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IRKS Meeting Minutes, December 21, 2016

President Gerry Armstrong opened the meeting at 7:34 PM and welcomed all to the Indian River Kontrol Society meeting. There were no new members but Steve Johnston (from Minnesota) identified himself as a guest 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: November concessions were \$26.73 and 50/50 brought in \$18.00. There was one donation of \$25.00 so the total income for the Flying Site Fund was the \$69.73. This brings the Flying Site Fund total to \$53,606.70. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the total of available funds is at \$52,655.12.



Gary Fisher, Vice president: Gary was absent this evening so there was no report from him.



Mark Sorenson, Membership Secretary: Mark reported that we have 194 members as of today and said that he is collecting dues money tonight.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger had nothing to report. (Secretary's note: Roger's "non-report" was requested before Mark Sorensen's report this evening.)



John Van Workum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The only income for November was \$196.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: Lawn chemicals \$106.72, Flight Stands \$7.20, gas \$75.97, field maintenance \$166.16, electric fence \$17.03, Model-of-the-Month \$10.00, Show and Tell \$5.00, and \$148.56 for the Porta-Potty. The total expenses for November were \$536.64 which leaves us a balance of \$5,077.21 (which includes \$662.70 in the Equipment Fund.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said “we’re safe” ...He noted that the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) unit pads and batteries are good until (sometime in) 2018. The AED is kept at the shed near the main runway at the 524 flying site. (Per Gerry there is still a video on our website with instructions for its use.) Scott said that by reviewing the information you might save a life.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron said he is working on the event calendar (for the website) but so far, we have the 17th Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for January 18th at Rooney’s Restaurant, the Big Bird Event will be January 21-22 (we still need a Contest Director for that event), and the 7th Annual Aero Tow will be March 25-26 with Kris Van Nostran as the CD.

Old Business

President Armstrong told everyone that we now have established our bank accounts at the Community Credit Union.

Treasurer John Van Workum explained that we opened the checking account with \$25.00 and that membership dues funds will be deposited this week so that checks can be written as of this coming Friday. He also noted that there are several checks still outstanding (smaller checks such as for Model-of-the-Month) that should be cashed so that we can close out the previous account. He will send E-mails to members who have not yet cashed old checks asking them to do so within the next 30 days.

President Armstrong talked briefly about the budget for 2017 that was posted in the newsletter. He specifically noted that the Flying Site Budget included \$5,000.00 to replace the shed at the Valkaria flying site which was destroyed during Hurricane Matthew. He entertained a motion to accept the Flying Site Budget as posted; the motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion.

President Armstrong then went on to once again talk briefly about the General Fund Budget that was also posted in the Airscoop. There were a couple minor questions from the membership regarding some budget items which Gerry answered. He then entertained a motion to accept the General Fund Budget as posted. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

New Business

President Armstrong said that we have booked Rooney’s Restaurant for our banquet again this year so next month’s meeting (January 18) will be there. Rooney’s is located near the east end of Palm Bay Road, near Harris Corp. There was no other new business this evening.

Phil Veatch said that he has some items here tonight that belonged to Luther Duda (a member who recently passed away) that will be sold with proceedings going to the club. The items include a new DLE 30 engine (in the box) that will be auctioned off in February.

President Armstrong also told everyone that former member Phil Bousquet (deceased) had given one of his planes to his brother (Steve Bousquet) and that Steve now wanted to donate the plane to “someone deserving”. If anyone knows a member that would appreciate such a plane please let us know.

Roger Hardin explained that the plane is large (about 66” wingspan, 68” in length) and is glow-powered with all the servos but no receiver; it appears that it has not been flown. Roger said that it is a Great Planes “U can Do 3D” ARF.

Show and Tell

Scott Bauman showed us a Hobby King Version 2 DIY (Do It Yourself) FPV Goggle Kit that he purchased for about \$40.00. He intends to use it with his multi-copter and he still needs the camera and transmitter (about \$60.00) to complete it. It has an LCD screen and is very affordable (to start with) as opposed to spending hundreds of dollars for a higher-priced unit.

There were no other Show and Tell entries this evening so Scott won tonight's prize by default.

Model of the Month There were no Model-of-the-Month entries tonight.

50/50: Walt Dermody won the 50/50 this evening.

Events:

Jim MacLean told us that there is a sailplane contest in Christmas, FL January 17 and 18.

Gerry Armstrong mentioned that the King Orange Free Flight event is coming up December 29-31 in Palm Bay.

In other news... Phil Veatch said that he has a gift of \$175.00 for the "Gals at the Gate" (524 Field) that will be presented to them this Friday. He thanked all who donated.

Charlie Gray gave us a bit of insight regarding pilots being "left or right-eyed". Being "right-eyed" himself he once experienced an incident where the sun caused him to lose sight in his right eye...causing him to land in the grass instead of on the runway. He also told us a story about how pilots who do aerobatics train their eyes to accommodate for the rigors of the maneuvers...by training their eyes to focus on a single (spinning) ceiling fan blade. Doing so helps to keep them from becoming dizzy.

In a final note, President Armstrong thanked Gary Fisher (outgoing Vice President) and Mark Sorensen (outgoing Membership Secretary) for all of their years of service to the club. He then welcomed Charlie Gray as our new Vice President and Steve Formanek as our new Membership Secretary. Gerry then wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe trip home.

(The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 PM.)

For the Good of the Club

IRKS Award Banquet

This year's award banquet will be held at **Rooney's**, 2641 Palm Bay Rd NE, Palm Bay, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday January 18th. There will not be a general meeting, Show N Tell or Model of the Month.

IRKS Annual Dues

This is to remind you that your 2017 club dues were due by December 31st.

Those who failed to renew their dues by December 31st will result in immediate forfeiture all flying privileges and a \$20.00 penalty upon renewal. Snowbird members are exempt from any late payment penalty. All monies from penalties will go into the Flying Site Fund.