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IRKS Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM and welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. There were no new members present however we had one guest, Fatina, who is a friend of Dale Kai's. 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 September were \$6.00, 50/50 brought in \$4.00 so the total income was the \$10.00. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,313.60. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,361.95.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie said he had nothing exciting to report but he told us about another email that he subscribes to, MUFON. This one has information regarding UFO sightings world-wide, and there were 622 in just the last month. Members can see him if they are interested. Charlie also told us a story about a friend of his in Roswell NM that said he actually saw an alien under a tarp, on the back of a truck after that particular incident years ago.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger said that he had contacted Chad Budreau at the AMA to ask him why there had been no mention (in recent AMA magazines) that FAA registration of model aircraft may become a law. Roger pointed out to Chad that most members know that the FAA Regulation requiring registration was rescinded by the courts and many may think that was the end of the story. Chad agreed and said that there would be updates on that possibility in upcoming issues of the AMA magazine. (Secretary's Note: For those who did indeed register with the FAA that registration is good for three years, not just two years as Roger had mentioned.)



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve reminded us that most club members' AMA memberships expire in December and our club memberships run from January thru December. To renew one's IRKS membership please bring him a copy of your new AMA membership card along with your completed application (available on our website) and your dues money.



John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary Report for September 2017. Income was \$224.00 in dues for 2017 and we received a refund of \$32.10 for an overpayment for the Valkaria site. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals \$107.88, Pest Control \$26.94, Gas \$86.23, Miscellaneous Field Maintenance \$18.29, Model of the Month \$10.00, Show and Tell \$5.00, and Porta-Potty \$149.26. Total expenses for September were \$403.60 so our current balance stands at \$4,392.69. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.

(Secretary's Note: At the November Board Meeting John presented the Board with a corrected General Fund Summary for September. There were a few figures that needed to be revised or added as follows: There was an additional expense of \$292.11 for the Front Street Hall Rental, and charges for the Porta-Potty were \$298.11. The corrected figure for Total Expenses is \$844.97 so our new balance is \$3,951.32. All other figures were as John originally reported above.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said that the field is closed...again.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron reminded everyone about our Fall Festival Fun Fly scheduled for Saturday November 4. He talked about the three competition events that would be held starting at 0930 hours and that there would be prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 in gift certificates from Tower Hobbies for overall first, second, and third place winners. Points will be awarded for each of the three events and pilots with the three highest total number of points will be declared the winners. **Ron also reminded us that our annual Toy Drive will be next month...please participate by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the meeting in November!**

(Secretary's Note: Donations of toys are given to the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots campaign.)

Old Business: President Armstrong said that there were no motions to consider from last month and no noise complaints. He then talked about September being the rainiest month in history for this county, that the field is still flooded "fence to fence", and that the May-October rainy season is almost over! The Valkaria site access road is still flooded as well.

Regarding club officer elections next month we will be electing a President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Field Manager. Gerry said that Richard Bohn has also expressed an interest in running for President; the question was asked but there were no other nominations from the membership tonight. (Secretary's Note: Our current President / Field Manager, Recording Secretary, and Membership Secretary have agreed to serve again if there are no others who wish to run for those positions.) We will still need a replacement for the position of Event Coordinator since Ron Mock is "retiring".

New business: Kris Van Nostran stood and talked about how "out-of-county" people are an underutilized membership resource. He explained that there are quite a few people who live out of our county who would probably like to fly at our field and proposed that we change our by-laws such that out-of county members are charged only "half-dues" as an incentive to join. Kris said that Daytona has a similar membership category.

The proposed change to Article 5 is as follows: (Secretary's Note: Kris did not provide the exact wording of his proposal at the meeting however the wording below indicates his intent.)

Open memberships for those who reside out of Brevard County will be \$40.00 and Family memberships for families that reside out of Brevard County will be \$55.00.

President Armstrong noted that presently we have 18 members who live out of the county and that (if this were to become a bylaw) we would need an additional 18 new "out of county" members in order to break even with respect to dues income. When asked, Kris said he could not say just how many "out of county" new members might join but Kris also questioned if the dues money should be consideration.

Danny Melnik suggested that we consider "limited memberships" with "out of county" members allowed use the field only a certain number of times. This would need to be on the honor system since there would be no practical way to monitor their field usage. Danny stressed that with more members we would have more club activities, more participation, etc. (Much discussion followed.)

Show and Tell: Ron Mock showed us his new hexacopter, a "Typhoon H Pro Version" made by Yuneec (pronounced "unique".) The hexacopter features a homing system, redundancy controls, a camera/transmitter (4K camera), anti-collision laser system, and FPV. There is a "journey" feature where the copter will follow its operator and it will also follow a pilot-set flying pattern. It uses GPS tracking and a 2.4 GHz system. The range is one mile and flight time is 17-22 minutes per battery. 'Price was about \$1500 plus shipping and handling.

There were no other show and tell participants, so Ron won tonight's award.

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

50/50: Lou Montante was tonight's "big" winner. ('Sorry Lou...' just had to say that!)

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: Danny Melnik mentioned that the Best in the West Jet Rally is coming up in Bakersfield CA, and that the 12 O'Clock High event starts tomorrow in Lakeland.

Tonight's snacks were provided by Dale Kai and Fatina.

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM.

For the Good of the Club

2018 Club Officer Elections

The 2018 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. The nominations have been closed and your candidates to be voted into office are as follows:

President – Gerry Armstrong or Richard Bohn

Recording Secretary – Roger Hardin

Membership Secretary – Steve Formanek

Field Manager – Gerry Armstrong

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

2017 Toys for Tots

Our Toy for Tots drive started many years ago and has grown steadily over the years and has provided many moments of joy to a lot of needy kids at Christmas time. Please help us continue this worthy cause and club tradition, by bringing a new unwrapped toy of non-destruction (No guns, knives, etc.) to the November General Membership meeting at the Front Street Community Center. Thanks, and Happy Holidays!!!