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IRKS Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and welcomed all to the March meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. Gerry asked for any visitors or new members present to identify themselves. Two new members, Mike Fuller and Andy Sommer, stood and introduced themselves. We also had two visitors, Bill and Sherry McLean who have just recently moved to this area. Gerry then 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. (Secretary's Note: Bill McLean joined the club tonight.)

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: President Armstrong reported that the concessions for February were \$7.34, 50/50 brought in \$7.00, and there were \$35.00 in donations. (For a total income of \$49.34.) Gerry obtained \$335.00 from the sale of items in Perry GA so the Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,042.55. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,090.90.



Charlie Gray, Vice president: Charlie had no report this evening.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve had no report this evening.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger told the group that he had looked again at the B4UFLY phone application and it does indeed indicate when and where any TFRs (Temporary Flight Restrictions) are issued. The application uses one's GPS coordinates to notify users of any TFRs in effect or that might be coming up soon. (Secretary's note: Roger's report was requested before Steve Formanek's report this evening.)



John VanWorkum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The income for February was \$744.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals \$57.69, Gas \$63.88, Miscellaneous Field Maintenance \$14.39, Other Equipment (weed trimmer repair) \$103.83, Charging Station \$102.43, Office Supplies (a new QuickBooks 2017 program) \$199.95, Porta-Potty \$148.56, Flying Site Contribution for 2017 was \$4,229.67, AMA Re-charter \$50.00, Web Hosting (for 5 years) \$99.95, and Uncategorized Expenses (meals for guests at the banquet) \$44.18. Total expenses for February were \$5,114.53 so our current balance is \$7,874.30. (Secretary's Note: the above figure includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said that he know of no issues that have come up.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron reported that the Aero Tow would be March 25 and 26, the Big Bird event would be April 15, and the club picnic would be on May 20. Ron asked Kris Van Nostran to speak briefly about the Aero Tow; Kris talked about the weather and scheduling of the event and then thanked those who volunteered to help, saying that it wouldn't happen without them. He also said that the field would be closed to flying on those days except for the Control Line areas.

Old Business

President Armstrong said that there were no motions held over from our last meeting, no 524 site items, no noise complaints, and no new motions from the E-Board to consider.

New business

There was no new business brought before the club this evening.

President Armstrong noted that the concessions tonight were provided by J. T. Pearce.

Show and Tell

Kris Van Nostran showed members a snap-lock device that can be used for securing wings to an aircraft fuselage. McMaster Carr carries them and he used these devices on the plane he brought in this evening. The devices have been used on several large planes and they have not come loose even after 80-100 hrs of flights.

Lee Royer brought in an Ares V-Hawk 4-engine plane that he bought from the RC groups website. The Hawk has front and back wings with rotating engines mounted on the wing tips. It can take off or land with the engines situated in either the "helicopter" mode (facing up) or facing forward. The control surfaces (elevons) are located on the trailing edge of the aft wing, and it has no rudder. Lee said he has flown the craft 3 times so far.

Gerry Armstrong showed us a spring-loaded plastic digital micrometer that he purchased from Harbor Freight. It is handy for measuring the size of balsa sticks, building wire, etc. and only costs \$10. (Gerry's entry was not offered for consideration for the Show and Tell prize.)

Lee Royer won tonight's prize.

Model of the Month

Kris Van Nostran talked about the OMP Edge 540 3D plane that he brought in for all to see. It was built from a kit that is no longer available and Kris modified it somewhat including cutting the full-span ailerons in half to make flaps. It has a 50 cc engine, a 92" wingspan and weighs 17 lbs., and "is a blast to fly." Kris said he would be happy to show members the snap-locks he installed for the wings.

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

50/50

Roger Hardin (Secretary's Note: The right Roger this time...) won the 50/50 tonight. Once again, just kidding Roger V.!

Attended Events / Upcoming Events

No one had any news regarding past events...not even Bob Whitney this evening.

President Armstrong told everyone about the upcoming Florida Jets event this week (March 15-18), The Sun-N-Fun Air Show (April 4-9), The Toledo show (April 7-9), and the SEFF (April 24-30).

Finally, Dal Kai said that there are still a few slots open for members to volunteer to bring in snacks for the meetings. He has the sign-up list here this evening.

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.