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IRKS Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. When Gerry asked if any new members or guests were present two new members stood and identified themselves: John Kotleba and William Coddington. John said he lives in Chuluota, has been flying since '92 or '93 (mostly large gas-powered warbirds), has done product reviews for Model Airplane News, and he also belongs to a club in Sanford. William told us he is from Colorado, attends Florida Tech, and flies 3D planes. Both John and William were welcomed with a warm round of applause.

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 June were \$11.00, 50/50 brought in \$6.00, and there was a donation of \$20.00 for a total income of \$37.00. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,131.77. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,180.12.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie reported that he and Gerry attended a meeting with County personnel (Secretary's Note: to discuss general matters relevant to our flying site.) Charlie told us that the proposed 192 site is still a year or so down the road.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger relayed information about the proposed US House and Senate bills regarding the Special Rules for Model Aircraft. Both new versions of the bills would **reinstate the FAA registration and labeling requirements** for models in excess of 0.55 lbs. In addition, the Senate version would mandate that operators of model aircraft pass a written test of knowledge of safe operation in FAA-controlled airspace, and also carry proof of that with them when flying...similar to having to show one's fishing license when asked by law enforcement personnel. The test would be developed/administered by the FAA and recognized community-based organizations like the AMA. Roger urged all members to read the AMA newsletters and keep up with developments, especially requests from the AMA regarding writing letters to our representatives.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve had no report this evening but when asked he said we currently have 160 members.



John Van Workum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The only income for June was \$244.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals \$72.27, Gas \$35.01, Model of the Month \$10.00, Show and Tell \$5.00, Porta-Potty \$149.26, and Event Expenses of \$78.67. Total expenses for June were \$350.21 so our current balance is \$5,714.92. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Regarding the recent heavy rains Scott told everyone “Don’t drown out there.” Scott also noted that we should all be careful when using X-acto knives...one recently rolled off his table and stabbed him in the foot. Scott suggests placing a zip tie on the knife handle so it won’t roll. It was noted that Scott brought the snacks for tonight’s meeting and Lee Royer brought in the brownies!



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron said that Model Aviation Day will be held Saturday August 12. There will be “open flying” for a \$5.00 landing fee (proceeds go the AMA Foundation), no contests, and no food or drinks provided. The Ringmaster event will be October 7-8 with Roger Vizioli in charge. Ron said he will still try to have the Fall Festival Fun Fly on November 4, and reminded all that our annual toy drive will be November 15 during our regular IRKS meeting.

Old Business: President Armstrong said that there was no old business to discuss.

New business: Gerry said that there are no motions from the E-Board to discuss and then went on to talk about the meeting with County personnel that he and Charlie attended. The 192 flying site is at least a year or more away as previously discussed. They discussed the drainage situation at the 524 site (that the ditches need to be cleaned out) and also that the high grass in the glider area needs mowing.

There was a question regarding an “end date” for the 524 site but Gerry said that there has been no “end” discussed.

Another question was asked about the Valkaria flying site. President Armstrong explained that that particular site is restricted because of its proximity to the airport runways, the turbulence, etc. Pilots wishing to fly there need to be “checked out” with Tom Bogut being the contact person.

Show and Tell: Devan Wehnau, one of our newest members, showed us his J3 “Grasshopper” tail-dragger. Devan was somewhat “speechless” but we pried out of him that the plane has an electric motor, uses 4-cell batteries, and took him 3 hours to build. Devan’s grandfather George Jenkins (also a new member) thanked JT Pearce for helping with the plane’s assembly

Ron Ellis showed us a remote-control transmitter **for a control-line plane**. The transmitter can operate retracts or whatever else the pilot needs. Ron fashioned the controller box on his 3D printer!

Devan Wehnau was tonight’s Show and Tell winner. ‘Way to go Devan!

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

50/50: Tonight's 50/50 was won by Roger Hardin.

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: Roger Vizioli said that there was a Fun Fly event coming up in Titusville but he provided no other details.

Lee Royer talked briefly about the participation awards and explained the process for our new members. Members get points towards the participation awards for attending meetings, helping at events, bringing in items for Show and Tell, etc. Dal Kai told everyone that they also get points for bringing in the snacks for the meetings.

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Just a few reminders about club rules, policies and By-Laws.

Trash – We are still finding trash left at the field.

The club's policy is "If you brought it with you, take it with you. Don't leave it here!"

Also, the club's Flying Site Rules, General Rule #6 states, "All flyers and guests are responsible for cleaning up their area and removing their trash from the site upon departure. This Includes debris in the event of a crash."

The club has made it clear that we do not want trash left at the field, so please don't!

Personal Property – Article 15 of our By-laws states, "Individuals shall not store personal property on-site." There are several fold-up chairs and an aircraft cradle that needs to be removed from the field.

Lost & Found – There are several items in our Lost & Found Box. Please check to see that you don't have something in there.

Important Notice: At the end of the month we will dispose of all **Personal Property** and **Lost & Found** items still at the field.