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IRKS Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2017

President Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society. There were no new members or guests present. 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. (Secretary's Note: Gerry later announced that tonight's snacks were provided by Lou Montante.)

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: President Armstrong reported that the concessions for October were \$9.50, 50/50 brought in \$5.00 so the total income was the \$14.50. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,328.10. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds so the available funds are \$52,376.45.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie said he had nothing to report.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger talked briefly about the By-Laws asking members who might propose changes or additions to review the by-laws first and then submit those changes or additions in writing. This will alleviate any questions regarding the proposal(s). Roger said he would help members with the wording or printing of proposals if needed.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve had no formal report and was busy with renewal membership applications.



John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary Report for October 2017. The only income was \$128.00 in dues for 2018. Expenses were as follows: Gas \$48.00, Miscellaneous Field Maintenance \$96.75, Electric Fence \$44.46, Other Equipment \$25.12, Charging Station \$70.08, Show and Tell \$5.00, Office Supplies \$103.13, and Porta-Potty \$149.26. Total expenses for October were \$541.80 so our current balance stands at \$3,537.52. This balance includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund. **(Secretary's Note: Subsequent to the meeting when this report was read Treasurer John Van Workum submitted a**

corrected report for October. The changes in the report are as follows: The figure for expenses for Office Supplies was \$158.01 which resulted in total expenses of \$596.68, and a new balance of \$3,482.64. All other figures remained the same.)



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott had no formal report but said that he needs to check the AED at the field to make sure the batteries are charged and that the pads are still good.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron told everyone that the Fall Festival Fun Fly was a success and that five members volunteered to help: thanks to Ed Donnelly, Steve Formanek, Richard Bohn, Kris Van Nostran and Ron (who did an outstanding job cooking the burgers and dogs!) The three winners of the event competition were Jim Mac Lean 1st place, Carter Reinhold 2nd place, and Tom Schultz 3rd place. Those members respectively received \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift certificates from Tower Hobbies. (Secretary's Note: I estimated that 25 members attended the FFFF and everyone seemed to have a great time.)

Ron noted that the toy drive is tonight. He also said that the Deland Golden Hawks have a Fun Fly scheduled for February 10, 2018.

Old Business: President Armstrong read the proposal to the By-laws as had been presented by Kris Van Nostran and published in the November Airscoop: **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.**

Discussion then followed regarding the proposal, starting with Jim Maclean who asked if we could modify the proposal such that we try it to see how it works. President Armstrong said that modification would require a motion. Kris Van Nostran then spoke, stating his purpose for the proposal was to get new members. Kris said that some clubs charge half-price fees for their out of county resident memberships but there is no guarantee we will get new members. He did say that it would be a "good deal" especially with clubs closing down.

Gerry noted that the loss of funds to this year's budget would be around \$650 initially. He also said that loss would be a concern regarding this year's (2018) budget. A member asked why money is a concern since we have around \$52,000 in our fund(s); President Armstrong explained that money is for the future and can't be used for expenses. (Secretary's Note: Gerry's referral was to the money in our Flying Site Fund.)

Jim Kotleba said he pays \$150 to belong to other clubs and would save \$40 (he lives out of Brevard Co.) if this is passed but he is willing to pay what we pay (the \$80). He also said he doesn't think it will pull in many more members and that others he's talked to are willing to pay the \$80 as well.

Danny Melnik spoke in favor of the proposal, talking about the costs and the fact that clubs are losing their flying sites. He noted that the more "happy flyers" there are the better his personal business is.

A question was asked regarding whether prospective members can try out our field. It was noted that we have Introductory Memberships for \$48 for the first year, that guests can fly free for 3 days, and also that guests can purchase a "Guest Membership", which is good for 30 days, for only \$7.

There was further discussion, both pro and con followed by a vote on the proposal. The motion failed.

In other old business President Armstrong noted that there have been no recent problems with the 524 flying site and no noise complaints.

President Armstrong then made a motion to accept those E-Board candidates for the E-Board positions where there are no opponents (Recording Secretary: Roger Hardin, Membership Secretary: Steve Formanek, and Field Manager: Gerry Armstrong.) The motion was seconded and passed without any further discussion.

Regarding the candidates for the office of IRKS President, (current President Gerry Armstrong and opponent Richard Bohn) President Armstrong then opened the floor for members to speak.

Richard Bohn introduced himself and talked about he was interested in improving the club, stating that he wanted to make the club more transparent and the flying site(s) more accessible. He also said that the language in the By-Laws that allows passage of motions by a majority "...of the members present (at a meeting)" doesn't work for him.

He went on to discuss access to the flying field saying that access should be monitored by the members and that would need to be arranged with the county. He said he wanted change and that we can make this (club) better.

Richard also said he would like to see us host a multi-rotor GP demonstration. He said that FPV groups are fun to watch as well as other R/C flying groups.

Gerry Armstrong responded and said that the Brevard Multi-Rotor Club had previously been invited to do a demo however they never showed up and never contacted us. He also briefly discussed entry to the flying field saying that it is the county's requirements that we must abide by, not ours.

There was a question from the floor asking if there had been any problems with non-AMA members flying or accessing the field; Gerry responded that we have had no problems lately.

Vice President Charlie Gray talked about the importance of safety at the field and also the enjoyment aspect. Looking back he said when he's at the field he personally flies a bit but mostly "shoots the bull" the rest of the time. Charlie said that Gerry takes care of the field most of the time he's (Gerry's) there and that we should consider his contributions.

Danny Melnik said that he has been a member of our club for about 20 years and Gerry has been the president for most of that time. Danny emphasized that maintenance of the field is the most important job and that our club has been successful.

He went on to say that change is good and not to be feared but he also thinks most of Richard's ideas (for change) are not really possible. Danny said our club will not go to ruin if Richard is elected. Danny said he has nothing against the way our club has been run but he has noticed waning interest over the last 5 years.

Roger Vizioli briefly talked about the degrading interest he's noticed, and said that we've had problems getting volunteers to help at recent events.

Recording Secretary Roger Hardin stood and read a prepared statement regarding his opinion on the choices the club has regarding electing a President. In his statement Roger emphasized how (incumbent) Gerry has dedicated his time and efforts to the club for many years and therefore demonstrated his dedication to the club. He said Gerry wishes to continue to do so and views the club as his life.

Roger went on to acknowledge (opponent) Richard Bohn's frequent flying at the field and his willingness to help other members to develop their flying skills and improve their aircraft. He emphasized that Richard has not previously demonstrated much willingness to participate in the functioning of our club since he has not attended any of the general club meetings this year nor has he attended any of the E-Board meetings. Roger said he questioned Richard's motives for wanting to lead our club in light of his poor attendance and lack of participation in club decisions.

Richard responded by asking if Roger had read his (Richard's) email to the club (regarding his motives for wanting to become president): Roger said "yes" and asked if Richard read his (Roger's) reply email, to which Richard responded "yes".

There were no further comments from the membership regarding the election, so paper ballots were distributed starting at approximately 8:15. J.T. Pearce and Dale Kai served as "ballot masters" to distribute, collect, and count the votes.

New business: There was no new business brought up tonight.

Show and Tell: Danny Melnik showed us his twin-rotor CH 46 helicopter that was made in Germany by Heiko and Fischer Bend who specialize in large-scale helis. This and other models are built for themselves (in their garage) and not for sale to the public; the only component that they didn't build were the main rotor heads.

Both rotors run at the same RPM and are counter-rotating. The heli uses four 5,000 mAh batteries and flight time is about 7 minutes; it weighs about 15 lbs. without the batteries. Danny said that the initial flights were a bit "scary" and that the copter was very sensitive to pitch control. He now has about 15 flights on it and it is fast!

Bob Whitney was next and told us that he found that Revlon brand eyeliner works really great for drawing things like panel lines on models. It can draw very thin lines and seems to work much better than any pens. ('Any other uses for that eyeliner Bob?) He also showed us a Fox 35 engine that he modified with a solid Fox 29 engine crankshaft. Bob said that the plane he had it on will do in excess of 100 mph. and also that it was determined to be "too good" to be allowed in competition.

Danny Melnik was tonight's Show and Tell winner.

Following the Show and Tell presentations the Presidential election voting results were reported by Dale Kai and JT Pearce: Richard Bohn received 19 votes, Gerry Armstrong received 39 votes, so Gerry Armstrong will remain as IRKS President for 2018 thru 2019.

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

50/50: Tom Pownall won tonight's 50/50. \$15 goes to the club, \$16 to Tom...congratulations!

Bob Whitney spoke up and said that we normally have only a few members (who attend meetings and club events). He emphasized that we can't have a function if people don't participate....and that we need to help each other.

Scott Bauman reminded everyone that there is modeling equipment on the table that is available for a donation to the club. He said that it was part of the James Foch estate that was donated.

Upcoming Events / Attended Events: Kris Van Nostran said he would like to have the Space Coast Aero Tow event on March 24, 2018.

Danny Melnik talked about a warbird event in Georgia and said that the sponsors actually lost their field this year. He noted that jet and warbird events seem to be well-attended even though all-around flying is decreasing.

Bob Whitney talked about a stunt and scale event he attended in Brandon Fl. Bob said he tied for second place in the scale event and got third place in the old-time stunt event.

Ron Ellis talked about the U.S. Aerobatic R/C Pattern Team held recently in Argentina. He said everyone on the team made it to the finals!

There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Who's ruining our flying site?

Someone has been driving on the runway and park flyer areas. This has caused ruts on the east and west ends of the runway and numerous ruts in the park flyer area.

This will cost hundreds of dollars to fix. If you know who's causing the damage, please let the executive board know. We feel the person or persons causing the damage should be the ones to pay for the damages, not the club.

No vehicles (cars, trucks or vans) are allowed on the flying surfaces for this reason.

IRKS Annual Dues

Steve Formanek will be collecting dues at the December meeting. Please make sure you bring your completed 'IRKS Membership/Renewal Application' with you.

IRKS Annual Budget

Proposed 2018 Flying Site Fund Budget			
Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	3,365	Charging Station Upgrade	120
Concessions	180		
50/50	260		
Merchandise	100		
Donations	100		
Total	4,005	Total	120

**Indian River Kontrol Society
Budget for General Fund
FY 2018 (proposed)**

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Income	2017 Budget	2017 Actuals Oct 16 – Sep 17	2018 Budget
5000 · Program Income			
5100 · Membership Dues	12,700.00	11,479.00	11,500.00
5200 · Event Income	500.00	105.00	100.00
5900 · Other Income	0.00	55.00	0.00
Total Income	13,200.00	11,639.00	11,600.00
Expense			
6000 · Operating Expenses			
6100 · Rentals			
6110 · Front Street Hall	1,163.04	1,459.20	876.33
6120 · 524 Flying Site	44.22	44.22	44.22
6130 · Valkaria Flying Site	360.00	360.00	360.00
6140 · Post Office Box	130.00	132.00	134.64
Total 6100 · Rentals	1,697.26	1,995.42	1,415.19
6200 · Field Maintenance			
6210 · Lawn Chemicals	1,000.00	535.75	400.00
6211 · Fertilizer	100.00	43.96	100.00
6212 · Pest Control	0.00	465.51	200.00
6220 · Buildings	100.00	249.77	100.00
6240 · Flight Stands	200.00	250.03	0.00
6260 · Gas	450.00	507.72	500.00
6290 · Misc. Field Maintenance	250.00	560.18	300.00
Total 6200 · Field Maintenance	2,100.00	2,612.92	1,600.00
6300 · Equipment Maintenance			
6310 · Mower Parts and Supplies	450.00	447.58	450.00
6320 · Electric Fence	250.00	261.81	250.00
6330 · Other Equipment	200.00	207.66	195.00
6340 · Charging Station	350.00	151.88	150.00
Total 6300 · Equipment Maintenance	1,250.00	1,068.93	1,045.00
6400 · Awards Program			
6410 · Model of the Month	110.00	50.00	50.00
6420 · Show and Tell	55.00	50.00	50.00
6430 · Participation Award	525.00	525.33	325.00
Total 6400 · Awards Program	690.00	625.33	425.00
6500 · Office Supplies	250.00	267.49	275.00
6600 · Services			
6610 · Porta Potty	1,931.28	2,086.84	2,320.00
Total 6600 · Services	1,931.28	2,086.84	2,320.00
Total 6000 · Operating Expenses	7,918.54	8,656.93	7,080.19
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	44.18	0.00
7000 · Non-operating Expense			
7200 · Video Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
7400 · Event Expense	250.00	96.87	325.00
7600 · Flying Site Fund	3,365.00	4,284.67	3,833.33
7700 · AMA re-charter	150.00	200.00	200.00
7705 · Florida Annual Report	61.25	61.25	61.25
7710 · Florida Fictitious Name		50.00	0.00
7800 · Refunds	100.00	96.00	100.00
7910 · Web Hosting	0.00	99.95	0.00
Total 7000 · Non-operating Expense	3,926.25	4,888.74	4,519.58
Total Expense	11,844.79	13,589.85	11,599.77
Net Income	1,355.21	-1,950.85	0.23

IRKS By-Law Review Updates

The executive board has started a review of our By-Laws. Below are the recommended By-Law changes for Articles 1 – 5.

ARTICLE 1

Name: The name of this organization shall be "Indian River Kontrol Society" (abbrev. IRKS). The guiding principles of the club shall be as follows:

- 1) The purpose of the club is to promote and encourage the enjoyment of all types of model aviation.
- 2) Money will never be the driving force behind any club activity unless it is a specific, non-flying, money-raising event (50/50 contest, club merchandise, car wash, bake sale, etc.).
- 3) Events are to be held with Pilot Satisfaction and Safety as the primary goals. All other considerations are secondary.
- 4) The collective resources of the club allow small groups of people to do things that they couldn't do by themselves. We will treat small-group desires as significant to the club.
- 5) We shall promote Model Aviation through member involvement by encouraging club member participation by volunteering to work at events, participation in events, attending club meetings and other functions.

ARTICLE 2

Meetings: All meetings are open to all active club members and guests. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

General Membership: The general membership will meet on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If canceled due to some unforeseeable reason it will not be rescheduled.

In addition to club business, the general meeting will be informative and fun, and include additional activities such as Model of the Month, Show & Tell, raffles, event reports, etc.

Special Club Meeting Activities:

- 1) The club's annual awards banquet is held at the January meeting. This meeting will consist of officer reports and awards only. (No old or new business)
- 2) The club's annual event calendar will be voted on at the July meeting.
- 3) New Officers for the Executive Board for the coming year ~~are will be~~ nominated at the ~~September and October general~~ meetings.
- 4) Executive Board elections are held at the November general meeting. Installation of the new board members will be at the close of the December meeting.
- 5) The club's annual budget will be voted on at the December meeting.

To insure the expediency of the meetings, all members will be allowed three minutes for all presentations, demonstrations, motions or comments from the floor. Common courtesies will be shown to the person who has the floor.

Executive Board: The Executive Board will meet on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

- 1) Each month's meeting will be hosted by a different Board member and it will be their responsibility for ~~choosing~~ the location of the meeting.
- 2) A schedule of each month's meeting host will be posted on the club's website.
- 3) The schedule may be subject to change to accommodate last minute conflicts with Board members schedules to ensure maximum attendance at the meeting.
- 4) Any member wishing to attend a Board meeting should contact the host to confirm the meeting location and date.

ARTICLE 3

Membership: Membership is open to candidates upon filing an application or by open declaration at a regular meeting. Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required. Dues are payable immediately.

ARTICLE 4

Logo: The official Club logo shall be:



ARTICLE 5

Dues and Initiation Fees: All club members shall pay dues for the coming year by the end of December and shall present proof of coming year AMA membership with payment. Annual dues are as follows:

Introductory Memberships: ~~All first time members will pay the following rates:~~ Annual rates for all first-time members:

- Open Membership: \$48.00
- Family Membership: \$60.00¹
- Youth Membership: FREE²
- Active Military: \$24.00
- Snow Bird: \$24.00³

First time member's dues will be prorated using the following formula:

Members rate /12 * ~~times~~ the number of months remaining ~~in the calendar year~~ until their AMA membership expires, not to exceed 12 months (e.g., if a new IRKS member has 18 months left on a 2-year AMA membership card, the introductory rate applies to the first 12 months).

Members are only eligible for Introductory Membership once.

Guest Memberships: Guest member's dues will be \$7.00. This is for a one-time guest visit for less than 30 days but exceeding our normal guest policy of three single day visits for free.

Normal Memberships: Normal ~~membership members~~ must pay for a whole year and will not be prorated. Returning members will pay the following rates.

- Open Membership: \$80.00
- Family Membership: \$110.00¹
- Youth Membership: ~~\$5.00~~FREE²
- Active Military: \$40.00
- Snow Bird: \$40.00³

Annual membership renewals are due by the expiration date reflected on the IRKS membership card. Failure to renew dues by ~~December 31st~~ the expiration date reflected on the IRKS membership card will result in immediate forfeiture of all flying privileges and a \$20.00 penalty on renewal. Snowbird members are exempt from any late payment penalty. All monies from penalties will go into the Flying Site Fund.

Since AMA allows two-year memberships, you may also pay for two years of ~~club's~~ IRKS dues with proof of a two-year membership with AMA. In the case of a new member wanting to pay for up to two years, they shall pay the Introductory Membership rate for the first 12 months plus a prorated ~~one~~ Normal Membership rate not to extend beyond their AMA membership expiration date.

A member may request a dues refund by petition to the Executive Board. The Board will evaluate the request and determine if the circumstances warrant a refund and, ~~to~~ if warranted, what amount shall be refunded.

In January, of each year, the Treasurer shall transfer monies to the Flying Site Development Fund and the Equipment Fund. The amount transferred to the Flying Site Development Fund shall be 1/3 of the total dues paid by the normal members. The amount transferred to the Equipment Fund shall be 1/10 of the amount paid into the Flying Site Development Fund. Transfers from introductory memberships will be excluded.

Notes:

1. Intended for two or more adult members residing at the same address.
2. Must be under 19 on December 31.
3. For up to six months in a calendar year.