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IRKS Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. (Secretary's note: When asked one lady, Ardeth Hale, stood and identified herself as a "new member". After the meeting ended Ardeth talked to me saying that she was indeed a new member of a Garden Club that meets here...but that she was obviously here on the **wrong** day. She further said that she didn't want to be rude and disrupt our meeting by leaving so she stayed for the duration. Our sincere apologies go out to Ardeth for enduring the discussions that had absolutely nothing to do with gardening!) There were no new **IRKS** 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 August were \$8.35; there was no 50/50 so the total income was the \$8.35. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,303.60. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,351.95.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie had no formal report this evening. He did mention once again the internet site "Propwash" that has lots of info on helicopters, multi-copters, etc. Anyone with interest in it can see him.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger told everyone to watch out for snakes at the 524 field! He and Gerry were out there this past week to move the tables back into place, repair the pig fence, etc. and they found what they thought were two water moccasins, one under a table and another under the BBQ grill cover. Gerry did some research though and believes they were harmless "water snakes."



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve said that we currently have the same number of members as in September (162.)



John Van Workum, Treasurer: (General Fund): There was no income from any source in July. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals \$72.27, Gas \$92.00, Miscellaneous Field Maintenance \$12.93, Other Equipment \$37.41, Show and Tell \$5.00, and Porta-Potty \$149.26. Total expenses for August were \$368.87 so our current balance stands at \$4,540.19. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott also told everyone to watch out for snakes at the field...and that it is wet!



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron noted that the Ringmaster Event is scheduled for the first weekend in October (Oct. 7-8), our Fall Festival Fun Fly will be November 4, and the annual Toy Drive will be at the November 15 regular IRKS meeting. (Secretary's Notes: The Ringmaster Event was subsequently cancelled due to the field being too wet. Please also see the FFFF event flyer on our website.)

Old Business: President Armstrong said that there were no motions at the last meeting to consider and there have been no noise complaints. Club officer elections will be held in November for President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Field Manager. There were no nominations brought before the club this evening but members should let us know if anyone is interested in running; nominations can also be made at the October meeting. As a reminder, Gerry told us that Ron Mock will be taking "early retirement" so we also need a new Event Coordinator.

New business: President Armstrong said that he and Scott Bauman prepped the field prior to Hurricane Irma. They turned the tables upside down, strapped the flight stations together and removed the chairs to keep them from "flying around" during the storm. It seems though that several of the overturned tables floated and were blown all the way to the Park Flyer area...one almost to the road on the west side of the field!

As of today the tables, flight stands, and flight stations are back in place and the pig fence has been repaired. The sun shade has a couple roof pieces needing replacement or repair AND there are snakes in the shed area. Treat them like guns and assume that they are always "loaded."

The ditch area is full and the county is pumping water into them as well. As in the past they are using part of our glider area to store yard debris and trucks are entering by the east drive. To access the field just "get in line" with the trucks, patiently wait your turn, and explain to the workers that you are going to the flying field.

Jim MacLean reminded everyone that the AMA has an Executive VP election going on. He also asked how Dave Platt is doing: Gerry said he is doing well.

Kris Van Nostran said that he has only received one email from the club in the last two weeks. Gerry said that he would look into it to make sure Kris was (still) on the distribution list.

Show and Tell: Scott Bauman showed everyone his Ringmaster and also a pylon racer. The pylon racer is a Gary Wright "Kwik-E" which he repowered with the recommended brushed motor which he found on eBay. Scott has however been unable to find an ESC for the brushed motor.

There were no other Show and Tell entries tonight so Scott was the winner.

Model of the Month: Jim MacLean brought in his “Dirty Bird” again, and this time it’s almost finished. When asked, Jim explained that it is designed as a pattern plane. Jim’s plane was the only Model of the Month entry tonight so he wins also.

50/50: Gary Moore was tonight’s 50/50 winner. Gary paid \$5.00 for his tickets and won only \$4.00...go figure!

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: The 12 O’Clock High event in Lakeland is coming up October 20-22; the Graves RC Swap meet will be on October 7.

Tonight’s snacks were provided by Roger Hardin. (Secretary’s note: Roger’s wife Marcia made the brownies.)

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Club Officer Elections

The 2018 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. The October meeting is the last meeting we can accept nominations.

We will be taking nominations for:

President – Gerry Armstrong has agreed to run again, Richard Bohn is also running

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.