

STAR'S REGULAR MEETING of December 13th, 2017

The third indoor meeting of the winter season began at 7:00pm in room 224 of the Student Union at JCC Olean. The President led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: Bob Brown, JoAnne Brown, Pat Casey, Brad Davis, Dick Fisher, Clark Follett, Ramona Follett, Frank Leute, Tad Manske, Dick Say and Don Wehlage; for a total of eleven.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8th meeting were read by the secretary. They were approved by vote without change or addenda after motion of Frank and second of Ramona.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported the following transactions over the last month: a check written to National Grid; debit card transactions to Home Depot and three to Worth Smith; and two deposits- one from Pumpkin Pass operations, and the other a donation from the Skunk Works. He followed that with the current balance in each club account. This report was also approved by vote following motion and second of Pat and Ramona respectively.

Membership: Ed was not present and no activity was reported.

Web Site: Bob Bush told Dick that Ed Flicker might be willing to take over the web site, evidently he is in charge of another already. This was met with a murmur of approval by all in attendance this evening.

Bob Brown said we have a very disappointing five members taking part in our facebook effort. If more don't join, he'll be forced to drop it as not worth the effort. He gave a couple of examples as to how much Facebook has helped AMA, also noting that this is the way to attract and sign up new members.

Instruction: As Jim Keough is in California for the winter, there was no information available.

The President's Corner: For the umpteenth time, Clark reminded all that we are still in need of someone to step forward and become a Contest Director.

Next he noted that a quick repair has been done to the Geotex; a more permanent one will be done in the spring.

Clark then explained how we had the good fortune to come by the Skunk Works' donation. They evidently did a job for the Knapp's Creek Volunteer Fire Department and received a nice donation for their efforts. Rather than splitting it up among all who took part, they decided to donate it to the STARS. This announcement resulted in a nice round of heartfelt applause from all the members. Clark will convey our thanks to the Skunk Works' crew.

The Vice President's Corner: Dick made all aware that, even though he will no longer be vice president, he will continue to post club birthdays; liaison with JCC for the club; organize club dinners and picnics; and cook hot dogs for work parties. To make this more efficient, he has purchased an electric grill that will remove the need to horse the large gas grill out and around on every single occasion that some grilling is needed.

He noted that although the initial deal for diner placemats with our logo and information on did fall through- through no fault of our own, he will continue to pursue this element of advertising if the club wishes him to.

Dick again brought up his idea of a memorial picnic (or party) for recently deceased club members. He views this as a way to give back to the spouse and family, and put a happy face on the occasion. After all... we should remember these members with a sense of joy- for that is what they gave to us. As all seemed to be in favor of it, Tad made a motion to that effect, Don seconded it, and it was passed by vote. With this positive vote, Dick says he hopes a new tradition has started that will be followed for years to come.

Old Business: President Follett asked how things are going with this year's winter flying. Frank answered that they are doing well, except that the inner gym door still needs maintenance- it won't close. Clark will contact Cuba-Rushford Central about it.

Clark noted that he has put up the new sign warning intruders at the field, and he thanked Tad for both procuring and donating it.

Regarding surveillance cameras at the field, Clark and Don explained the experimenting they had done with Don's equipment. A general discussion took place concerning size of cameras, location, and areas to be illuminated. By general agreement, the club decided to purchase and put up two cameras. Frank

made this into a motion and it was seconded by Ramona and passed by vote of those present. At this point the motion was amended to specify the amount of money that could be spent on the project. This amending motion was made by Frank, seconded by Dick and also passed by vote.

A discussion of lighting followed, with suggestions that maybe we need to put up more lights. No action was taken at this time.

In an appropriate ending to the meeting, Don reminded all that dues of fifty-five dollars are due January 1st.

New Business: There was none.

Show and Tell: There was none.

The next planning meeting will be a Brad Davis' on January 29th at 7:00pm.

The next regular meeting will be here at JCC on January 10th at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Thanking both Dick and Tad for their efforts over the past years as officers, President Follett called for adjournment. Following motion by Brad and second of Dick, the meeting adjourned by vote at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tad P. Manske, Secretary