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IRKS Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. There were no new members or visitors present this evening. 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 July were \$19.05, and 50/50 brought in \$4.00 for a total income of \$23.05. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,295.21. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,343.56. (Secretary's note: These figures are according to bank records.)



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie had no report this evening...other than for everyone to take the cookies home!



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger talked about the recent article in the August AMA magazine regarding the Special Rules for Model Aircraft. He said that the article discussed the US House and Senate versions of the proposed laws however it did not mention that the FAA requirement for pilot registration are contained in both versions. This means that if passed with this requirement then registration with the FAA would become a law, not just an FAA directive as previously. Roger suggested that we should keep up to date on the progress of the bill(s).



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve said that we currently have 162 members.



John Van Workum, Treasurer: (General Fund): The only income for July was \$24.00 in dues for 2017. Expenses were as follows: Front Street Hall rental \$292.11, Valkaria Flying Site \$32.10, Gas \$91.18, Mower Parts and Supplies \$15.43, repairs to the Electric Fence \$244.78, Show and Tell \$5.00, and Porta-Potty \$149.26. Total expenses for July were \$829.86 so our current balance is \$4,909.06. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund. When asked a question, John answered that the Valkaria Flying Site rental is \$390.00 per year.



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott showed everyone a photo of his father's finger that was injured while using a rotary tool. Scott said that his dad had always worn gloves while using the tool and that this was the first (and would be the last time) that he didn't. Be careful!



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron was absent tonight but it was mentioned that the Ringmaster Event is still scheduled for October 7-8. Roger Vizioli said that we have been given a two-week waiver in which to hold the event and record the flights. When asked, Roger said that we would indeed have "trainer" planes available at the event for those of us who don't fly Control Line.

Old Business: President Armstrong said that there was no old business to discuss and none was brought up by the membership.

New business: President Armstrong told everyone that the E-Board positions of President, Recording Secretary, Field Manager, and Membership Secretary are to be voted upon this year. The present officers (Gerry Armstrong, Roger Hardin, and Steve Formanek) have agreed to serve again however nominations for those positions will still be taken in September and October. Per Gerry, Ron Mock will be dropping his position as Event Coordinator due to personal problems.

Gerry went on to once again remind us all that members are responsible for taking their own trash home from the flying site. Also, no personal items (chairs or whatever) are allowed to be stored at the field.

President Armstrong also noted that there was an article in the recent AMA magazine about Dillon Graves. Dillon won an AMA scholarship!

Jim MacLean said that Dillon won his round in the recent World Hand-Launch competition. He noted that Dillon had been up against some "serious competitors".

Jim further asked if there was anything that could be done about the drainage at the field. President Armstrong replied that we have just recently talked to the county about keeping the ditches cleared and they are working on that. Kris Van Nostran asked if the county might be willing to dig the ditches deeper and Gerry responded that was a possibility.

Show and Tell: Fahim Ahmed said that he recently "felt the need for speed" so he showed us his Durafly pylon racer from Hobby King. It is a plug-and-play model, foam with carbon fiber spars. Fahim explained that with a 3S battery it can fly at 100 mph. and 150 mph. with a 4S; it can also be flown on a 6S battery if one upgrades the ESC. The plane weighs about 3 lbs. and it is very maneuverable; cost is \$169.00.

Roger Hardin showed us his E-Flite Whipit DLG that he "dune-slope" flies at the beach and a battery voltage meter he found to indicate the charge of the 1S batteries it uses. The voltage meter comes from Ready Made RC and cost \$4.99.

Roger also explained that repairs to the Whipit's egg-carton-like foam wings cannot be done with CA glue because it dissolves the foam...one needs to use something like Zap Goo.

Jim MacLean showed us the balsa fuselage of a plane he is building...a "Dirty Bird".

Ron Ellis told us he has had problems with the UV coating coming off his sunglasses...but he saw a "60 Minutes" video about a company in Italy (Lexonica) that supplies all of the US eyeglass companies. Ron said He found his glasses online at Eye.Buy-Direct.com; they are similar to Ray-Bans and they are great. Cost was only \$95.00 for the glasses plus the frames!

Tonight's crowd was apparently partial to balsa models (Secretary's Note: a "joking editorial comment") so Jim MacLean won the Show and Tell with his "Dirty Bird."

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

50/50: There was no 50/50 tonight due to Ron Mock's absence.

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: Someone mentioned that Graves RC was having a "Swap Meet" September 9. (Secretary's Note: The Swap Meet has been postponed until October.)

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Club Officer Elections

The 2018 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. We will be accepting nominations at the September and October meetings.

We will be taking nominations for:

President – Gerry Armstrong has agreed to run again

Recording Secretary – Roger Hardin has agreed to run again

Membership Secretary – Steve Formanek has agreed to run again

Field Manager – Gerry Armstrong has agreed to run again

Event Coordinator – Ron Mock is leaving office early, so we are looking for someone to fill his position

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact any of the Executive board members so you can be put on the November ballot.

Hurricane Debris

The county is processing hurricane debris in our glider area just like last year.

If there is a line of vehicles going in, please get in line and be patient.

Do not go around debris vehicles unless you are told to do so.

Make sure you get the ok from county personal to enter.