

STARS' REGULAR MEETING of August 9th, 2017

The Meeting began at 7:31pm in the pavilion at the field in Cuba with the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

In Attendance: Rick Bray, David Conklin, Brad Davis, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Tom Orcutt, Dick Say, Don Wehlage and one guest, Judy Davis, for a total of thirteen.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 12th meeting were read by the secretary. They were passed by vote without change or addenda after motion of Frank and second of Ramona.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported the following action since the last regular meeting: He wrote checks to National Grid, Randy Bittinger, Clark Follett and himself. The debit card was used at the Home Depot, Giant Foot Mart, and twice each at Walmart and for gas. Deposits were made from Fun Fly food returns, dues, wine and cheese returns and an AMA check for pilot's lunches.

He next reported both profits and costs as related to the FPV weekend, food from that weekend, and Fun Fly figures. The costs were the lowest ever for the Rally/Fun Fly, Don announced.

Lastly he gave the current balances for the checking, savings and tractor accounts.

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

After being thanked by President Follett for all his hard work, Don was greeted with a round of applause from those in attendance.

Speaking of the Fun Fly, Gary announced that Eric, our District VP, is looking to designate five permanent locations for the District II Fun Fly, to be used on a rotating basis. He said we should put in our name as being one of those five. All seemed in agreement with this idea, as our profits have been up both times we've hosted the event in the past.

Membership: It was announced that we have one new member. Judy Davis, Brad's better half, is not a guest at all, but our newest member. She was

welcomed by Clark and given a round of applause. Ed had nothing else to report at this time.

Web Site: Dick said that Bob is still in need of pictures. All those taken recently should be sent to him, including any taken at the Fun Fly. Dick knew of no club member who had taken pictures at the airport, but asked any who did to please forward their efforts to Bob. Bob incidentally, is willing to continue as our web person until someone else can be found, but that's not a signal to stop looking!

Instruction: President Clark said that Jim Keough is currently working with four people on their flying skills.

At this point, Gary asked about our actual membership. Between Clark and Ed, they said our current number was in the low forties, and that our current paid membership was in the low thirties.

Our Upcoming Open House: Ramona put forth the idea of having meatball subs at our open house on the 26th, instead of grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. She can get excellent meatballs at a very reasonable price at Aldi's, and this cuts out all the work usually done by the club cooks. They need a break too! Everyone seemed to think this was a good idea. Ramona also read out a list of all the dishes-to-pass we'll need for the open house. If you already know what you can bring, see her tonight. She will be sending out an e-mail on the subject shortly. She also mentioned that Keith Miller will be donating corn (and the use of his "corn cooker") again, and this year will also be donating some fresh fruit!

It was noted that some campers have asked if they can come on Tuesday rather than Wednesday. That seemed to be no problem, as long as someone was available to show them where to park.

Gary asked if we could set up our public address system for the open house. Tom said it could be done, and without undue effort. He and Clark will handle setup.

Lastly, Ramona said some of the Buffalo area FPV guys may be attending the open house, to fly both their drones and some small electric fixed wings. Any safety issues that might arise will be handled if and as they happen.

The President's Corner: President Follett announced three events coming up in the next month. The Seneca Highlands Area Radio Kontrol Society (SHARKS) of

Eldred will be having their fun fly on August 12th. The Wellsville Area Small Plane Society (WASPS) will be having their open house the following Saturday, the 19th. We have also been invited, again, to the “Grandparents’ Day” events in Machias. They will take place on September 10th.

Clark once again put out the call for a new Contest Director- we need a volunteer! Gary brought up a new position AMA is coming up with. It’s called an “Event Director”. Unlike a CD, who must be very knowledgeable of his particular contest, be it pattern, pylon racing, or whatever- an Event Director would basically be a person in charge, an organizer and facilitator, rather than an expert in a particular facet of our hobby. This will cut down the “degree of difficulty” of the job by a large margin.

The Vice President’s Corner: Dick reminded all that the September meeting will be the last one at the field for a while. He will be contacting JCC Olean about having our meetings at the Student Center again from October through May.

He then read a thank you letter to the club from Keshia. He passed it around as Ramon gave an update on her condition. Her positive attitude is a great enabler at this time.

Old Business: Clark reminded all to bring back and sign in the Fun Fly road signs you had signed out for advertising.

New Business: Clark next brought to everyone’s attention that in order to participate in winter flying at the Cuba-Rushford Elementary School, one must be an AMA member and be prepared to show his/her AMA card when flying there. This is not something the club came up with, but is a requirement placed on us by Cuba-Rushford Central School- because of the insurance implications.

Board-recommended bylaws changes were then brought up and explained. The first would pretty much limit non-members flying at our field to three times. Items were added to the suggested wording by some would-be lawyers among our members, following a very long and involved discussion of same. The second concerned the conditions for loaning of club equipment. Both items will be sent in their newly revised entirety to all members by e-mail shortly, and voting on the changes will be held during the next regular meeting in September.

Almost all of the last forty-five minutes of the meeting revolved around a member who has quit the club. Presentations were made by David, Frank, Rick and by Jim Keough *in absentia* concerning events which took place at the end of this year's Fun Fly. President Clark, as one of the two persons directly involved, then read what he had written down about the incident directly following its occurrence. After more than half of those in attendance tonight had spoken, the ongoing discussion finally ended when Ed said "this shouldn't even be discussed here- this is between two people". And hopefully... those two people will be able to resolve the problems.

Show and Tell: There was none this evening.

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

The next planning meeting will be here at the field at 7:00pm on Monday, August 28th.

The next Regular meeting will be here at the field at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 13th.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Davis and seconded by Rick Bray. It was passed by vote at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary