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IRKS Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM and welcomed all to the April meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. Gerry asked for any visitors or new members present to identify themselves. One guest, Phil Moore, identified himself and said he had been a member back in the 70s. Gerry welcomed Phil to the meeting and 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. Tonight's concessions were provided by Roger Hardin.

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: President Armstrong reported that the concessions for March were \$18.32 and 50/50 brought in \$12.00 for a total income of \$30.32. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,072.77. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,121.12.



Charlie Gray, Vice president: Charlie had no formal report this evening. He did talk about the donated items he brought in tonight, all for sale for \$35.00, \$30.00 of which would go to Dale Kai for always bringing in coffee for the meetings. He also talked briefly about a newsletter, the Propwash Aero News Network to which one can subscribe. It features news regarding the AMA, drones, etc. He has a few copies to share with our members.



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



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger had nothing to report. (Secretary's note: Roger's report was requested before Steve Formanek's report this evening.)



John VanWorkum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The income for March was \$116.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: 524 Flying Site \$44.22, Lawn Chemicals \$72.27, Fertilizer \$43.96, Pest Control (for armadillos and grubs) \$234.54, Buildings (sunshade repairs) \$47.02, Flight Stands \$242.83, Miscellaneous Field Maintenance (topsoil and grass seed) \$150.03, Mower parts and supplies \$47.39, Model of the Month \$10.00, Show and Tell

\$5.00, and Porta-Potty \$150.66. Total expenses for March were \$1,047.92 so our current balance is \$6,942.38. (Secretary's Note: the balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said that he has nothing to report other than “we are safe.”



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron asked Steve Formanek to talk about the Big Bird event and Steve described it as a “blowout” (windy). They had only 5 flyers show up but they had a good time. Kris Van Nostran talked about the Aero Tow; he said it was windy as well with 6 people flying on Saturday and 14 on Sunday (less windy with plenty of lift.)

Ron went on to say that the club picnic will be May 20. We have no events scheduled for June but Model Aviation Day will be in August with the AMA Foundation being the benefactor (unless the club wants to designate a different benefactor.)

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.

Show and Tell: J. T. Pearce showed us a 70cc twin cylinder engine he just purchased from Hobby King. He has not run it yet but it is supposed to deliver 7.9 HP; the cost was under \$300.00. There were no other entries so J. T. won by default.

Model of the Month: Dennis Florian talked about Art Zinkle's twin engine “Mosquito” that he brought in this evening. It took Art 8 years to build it but he never flew it. Dennis and another member have been working on it for awhile especially working with the engines and adjusting the CG (which initially seemed to require 8 lbs. of added nose weight.) It has a Demon Gyro, 14 servos, and 17 channel receiver. The plane was built from Bob Smith plans and they just recently were able to fly it successfully. (Secretary's note: the plane crashed at this year's Top Gun...tough luck, guys!)

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

50/50: Lou Montante won tonight's 50/50.

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: President Armstrong talked about the Toledo show. He said there were 51 empty booths this year which is a significant number. Gerry said this was because many of the companies (small businesses) have gone out of business. There were fewer drone and FPV booths as well; attendance overall was down but it was a still a great show.

Gerry had stopped by the Horizon Hobby booth and they told him they had had no sales of JR radios in 2 years. Horizon Hobby apparently no longer carries JR radios, only the Spektrum brand.

Danny Melnik spoke briefly and said that JR as a company had ceased to exist about 2 years ago. He also said that this “turndown” is typical of the hobby industry over the last few years.

Gerry reminded everyone that SEFF is coming up April 24-30, Top Gun is the first week in May, and Joe Nall is May 13-20. Kris van Nostran said that the SE Regional Aero Tow is also the first week in May.

Other Business: In other business Kris van Nostran said that the armadillos had been relocated from underneath the brown shed (at the field) but now we have rabbits occupying them. He said that the armadillos seem to be less of a problem now with our use of insecticides and repellent.

Roger Hardin noted that the AMA is now promoting May 6 as “International Drone Day”. Their flyers emphasize the wording “Drones Are Good” and there appear to be many pro-drone groups participating in the event. Danny Melnik stated that the general public has lost interest in these aircraft recently but it was noted that the commercial use of drones has increased.

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Our annual picnic is this coming weekend, May 20th. All IRKS members, family members and their guest are welcome. The picnic is free and covered dishes are welcome. The club will provide the burgers, hotdogs, condiments and drinks.