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IRKS Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM and welcomed all to the June meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. Gerry recognized two new members who stood and introduced themselves, George Jenkins and his grandson Devan Wehnow. George said that he and his grandson would like some help learning to fly so Gerry asked the members if anyone could do so; no one spoke up but Gerry said that we would find someone to help them. When asked, George said that Devan has a RTF Calypso motorized glider.

President Armstrong 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.

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: President Armstrong reported that the concessions for May were \$4.00. Ron Mock had been absent last month so there was no 50/50 meaning the total income for May was the \$4.00. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,094.77. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,143.12.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie had no formal report this evening however he stood and presented Dale Kai with some money to help pay for the coffee that Dale brings and prepares for us at most every meeting. Dale thanked Charlie and then said he has been bringing the coffee since 1996; Dale then went on to also thank the volunteers that bring the snacks. He reminded us that volunteering to bring snacks earns one "points" towards the participation awards each year at our annual dinner. It was noted that Willie Viera brought in the treats (doughnuts) for tonight's meeting.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger had nothing formal to report however he thanked all those who helped make the recent club picnic a success. Roger specifically thanked Gary Moore for help with the cooking, Steve Formanek for procuring and bring the cold drinks, Phil Veatch for bringing the chips and running the Spot-Landing Contest, Charlie Gray for running the "Hit-the-Stick" Contest, Willie Viera for taking lunch to the "gate gal" on duty that day, and Scott Bauman for taking the trash bags home with him (a dirty job.) Roger then went on to remind members to pick up after themselves at the flying field, especially taking their own trash home, putting the chairs back in the sun shade when they're finished flying, and closing the bungee gate if they are the "last man out."



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve had no formal report this evening however he thanked Roger Hardin for taking time during the club picnic to help our newest members George and Devan (see above) with setting up their planes and helping them with some preliminary flying instruction.



John Van Workum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The only income for May was \$302.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals \$32.07, \$202.75 for Buildings (Valkaria site shed shelf and ramp), Mower Parts and Supplies \$39.50, Show and Tell \$5.00, Porta-Potty \$149.26, and Event Expenses of \$18.20. Total expenses for May were \$446.78 so our current balance is \$5,821.13. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said that everyone has been safe and no injuries have been reported.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron told everyone that we have no events scheduled for June or July. Model Aviation Day will be held Saturday August 12 and the Ringmaster event will be October 7-8. Ron said he will try to have the Fall Festival Fun Fly in November, and reminded all that our annual toy drive will be November 15 during our regular IRKS meeting. The Tangerine Soaring contest and 12 O'clock High are other events that will be coming up soon.

Old Business: President Armstrong said that there were no motions held over from our last meeting and there was no other old business to discuss.

New business: In new business President Armstrong talked briefly about the proposed addition to **Article 5** under Introductory Membership of our By-Laws which was published in the previous edition of the Airscoop as required. The change proposed involved only the addition of the phrase: **Members are only eligible for Introductory Membership once.** A motion to accept the proposed wording addition was made, seconded, and passed without further discussion.

President Armstrong then went on to tell everyone about a group that is active on Facebook called the Balsa Model Aircraft Builders Association. The association includes aircraft from most all types including control-line, free-flight, and scale. Gerry said that even though the name implies that they only discuss balsa models he found that they occasional include the mention of FPVs, helicopters, and such, but that it is still a good group to join.

Show and Tell: Scott Bauman brought in a piece of electronic wizardry that he picked up in China last year...a very small camera on the end of a cable that attaches to a cell phone. The camera will also record videos and can be used to inspect the inside of models for defects or problems. It is made by the "Super Eyes" Company (in China) and cost only about \$8.00!

There were no other entries so Scott won the Show and Tell by default.

Model of the Month: Bill MacLean brought in his Ash-31 sailplane made by H-Models in Czechoslovakia. The plane has a wingspan of 8.4 meters (only about 7.2 meters with the smaller wing tips) and weighs 45 lbs. It has 16 servos and a telemetry module that will monitor altitude, battery voltage, and provides different audible tones to indicate when

the plane is gaining altitude or descending. There are flaps, spoilers, inner and outer ailerons, and a retractable wheel with wheel brake.

Bill uses two 3800 mAh LiFe flight batteries and has a separate battery for the wheel retract function; his transmitter is a JR 12X. The outer wing sections fit together with just joiner rods and electrical tape. It has an Axle-Brand pilot figure (40%) that he had to modify (cut off his backside...ouch!) so it would fit on the cockpit seat.

Bill won tonight's Model-of-the-Month by default. Thanks also to Bill's wife Sherry for her role as his Pit Crew Chief!

50/50: Tonight's 50/50 was won by Richard (Dick) Antoszewski.

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: Dale Kai, Gerry Armstrong, and J.T. Pearce all went to the Joe Nall event this year. Each of these members spoke highly of the event and President Armstrong suggested that we send a group from the IRKS next year to represent our club. Gerry said that over 1800 pilots attended and described it as a "marvelous place."

Dale Kai said he had been attending the event for about 18 years. He described the facility as having 6 or 7 runways (over 7,000 ft. of them), features some full-scale planes as well, has lots of room for campers, and had over 13,391 total attendees in 2016.

J.T. Pearce said that he was thrilled by the 3D demos especially those held at night. He described the facility as a "paradise" for model flyers.

Scott Bauman showed everyone a photo of Bob Whitney in his flying outfit...matching hot pink shorts and shirt. In spite of Bob's striking fashion statement, he won the Brodak C-Line event. Bob will have "some 'splainin' to do" when he comes to our next meeting!

Jim MacLean told us he recently saw Dillon Graves out at the 524 field practicing for the upcoming world (DLG) contest in Czechoslovakia. Jim is also a sailplane guy and was highly impressed by Dillon's strong, smooth launch style and flying. It is apparently no wonder that he does so well in the contests...you go Dillon!

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.