

STARS REGULAR MEETING of January 11th, 2017

The meeting began at 7:00pm in Room 224 of the Student Center at JCC Olean with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Randy Bittinger, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Dan Haines, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say and Don Wehlage; for a total of thirteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were read aloud by Tad. They were approved by vote without change or addenda after motion and second of Tom and Dan respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported one check written during the past month, to National Grid. Two deposits were made during the same period, the first of dues and a donation, the second of a donation. He next gave the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote, following motion of Ramona and second of Frank.

Don next gave his annual financial report. In detail he listed off the Income budget and actual, the maintenance budget and actual, the expenses budget and actual, and the field improvement expenses. Following all those areas, he gave us the "bottom Line" income and expenditure figures for the year 2016.

A discussion ensued over Randy's questioning as to whether we might be able to reduce our property taxes somewhat. Dick volunteered to contact his son-in-law on the matter, as this is an area of his expertise.

Finishing up his portion of the meeting, Don laid out a proposed budget, both income and expenses, for the year 2017. He was thanked by President Follett for all his obvious hard work, and this was met with a round of applause from all in attendance. The annual report was accepted by vote after a motion and second of Dan and Tom respectively. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated treasurer!

Honorary Membership Annual Renewal: As we require of ourselves, the club voted to renew the honorary memberships of Bob Bush, Keith Miller, Dave Mathewson and Charlie Scholeno. This approval came after a motion by Randy and a second by Ramona.

Membership: It was duly noted that Bob Brown, Jim Goodemote, Kip Karnes, Bill Messer and Tom Orcutt are Life Members of the STARS.

Website: Dale reported that he is having trouble transferring information from Bob's computer to his own. So far the two of them have spent approximately six hours on the phone working on the problems. They are not there yet, but hopefully soon- as they continue to work on disparate areas.

Instruction: Jim was not here (he's in California), so there was no report. However, Randy did ask if he can contact Jim concerning this year's Fun Fly advertising? Clark said yes, and he'd let him know how to do that.

The President's Corner: On behalf of the board, Clark thanked Bill Messer for memorial monies he donated in memory of Charles Hildebrand's wife Marie, and Pete Pfohl III.

Clark as yet has no firm date from Matt on this year's FPV race- two choices are being considered.

The Vice President's Corner: Nothing from Dick this evening.

Old Business: Ramona reported on Banquet matters. After telling the membership that there are NO Saturday nights open at Moonwinks (probably because of the closing of the Prestige Center party house on Constitution Avenue in Olean) the members agreed on the date of Friday, March 24th in Cuba. She had also checked out L'Italia in Wellsville, but they wouldn't do a sit-down dinner for that many; only a buffet. She has been able to keep the price at twenty-five dollars per person. Choices available will be prime rib, Mediterranean Primavera Pasta (that's vegetables in a sauce over angel hair), apple stuffed pork loin, and hopefully- a fish fry. Please contact her as soon as you can to make your reservation and your meal selection(s) known.

President Follett said that he has put Dick in charge of designing and procuring a wall plaque for Cuba-Rushford Central School- the one the club agreed on at the December meeting. Clark will give him any help he needs.

Asked if he had any information on our Gold Leader Club status, Don replied that he's downloaded the appropriate form, and he'll be completing and mailing it shortly.

New Business: Randy reported that we have had our AMA sanction approved, and received clearance from the airport- both paperwork requirements needed for the 2017 Fun-Fly. He said he's looking now for a volunteer to handle "door-prize requests". This amounts to getting manufacturer and dealer addresses and writing letters to them. As no one rushed in to help, Dick said he'd do it if no one else comes forward.

A discussion was held on one of our major goals... the obtaining of dozer help with the unused racetrack area. Clark will be contacting both the BOCES in Olean and the one in Belmont again- that seems our best bet. Dan has a neighbor who might be able to help us with hauling a dozer to the work sight- that was a major problem last year when we inquired. Dan will contact him.

Show and Tell: Dan talked about and exhibited a tiny "fly power" plane, something no other member had heard of. Interesting to say the least, it just goes to show the variety of experiences available in our hobby!

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

The next planning meeting will be held January 30th at Brad Davis' home at 7:00pm.

The next regular meeting will be held here at JCC Olean on February 8th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Leute, seconded by Ramona Follett, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary