day) were to be treated as available Sundays. Brad said that he will be there those days to open the doors.

**New Business:** A discussion was held as to whether we should purchase a "Thank You Plaque" to be given to Cuba-Rushford Central School for the much appreciated use of one of their gyms over the winter months. The type and other particulars of the plaque were also discussed. All in attendance felt it was an excellent idea, and encouraged Clark to go forward with the project. Clark will talk to Dick about same, as Dick has handled this sort of thing for us in the past.

Clark next brought the club up-to-date on the gift certificate to the Beef and Barrel and framed certificate that had been procured for Keith Miller. The Folletts delivered both items to a very well pleased and surprised recipient. During their time together Keith asked if we'd like to have sort of a farmers' Market at our field sometime in August. He would supply the produce at a reduced cost, and we would keep whatever profits we made. As we're still talking months in the future, no decisions were made... but we'll "keep our options open". It is certainly something to think about- and a nice gesture on Keith's part.

Clark announced the events he'd like to set up as a definite schedule of happenings for the coming flying season. His schedule was composed of a May Community Day Open House, a June FPV Race at our field, the July Fun-Fly at the airport, and our traditional August Open House. Those in attendance felt this sounded reasonable and doable.

Talking with Matt, Clark said Matt would like to "lock us in" on a June date, so that he can broadcast news of the coming event as well as particulars about it on the internet. If we're "locked in", we can have that date (or weekend) for as long as we want it; we would be a regularly scheduled event on the FPV racing circuit. There doesn't seem to be any downside to it (and the publicity certainly would be

welcomed!), so after but a minimum of discussion, Clark will go ahead and inform Matt of our positive decision.

The annual AMA Symposium in Syracuse will be held this year on January 21<sup>st</sup>, just in case you're interested in going.

Lastly, as regards our annual dinner, it was decided, through discussion, to try to get March 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> at Moonwinks. Clark is sure Ramona will get right on it.

**Show and Tell:** Jamie gave us a verbal tour of his visit to the Old Aerodrome at Rhinebeck, NY. He enjoyed the full scale originals and reproductions flying at the airshow, the pre-1930 scale RC models, the newly rebuilt museum, and the general ambiance of the whole visit. He encouraged all who can, to visit- it certainly is worthwhile.

Jamie also showed us his latest toy- a beautiful quad copter that folds up into a not-very-large traveling case. Everything needed for a day at the field is included in the carrying case. His DJI Mavic Pro has five cameras in it, and has a twenty five minute flight time! Some of its attributes are so new they aren't found on very many multi-copters yet, and he is looking forward to decent weather to see it perform.

Jamie was treated to a round of applause following his two presentations.

**STARS' Stuff:** Tom is in the house this evening... see him after the meeting. Also, see Don as well, he is accepting dues tonight.

**There will be no planning meeting this month, the next will be in January.**

**The next regular meeting will be held here at JCC Olean on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis, seconded by Frank Leute, and passed by vote of the members present at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tad P. Manske*, Secretary