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## IRKS Meeting Minutes, December 20, 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 present however we had one guest, Mary Formanek, Steve's mom. 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. The snacks tonight (holiday cookies of course) were provided by President Armstrong.

## Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, President: President Armstrong reported that the concessions for November were \$17.00, 50/50 brought in \$15.00 so the total income was the \$32.00. The Flying Site Fund now stands at \$53,360.10. There is still \$951.65 in allocated funds, so the available funds are \$52,408.45.



Charlie Gray, Vice President: Charlie reported that he receives a lot of emails regarding quadcopters (for those who fly those aircraft.)



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger informed everyone that FAA registration is now a law not just an FAA regulation. **This applies to all who fly RC aircraft weighing more than 0.55 lbs.** Registration (\$5) is good for five years and one should receive a notice from the FAA when it is time to renew. Gary Moore spoke up saying that he was recently flying near Patrick AFB when a pilot came by telling people they were flying there illegally (i.e. without notice to the tower.) Note: Gary now has the phone number of the tower and notifies them when he plans to fly there.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve said that membership renewals have been slow and that we are below target relative to our proposed budget for next year. There was a question from a member asking if we are looking for a certain number of members, so Steve responded that we'll take anyone!



John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary Report for November 2017. The only income was \$440.00 from dues for 2018. Expenses were as follows: Lawn Chemicals: \$72.27, Show and Tell \$5.00, Office Supplies (blank checks and stamps): \$103.88, and Event expenses: \$325.00 (prizes and food.) Our new balance is \$3,416.49 which includes \$1,085.37 in the Equipment Fund.



Scott Bauman, Safety Officer: Scott said that the AED battery needs to be replaced since the current one expires in May of 2018.



Ron Mock, Event Coordinator: Ron was absent this evening however President Armstrong announced that J. T. Pearce has agreed to be the new Event Coordinator to replace Ron who has stepped down. J. T. had no report for us tonight, but we are all looking forward to his participation on the board.

**Old Business:** Phil Veatch said the he is still collecting money for the Christmas gift for “the gals at the gate”. Anyone who is still interested in donating should see him tonight.

President Armstrong reported that the donations for the Toys for Tots program this year were a bit disappointing. Only nine members participated.

President Armstrong then asked for a motion to accept the proposed Flying Site Budget for 2018 as published in the Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion. Jim MacLean asked about replacing the battery for the sailplane winch and Gerry replied that expense can be taken out of the General Fund.

President Armstrong then asked for a motion to accept the proposed General Fund Budget for 2018 as published in the Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion.

Gerry then made another motion: “I move that we stop the current Participation Awards Program because it is no longer viable.” The motion was seconded. Gerry said that he will propose (further) wording. Lee Royer said that he has a list of the current Participation Points available this evening and it is available for everyone to look at.

President Armstrong then asked for a motion to accept the review and revisions to the By-Laws (Articles 1-5) as published in the Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion.

Gerry then started a discussion regarding the notice in the Airscoop that someone has been driving on and ruining our runways, especially in the Park Flyer area. Ed Jennings said that he’s been going to the field very early and has seen tire tracks in the dew, and Danny Melnik said that he’s seen a county truck with a “dump trailer” behind it in our area. There was quite a bit of discussion including that maybe a security guard is driving on the runways. The bottom line is that the damage needs to be repaired and it will be costly.

President Armstrong told everyone that now, during events when we have members handing out windshield tags, we no longer need to stop at the guard gate for entry.

Regarding the Awards Banquet in January President Armstrong called several eating establishments trying to find others that could accommodate 25-30 people. His thought was that holding the banquet in a more centralized location (in the county) would encourage more members to attend. Unfortunately, the only other restaurant that could accommodate us was the Perkins Restaurant on Wickham in Viera.

Gerry asked for a vote (Rooney's vs. Perkins) and the count was 8 in favor of Rooney's, 7 for Perkins. Roger Vizioli spoke up and said that the BBQ place on 520 might also be available and that he would check on it tomorrow. Many members expressed that they would be in favor of "the BBQ place."

**New business:** Kris van Nostran told everyone that Willie Viera had a heart attack and is presently in the ICU. Phil Veatch said that as of 10 AM today Willie was responsive.

Kris further reported on the Aero Tow event that will take place in March. He said that it would be a one-day event only and that he would need help with the gate and such. Kris said that a sign-up sheet would be published soon and that no notice has been made yet to the AMA.

Jim MacLean asked if we should audit the treasury...have someone different than John Van Workum do it...in order to protect John. John said Jim was welcome to audit the books. There was no definite decision made regarding this issue.

Jim also told us that the "glider guys" are no longer coming to our field. They have been going to the Compound in Palm Bay.

Roger Vizioli talked about the recent King Orange Stunt Contest (Control-Line). He said that our own Scott Bauman finished in Second Place (congratulations Scott!)

Danny Melnik said that he has run helicopter events in the past and has been thinking of starting them up again. His idea is for a one-day Fun-flying event with a registration fee that would include lunch.

Kris van Nostran told everyone that Mark Simmons needs a hip replacement and asked if we could we send him a card.

**Model of the Month** Ron Ellis showed us his PX3D Excell, a foam 3D plane that uses Hitec servos. The plane was built from a kit. Ron says that it flies well though not like a pattern plane since it will not easily do a slow roll.

Lee Royer showed us his Dave Platt design Dualist by BMJR Models. It has two brushless motors (not counter-rotating) and uses (2) 3S 450 mAh batteries. He hasn't flown it yet.

Lee Royer was tonight's Model-of-the-Month winner.

**Show and Tell:** Rene Gomez showed us several items that he printed with his 3D printer. He said that the printer can be used to make plastic cowlings or other parts for models. If anyone needs parts made he can do so for a small price.

Danny Melnik showed us some "CA Booster", a powder that is mixed with CA glue. The powder thickens the glue and somewhat delays the curing process, but it is useful for filling gaps and adding structural strength. Danny has 3 packages of the powder to give out tonight and is looking for modelers to use it and provide him with feedback on it.

Rene Gomez left the meeting early so Danny wins tonight's Show and Tell.

**50/50:** Due to Ron Mock's absence there was no 50 / 50 tonight

**Upcoming Events / Attended Events:** Ron Ellis talked briefly about the District Pattern Championships in Jacksonville FL. He said that they use an artificial surface runway.

Danny Melnik talked about the Orlando Heli "Blowout" a couple weeks ago. He said it was indeed a "blowout" with bad weather conditions. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> annual event and probably the last event of this type.

Someone mentioned that the King Orange International Free Flight event will be held the last weekend of this year (2017.)

**There was no other business to conduct so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.**

## **For the Good of the Club**

### **IRKS Award Banquet**

This year's award banquet will be held at **Kay's Real Pit Bar-B-Q**, 1552 W King St (520), Cocoa, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday January 17th. There will not be a general meeting, Show N Tell or Model of the Month.