

State College Radio Control Club Tuesday, September 11th 2012 Meeting Minutes

Ron Lueth called the meeting to order at 7:05. No guests or new members in attendance.

- The minutes from the August 14th meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report. Jon Guizar advised receipt of dues from one new member. Although we still owe 3DHS for our raffle grand prize, a discounted plane and engine, Jon reported a financially successful Fli Event. We paid for field maintenance and port-a-potty rental. Jon suggested that we donate money to Jack Garbrick to pay for our electricity usage. The President and Secretary spent a nominal fee for on-line background checks to obtain our Small Games of Chance license. Jon advised the balance of SCRC's bank account. Woody Struble motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

- Unfinished business –

New Bylaws Vote: Al Jones voiced two concerns regarding the latest revisions/final draft. He asked why a new 68 year-old member must wait three consecutive years to attain senior status and qualify for the dues discount. The committee views the discount, in part, as a reward for putting in some volunteer time and three years provides the chance for that to happen. Al asked why bylaw change notification (for membership review) was changed from 30 days to 20 days before voting. Committee thinks that we should be able to discuss or propose changes at one meeting, then have time to draft and send them at least 20 days before the next monthly meeting. Al Jones moved to accept the new bylaws. Rob Krankel seconded. Motion carried.

FLI Event Report. Ron reported that Jack Garbrick had a great time at our event and commented that he would have liked to see even more people. Bob and Lynn Grove attended and enjoyed themselves. Dave Bondi and Crew from Austintown Hobbies, Austintown Ohio was there along with DJ Moose, with ATTF (All Things That Fly) podcasts. 3D Hobby Shop Team Pilots Arron Bates, Chris Thorpe, Joe Smith and his parents, Jim and Becky, Noll Smith (manager) and Ben Fisher (Owner). We had guests from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and DC. We heard positive comments from them on our flying field. Aaron Bates flew a routine at a Spikes baseball game just prior to our event to promote the 3DHS Keystone Fly Low. We had heavy rains on Saturday but there were really only a couple of hours when no flying could be done. The weather cooperated the rest of the weekend and many amazing flights were logged including night flying under the lamps of two light plants until midnight. Thanks to all of the volunteers was given in the meeting for participation, donations of pop ups, coolers, cords, and the biggest items of set-up and tear-down. The event being a "first run" had some small issues, lessons learned, some big hits, and the overall feel was that the facility was really well liked. Al Jones motioned to pay Jack \$25 for electricity usage. Motion Carried.

Officer elections for 2013. We are looking for volunteers for this committee. The committee must be formed by next meeting so please help if you can. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

- New business – Nothing from the Agenda
- Open Floor Discussion

Al Jones proposed a change in our constitution, to lower the eligibility age of officers from 21 to 18 years of age. The committee will draft the change and meet the 20 day notice requirement for review by membership. The vote to accept should take place at the October meeting.

Our next meeting will be indoors. Al Jones will contact the CPI School in Pleasant Gap to arrange this.

We discussed a possible change in venue for our indoor flying sessions. Al Jones advised that the gym at Christ Community Church is \$80 per hour but there may be a chance to negotiate a lower price. This is for the entire gym. The use of half of the gym is \$40 per hour. Ron will talk to officials at Bellefonte High School about the use of that gym. Now that we are non-profit, we may be eligible and the fee will be low. Rob Krankel suggested Holuba Hall but tighter restrictions for public usage at Penn State makes that option unlikely.

Doug Williams had the idea of hosting a Helicopter event in the spring, possibly in May. He advised that Hidden Hanger may wish to attend and sponsor such an event. We also discussed holding RC introduction sessions for kids and new flyers. Now that we are a non-profit organization, the Nittany mall should be free to us or at least cheaper than the last time we checked.

- Coming Events –
 - NEAT Fair, Downsville, NY, September 14th through September 16th.
 - Buzzard Field's Fun Fly/RC Fly-in. September 15th and 16th.
 - Eagle Squadron RC Club's 2012 Spookfest Fall Fly-in, Galion, Ohio, October 20th.
<http://www.eaglesquadronrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/2012-spookfest.pdf>

- Meeting Adjournment – The motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm. Motion Carried.

- Show and Tell – None

- Program – None Scheduled

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Allen, Secretary