

STARS' REGULAR MEETING of June 14th, 2017

The meeting began at 7:34pm in the pavilion at the field in Cuba with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Randy Bittinger, Jamie Bowen, Rick Bray, Bob Brown, Dale Butts, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Dan Haines, Walt Hibbard, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, and two guests, JoAnne Brown and Shelly Deitz; for a total of twenty.

Minutes: The minutes were read by the secretary. They were passed by vote without change or addenda after motion of Dan and second of Jamie.

Treasurer's Report: Because of a death in the family, Don was not able to be here tonight. President Follett delivered his report.

During the previous thirty days checks were written to National Grid, Ed Flicker and two to the County Health Department. Debit card charges were made at The Giant Food Mart and Home Depot (three to each), and one to the Cattaraugus County Health Department.

Deposits were made from Ready Made and Jim Keough as FPV Race sponsors, and one of ticket sales monies.

This report was also passed by vote, after motion and second of Randy and Ramona, respectively.

Membership: Applications were received from Rick Bray of 1812 Windfall Road in Olean and Kevin Neudeck, PO Box 145 in Richburg. Only Rick was in attendance tonight. He already has his AMA card, and had a check ready for us. He was voted into membership following a motion of Ramona and second of Jim. President Follett welcomed him and explained the duties of a club members. Rick was greeted by the members with a round of applause. Kevin's application will be taken up when he's able to make a meeting.

Web Site: Dale said efforts continue to be a struggle. He asked Jamie if he could take a picture of the field for the website.

Instruction: Jim reported that Dan has completed his instruction in fine fashion, and was presented with a pilot's patch by Clark. Dan was given a round of

applause. Bob Montour has been working on his skills and new member Rick as well as applicant Kevin will begin their course work shortly.

Fun Fly: Randy reported on the price of the Yeti cooler to be raffled off, and the tickets for same, and gave the receipts thereof to Clark. He reminded the members that they need to be selling tickets at all club events.

Randy next reported that appropriate “pilot-only” info (or flyers) has been sent to all on his extensive list.

He next began to list some of the member assignments and jobs that still needed to be done. Our directional signs need some repair. Rick said he’d be glad to help with that. The poles and speakers supporting our audio sound system will need some TLC before the event. Help on equipment maintenance for our PA system, radios and headsets still needs to be done. Shelly has volunteered to do our 50/50 raffles again. Dick and Tad will man the announcer’s booth. Dale said he’d make sure the fire extinguishers are in good working order. A short discussion ensued on how we could get those members still working-for-a-living involved in set-up day. Randy would also like some member input this year on organizing the noon time show, to include recommendations on “who to include”.

Lastly, he reminded all that this year would be our “40th Annual Show”- let’s make it a very special one!

The FPV Race: Matt explained the mowing needs for our upcoming June 23rd event. He put out a timetable and explained what expansion areas for the race need to be included in the mowing schedule.

Matt then led a discussion on how we should go about setting up the safety netting for the races. Several ideas were discussed, including using one of our tent frames. Randy noted he also has a tent frame that might be utilized.

Matt said we all need to keep an eye out for “shoplifters”, this has become a recurring problem around vendor’s tents. He also said that the race will have no need of a public address system from us.

Lastly, it was noted that Dan and Shelly have done especially good jobs of selling vision raffle tickets- would that the rest of us could do as well!

The President's Corner: Either Thursday night or early Friday morning, vandalism caused several major ruts to be put onto our runway towards the south end of the field. The damage was inspected by Clark, Ramona and the State Police. The troopers said that, as evidenced by the type of ruts, a motorcycle, ATV and truck were all involved. The State Police suggested that both surveillance cameras and signage announcing their presence could make a major difference going forward. A final report on their findings will be sent to President Follett by the State Police.

Clark noted that our new grill has been set up and is ready for action. Also, especially for the benefit of the FPV racers, new outlets have been put in the pavilion.

Lastly, as always- Clark asked someone to step forward as a C.D. candidate... hopefully before July 6th, so that he can begin learning the ropes from Randy.

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

Old Business: The idea of having a simulator and/or a buddy box available at the Fun Fly (and maybe even at the field) was tossed around. No action was taken.

It was noted that eighteen members and guests had an excellent evening at Randy's Fireside Inn. The food was excellent and the company was even better!

New Business: Olean/Cattaraugus County Airport will be having a big anniversary event on the 1st of June, 2019. Would we be interested in moving our 2019 Fun Fly to that date??? No decisions were made, but the discussion feedback seemed quite positive.

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

The next planning meeting will be held at the field at 7:00pm on June 25th.

The next regular meeting will be held at the field at 7:30pm on July 12th.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis and seconded by Walt Hibbard. It was passed by vote of the members at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary