

State College Radio Control Club Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Ron Lueth called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. No guests or new members in attendance.

- The minutes from the December 6th meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report. Jon Guizar advised that the transfer of documents from Al Jones is done. He advised that Al's register report was in good order and moved to accept it. Troy Dermota seconded the motion and the members voted to accept. Jon stated that any member is welcome to audit the books if they so desire. Jon expects to establish a PayPal account for new members or current members wishing to pay their dues electronically. He advised the treasury balance and his report was approved by members.
- Old business –

Website Hosting. Ron projected an image of Todd Cook's design for our new website home page. Todd requested feedback from club members on color choices of the banner background. Members seemed to prefer the light orange scheme as being different from most other RC clubs. Todd advised that SCRC's new site and the old site will run concurrently until the new one is constructed. Troy Dermota expressed concern regarding posting our meeting minutes publicly on the website. This led to a discussion of how to present the minutes in the future and is something that will need to be resolved at a later date.

2012 Winter Banquet. Saturday, February 11th at Celebration Hall. Ron will send email messages to members to confirm head count and entre preferences. Ron advised that a projector will be available to play RC related videos and we will present individual awards for questionable behavior as was done in past years. Jon Guizar is helping to arrange some other activities and Ron suggested static displays of models if anyone cares to bring one of their aircrafts.

New "Application and Dues Renewal" form for 2012. Jon will send this form to members by email. As discussed last month, the officers want to gather accurate contact information. We also discussed reduced dues for junior members or possibly offering a family membership. This would require changes to our bylaws. Jon made a motion to establish a committee to address this. Motion carried. Ron Lueth will chair the committee. Additional members are Troy Dermota, Rob Krankel, Jon Guizar and John Werner.

Indoor Flying at OLV. Steve Boucher advised that he obtained AMA memberships for his two children and wants them to participate in our upcoming indoor event. He was willing to pay full club membership for his kids but members advised him to just let them fly as guests for now instead of joining.

- New business –

Elected Officers for 2012. Ron reviewed the offices and pointed out that Jon Guizar is replacing Al Jones as Treasurer. Ron also advised that we will need a committee to propose bylaw changes for 2012 and also a committee for events - the Fun Flies and the Air Show. We're also reviewing the responsibilities assigned to these offices to determine if there should be any reassignments or shuffling of duties. That discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Appointed Officers for 2012. In addition to Webmaster (Todd) Safety Officer (Hugh) and Field Marshall (Woody) we are seeking volunteers for Safety Coordinator (a new position recommended by the AMA), Event Coordinator (another new office) and Club Senior Trainer (AMA recognized trainer). The trainer status is something that any AMA member can obtain by submitting a form and paying a nominal fee. Jon Guizar will email information and forms for the AMA Introductory Pilot Program to club members. This should help with insurance coverage for the individual in the event of a mishap and may also help to protect the club. If anyone is willing to help by filling any of these appointed offices, please contact an SCRC officer.

- Open Floor Discussion –

Rob Krankel requested ideas for programs for our monthly meetings and also for volunteers to present these programs. If you can help out, please contact Rob.

Jon Guizar is still planning to provide Membership Cards. This is an idea that we discussed previously to help with frequency control and limit the possibilities of club members losing their AMA cards. Jon will also send out Tax Filing information to each member seeking feedback to help make final recommendations regarding our club filing status changes.

- Coming Events –
 - The Central Penn Aeromodeler's 31st Annual Radio Control Flea Market, Saturday, March 10th, 2012 at the Lebanon Fairgrounds. For further information and directions, visit: <http://www.cpa.us/>
 - SCRC Indoor Flying at OLV, Sunday, January 8th. 1:00 to 3:00 PM.
- Program –

Rob Krankel gave a presentation on spread spectrum technology and the possibilities of getting interference on the 2.4 gigahertz band. He went over transmitter antenna orientation and some of the best (and worst) practices as recommended by the equipment manufacturers. Thanks to Rob for this very informative program.
- Show and Tell –

Ron Lueth brought along his latest flat foamy, an MX2 kitted by West Michigan Park Flyers. This is a great looking little plane and Ron did a great job assembling the model. It looks like it will be a very good flyer. For more information and specifications, visit: <http://wmparkflyers.com/MX2.aspx>
- The motion to adjourn passed at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Allen, Secretary