

STARS' REGULAR MEETING, 10/11/17

The first indoor meeting of the season began at 7:00pm in the normal way at JCC Olean.

Gary Baker, Dewey Barron, Randy Bittinger, Rick Bray, Bob Brown, Dale Butts, Dave Conklin, Brad Davis, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Dan Haines, Jim Keough, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Kevin Neudeck, Dick Say, Don Wehlage, and a guest- JoAnne Brown were present; for a total of twenty.

The minutes were read and two changes were made. In paragraph four relating to changes to the bylaws, a sentence was inserted to say "It was moved, seconded and passed to substitute the submitted amendment to the amendment for the original Article 12 amendment." As regards the last paragraph prior to the usual ending information, Rick asked that his question be included in full in the minutes. The added sentences reads "Rick asked that the past five years of meetings be examined and a list of all planning board members who had been asked to resign be compiled." With these changes, the minutes were passed by vote after motion and second of Frank and Ramona respectively.

Don gave the checks, debit transactions and transfers for the past month and also the current checking, savings and tractor account figures. This report was accepted by vote after motion of Dan and second of Rick.

President Follett opened the floor for nominations. Clark was nominated for president. For vice president, both Fred and Dave declined, but Rick accepted the nomination. For secretary, Jim Keough, Frank Leute and Rick Bray were all nominated and all declined. Don was the only nomination for treasurer. Bob declined the nomination for safety officer, and both he and Ed said we don't really need one, other than to fill the slot on the AMA club officer report. Clark reminded all that nominations would stay open until voting time during the next regular meeting.

Dick noted that Bob Bush still needs items to post on the web page. He suggested particularly photos of winter projects. Other suggestions were made. Bob Brown would prefer if we got rid of the web page, and went exclusively to facebook. He will give a demonstration of some of the facets involved in that move at next month's meeting.

Jim reported that Mike Clapp has completed his training and his daughter is working hard on hers. Kevin is close to soloing, and Jim may be helping Dick Fisher soon.

Looking at the upcoming Pumpkin Pass, Ramona said some of the Buffalo guys will be coming in tomorrow. Help is needed on Friday at 11:00am for set-up. Bob gave an update on some of the plans for the event.

President Follett reiterated that we still need some member to volunteer to be a contest director. Everyone says they want the fun fly... but to do it- we need a CD! He then talked about safety at the field, and thanked Tad for the three new signs that have been hung on the fence.

Dick thanked the current planning board for their dedication. He said he'll miss being on the board. He was proud to have served alongside them, saying they were the finest group he has worked with. Clark thanked him for his service, and those assembled greeted Dick with a round of applause.

Looking at last month's discussion of purchasing Don's zero-turn mower, Fred says it does "a wonderful job". There was practically no discussion as to whether we should buy it or not, and following a motion and second of Jim and Rick respectfully, the vote to buy was unanimous. A longer discussion ensued over how to pay for it. It was finally decided to rename our CD as savings and pay Don out of savings. A motion to that effect was made by Randy, seconded by Frank and passed by vote.

We still have vandalism at the field, as Dale's trailer battery was stolen.

Bob thanked Fred, Dale and anyone else who mowed the field for the FPV event- he says it looks great!

Frank has looked into having the sports Locker do an AMA type pilot's patch for us. He gave us a rundown on what he'd discovered, including some prices. On a totally different topic, Frank feels that the club needs to do a much better job of informing new members concerning such items as club policies, events, facilities, properties, etc. Most of those present seemed to agree with him. Looking particularly at facilities, Clark talked about the safety line- the first important order of business a new member should be completely aware of.

Don says he will do any repair that the Cub Cadet and John Deer need this year, and will charge the club only for parts, not for labor.

Beginning show and tell, Dave talked about flaperons, and his Aurora Red Eagle model. Next Frank talked about how he had been able to repair the roller switch on his Spectrum transmitter- at a fraction of the cost of replacing it.

The next planning meeting will be October 30th at Fred's house at 7:00pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned by vote at 8:47pm; following a motion and second of Dan and Dewey respectively.

Tad P. Manske, Secretary