

STAR'S REGULAR MEETING, 11/8/17

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

Gary Baker, Jamie Bowen, Rick Bray, Bob Brown, Dale Butts, Pat Casey, Dave Conklin, Gary Fitch, Ed Flicker, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Fred Fowler, Jim Keough, Matt Kloss, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Dick Say, and two guests- JoAnne Brown and Shelly Deitz were present; for a total of nineteen.

The minutes were read and passed by vote without change or addenda, following motion and second of Frank and Gary respectively.

As Don Wehlage is in Oregon this evening, Clark announced the three deposits made, the four checks written and the one transfer made. He followed up with the current status of the checking, savings and savings CD accounts. This report was also accepted by vote after motion of Rick and second of Jim.

President Follett opened the floor for nominations. Following a period of discussions, suggestions, and new and rescinded nominations; and the electing of JoAnne Brown to membership, the following slates of candidates emerged. For president, Clark Follett. For vice president, Rick Bray, Gary Fitch and Frank Leute. For treasurer, Don Wehlage. For secretary, JoAnne Brown. For safety officer, Dave Conklin. There being only one contested office, a paper ballot vote, won by Gary Fitch, was taken for vice president.

At this point Gary made a motion that one ballot be cast by the secretary for the slate of officers to be elected by the club. It was seconded by Ramona and passed by vote.

Next a vote was held for the new Article #12 of the by-laws. This needed a two thirds majority to pass. That was achieved as fifteen of eighteen voted in favor.

The two changes to our rules and regulations that had been presented previously were discussed, amended where necessary, and voted on. Both the one on dues for members' spouses/partners, and the one regarding loaning procedures were approved by vote (although some members disagreed with the new wording).

At this point, Gary Fitch thanked the Planning Board for all their work on the by-laws, rules and regulations.

As Bob had promised last meeting, he gave a presentation on Facebook, its workings and use. He had to curtail his offering to some extent however, as there was no internet available in the room. At its conclusion, President Clark said he is in favor of pursuing this avenue, and keeping our website as well. Almost everyone seemed in agreement with this position.

Jim gave a report on instruction, saying that now his efforts have moved inside. He also thanked Frank and Dave for their help.

Reviewing this year's Pumpkin Pass, Ramona thanked the members (and their wives) who had brought food. She felt this year's events was better than last years. Matt said that during these multi-rotor events, he felt that we'd probably be better off asking for donations for the food provided, rather than charging for individual items.

Beginning the president's corner, Clark reminded everyone that we're still in need of a contest director. As planning for this coming July's fun fly will start soon, a volunteer now would make things much better over the next few months.

He announced that this year's indoor flying seems to be going well, except for the thirty minute gap in the door's staying open. He will contact Cuba-Rushford Central to try to get this rectified.

Looking into old business, Frank, who talked last month about keeping new members better informed, noted that his "new member's packet" has information from 2005, twelve years ago!

Beginning new business, Clark said we need a load of bank run. Don has volunteered to do the spreading and leveling. The cost estimate is \$200, and it is needed before winter sets in. Bob moved and Dale seconded that we spend up to \$300 for said project. The motion was passed by vote.

Rick brought, and passed out to all in attendance, copies of a full color overhead view of our property- showing all areas and field lines drawn in. This is one of those things he and Frank have been talking about, as regards new member concerns. Gary and Bob had questions about the diagram, and they were

discussed and taken into consideration. Clark thanked Rick for such a beautifully done effort, and said it will be included in all future new member packets. Those in attendance gave Rick a round of applause for his efforts.

Gary Fitch announced that he will be going to a Christmas special event at Walt's Hobbies in Syracuse two Saturdays from now. If you'd like to go with him, give him a call. Walt's is, and has been for many years, one of the premier hobby shops in all of New York State.

Our next planning meeting will be at Dick Say's at 7PM on November 27th.

Our next regular meeting will be here at 7PM on December 13th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Bowen, seconded by Frank Leute, and passed by vote at 9:09PM.

Tad P. Manske, Secretary