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## IRKS Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2016

President Gerry Armstrong opened the meeting at 7:31 PM and welcomed all to the Indian River Kontrol Society meeting. There were no new members or visitors this evening. Gerry asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published on our website. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made, seconded, and approved with no discussion.

### Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: August concessions were \$14.00, 50/50 brought in \$13.00 so the total income was the \$27.00. This brings the Flying Site Fund to \$53,493.12. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the total of available funds is at \$52,541.47. Gerry noted that Charlie Gray provided the concessions tonight.



Gary Fisher, Vice president: Gary had nothing to report



Mark Sorensen, Membership Secretary: Per Mark we have 190 members as of today. Mark said that we would be taking membership renewals beginning in October.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger spoke at length about notification of airports when flying within 5 miles of them as per the FAA rules. He referred to an article in the recent Model Airplane News magazine and the fact that the AMA has a new app for smart phones called "B4UFLY". It uses GPS positioning to let one know when one is within 5 miles of an FAA recognized airport. He also talked about a "letter of notification" (for airports) developed by the AMA for use by clubs or individuals for compliance with FAA rules.

Roger said that he usually flies at a Brevard County park in the south beaches that is located just under 5 miles from the Valkaria airport and less than 2 miles from the "Fulton Seaplane Base". He used the AMA letter template to formulate letters of notification which he sent to both facilities and offered to send copies of the letter(s) to anyone who is interested. Roger also said that, in his opinion, such notification should be considered a safety concern.



John VanWorkum, Treasurer: (General Fund): Income for August included \$438.00 from Model Aviation Day and \$208.00 in dues for a total income of \$646.00. Expenses were as follows: \$86.07 for repairs to flight stands, \$37.84 for gas, Model-of-the-Month \$10.00, Show and Tell \$5.00, Porta-Potty \$148.56, and \$69.17 in expenses for the Model Aviation Day event. The total expenses for August were \$365.64 which leaves us a balance of \$6921.48 (which includes \$662.00 in the Equipment Fund.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said he is not aware of any recent problems or complaints. He did say the field is flooded.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron said that we have no events scheduled for September but reminded us of the upcoming events: the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon Oct. 1-2 (subsequently postponed due to field conditions), the Fall Festival Fun Fly Oct. 15 (or 29, the “rain day”), 12 O’clock High Oct. 20-22, FSS#5 Nov. 5-6 , the Tangerine Soaring contest in November, the Valkaria Air fest Nov. 11-12, and our annual Toy Drive Nov. 16 at our regularly scheduled meeting.

Ron noted that there would be a modified pattern contest at the Fall Festival Fun Fly (with prizes) and that there would be a \$5.00 “landing fee” for that contest. He also said that we are in need of a volunteer to cook. (Secretary’s note: as of this writing the Fun Fly has been postponed indefinitely due to flooding at the field and damage from the hurricane; Roger Hardin has volunteered to be the “chef” at the event ...yikes!)

## **Old Business**

There were no motions at the last meeting and no noise complaints and there was no other old business brought up tonight.

## **New Business**

President Armstrong said that there was no new business brought up by the board. Someone mentioned that member Art Zinkel had moved out of the area into an assisted living facility.

## **Show and Tell**

Scott Bauman showed us some clear plastic storage bins that he got from Michael’s. The bins have 32 compartments are great for storage of small “parts”. The design is such that when the top is closed the individual compartments are isolated which prevents parts from getting mixed. Scott also mentioned that Michael's has a daily 40% off coupon available for a single item per day. Just ask for the discount at the checkout at Michael's or use your smartphone and show them the website coupon. There were no other Show and Tell entries so Scott won by default.

## **Model of the Month**

Mark Kasunic showed us a Fokker Eindecker monoplane that was made from plans by Nick Ziroli but had been modified with added ailerons, an electric motor, and a “bomb drop” mechanism. He used this in the “Mission Event” competition at the recent Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (event) in New York. The “Mission Event” competition included a bomb drop, balloon hit, and spot landing. Mark talked at length about the planes featured and had several photos of the event for us to view.

There were no other Model-of-the-Month entries so Mark won by default.

**President Armstrong** then took the opportunity to encourage all members to cast their votes for the upcoming (AMA) District V Presidential race as well as the race for AMA President. Gerry noted that the AMA has sent out newsletters with the 2016 Campaign Statements for each candidate and that members should read those statements and then decide for themselves who they want (to represent us) in the organization. There are three candidates for AMA president and the District V (which includes Florida) race has only one candidate. (Secretary’s note: all AMA members should have received the newsletter in the mail along with a ballot for the candidates running for office.)

**50/50:** Mark Sorensen won the 50/50 this evening.

Phil Veatch told us that he hasn’t been working on the flight stands recently due to back problems. He also said that he would be collecting money for the “Christmas-at-the-Gate” gift for the Landfill employees starting next month (October). He encouraged everyone to donate \$5.00 or so to the “gals”.

## **Events:**

Bob Whitney said that there was a stunt contest coming up in Huntsville, North Carolina October 14-16.

**There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:03 PM.**

## **For the Good of the Club**

### **Club Officer Elections**

The 2017 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. The October meeting is the last meeting we can accept nominations.

We will be taking nominations for:

Vice President – Vacant (Gary Fisher is retiring.)

Membership Secretary – Vacant (Due to health reasons Mark Sorenson is giving up his position.)

Treasurer – John Van Workhum has agreed to run again

Safety Officer – Scott Bauman has agreed to run again

Event Coordinator – Ron Mock has agreed to run again

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact any of the Executive board members so you can be put on the November ballot.