

STARS REGULAR MEETING of February 8th, 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: Dewey Barron, Jamie Bowen, Bob Brown, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Pat Kennedy, Matt Kloss, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, and two guests, Joanne Brown and Shelly Deitz; for a total of seventeen.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 11th minutes were read by Tad. President Follett pointed out one error. The party house mentioned under old business was misnamed the Prestige Center. The correct name was the Premier Center. At this point Gary made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, it was seconded by Dan, and accepted by vote of those present.

Treasurer's Report: As Don is vacationing in warmer climes, Clark read the financial report. During the past month, Don paid a bill from National Grid, paid our property taxes, and also ordered and paid for *Model Aviation* subscriptions sent to Cuba-Rushford Central School and to JCC Olean. One deposit of dues was made during the month. One transfer was accomplished, from savings to checking. Clark finished by giving the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts. This report was also accepted by vote, following motion and second of Dan and Gary respectively.

Membership: Ed had nothing to report.

Website: Bob, Dale and Don continue to work on it. Gary said he'd send Dale information on the District II website use.

Instruction: Jim is still in California so there was no report. It was noted however that Dave Conklin is working with Dick Fisher's grandson at the Cuba gym on Sundays.

2017 Fun-Fly: Randy is under the weather, but did send Clark a letter stating that he will be stepping down from his position as contest director following the 2017 show. He suggested that it would be an excellent idea if the club could get a volunteer, or appoint someone to take over as CD before this year's show takes place. That way the new director would have seen what Randy did, what is

needed, the requirements of the job itself and be better prepared to assume the duties of CD. Clark asked that anyone interested in the position, please contact him... the sooner the better. On a happier note, Clark has heard from Jim that we have been approved, again, to receive a Cattaraugus Tourist Bureau grant for this year's Fun Fly!

The FPV Race: Matt announced that we do have a major sponsor for our event.

He asked if we can budget the same amount as we did for the event last year. Clark said yes, although what portion of that was for food would have to be deducted. Matt then asked if we could separate the food budget from the race budget. Clark said that doesn't seem to be a problem, and he will check with Don to determine how much of last year's budget was for food.

Matt talked about the possibility of constructing our own gates for the race, and acquiring sponsors for each gate. For a pre-determined sum, the sponsor would get his name or logo on the gate he financed. When those present seemed to agree it was a good idea, Matt says he needs someone to spearhead the effort. Basically it consists of contacting possible sponsors, presenting them with the idea (and benefits) and getting them to "sign on" so-to-speak. Contact Matt or Clark if you'd be willing to tackle this job.

Speaking of advertising... Matt said someone should contact the Seneca casino up the road, they might be willing to be a major sponsor! They probably have their own banners and signs, and we could give them first choice of advertisement locations.

Getting back to basic matters, Matt said the race will be held the 23rd, 24th and 25th of June. He has already put those dates out to the FPV "community". Help will be required to handle the food, to get the extra mowing done on a timely basis, and possibly to set up and take down, or "just be around" to handle any needs that come up unexpectedly.

The President's Corner: President Clark told everyone that one of our members, Walt Jackson of Greenwood had passed away during the month. Since many of those present probably didn't know Walt, Tad told them a little about him.

Bob asked if we had noted the donations given in memory of Marie Hildebrand and Pete Pfohl. Clark answered in the affirmative.

The Planning Committee has recommended that we promote the club at area functions/shows. President Follett gave the following examples as possibilities to consider: Olean Home Show, Portville School Craft Show, Allegany and Cattaraugus County Sportsman Shows, and the Maple Festival. Clark also asked members for their individual input at our next meeting.

Dan went back to the topic of advertising, and asked if we'd thought about a large sign at Bradner Stadium. He said he'd be glad to check out the possibility.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick welcomed Pat back- said it's nice to see him at meetings again!

Also, on advertising, he mentioned getting our name on local diner place mats. He'll check into the matter and let us know what he finds out.

Old Business: President Follett reminded everyone to contact Ramona with your reservation and dinner choice(s) for the March banquet. She'd like to have all that work done by the end of February if possible.

New Business: Joanne Brown donated a box of balsa gliders to the club. She was met with a round of applause. The gliders will be perfect "hand outs" for youngsters at the Fun Fly.

Show and Tell: Jamie came prepared! He showed a "CrazE Wing" he'd purchased at the Neat Fair down in the Catskills. He watched them fly there, and just had to have one. Basically a flying wing, you can fly them very slow or VERY fast- your choice.

Next he showed some fuel tubing he'd purchased. It's called Pro-Flex, and can be used for gas and/or glow. It supposedly remains flexible for a very long time. Lastly, He showed a small cleated fuel filter he'd purchased. It is supposed to keep air bubbles from going to your engine from the fuel tank. He was greeted with a round of applause for his efforts.

Gary was next, and showed off his Xicoy Three Point Balancer. It consists of a digital box connected to three load cells. He described the latter as "hockey pucks"! Placing one "puck" under the landing gear of each of a plane's three wheels, the digital box readout will give you the planes weight, judge its recorded center of balance, and tell you how much extra weight is in the nose or tail-

making it nose or tail heavy. It's not inexpensive, but it can be used with models from one ounce up to eighty pounds. He also received a round of applause.

STARS' Stuff: Tom is in the house tonight- see him after the meeting.

The next planning meeting will be held February 27th at Dick Say's home at 7:00pm.

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

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Walt Hibbard, seconded by Gary Fitch, and passed by vote of the members present at 8:15pm.

Respectfully yours,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary