

State College Radio Control Club Tuesday, December 4th 2012 Meeting Minutes

Ron Lueth called the meeting to order at 7:03. Larry Altero, Mike Grissom and Matt Sherman were in attendance as a visitors and prospective members. Larry is retired and looking to get back in to RC. Mike and Matt are considering learning to fly RC to help with a project they have going on at work.

- The November 6th meeting minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report. Jon Guizar reported that our only expense since last meeting was \$50 in subsidies for two an indoor flying sessions at Christ Community Church. There was a "missed" session due to a scheduling misunderstanding that the Church will not charge us for. The cost per person for indoor flying is \$10 per person so \$50 paid by the club so far leaves \$350 out of the allocated \$400. Members voted to approve the Treasurer's report. Jon reported that he checked on keeping the porta-potty at a reduced rate for the winter. The supplier did not agree to this and advised that the unit will be picked up. However, some members have noticed that the porta-potty is still on site.

- Unfinished business –

Nomination Committee / Officer Elections for 2013. Al Jones is still seeking a candidate for Vice President. Rob Krankel offered to stay on as VP until a replacement is found but after some discussion, members decided to leave this office open for now rather than ask Rob to continue on. Al nominated the four elected officers who agreed to stay on and moved to accept the nominees. Motion carried. Officers for 2013 are Ron Lueth (President), Jon Guizar (Treasurer), Daryl Allen (Secretary) and Todd Cook (Safety Coordinator). The vacancy in the VP office means that yet another Board of Directors seat is open. As reported last month, Al Jones volunteered for the VP's responsibility of coordinating programs. Al is also the only non-officer board member. For appointed roles, Woody Struble is Field Coordinator, Karl Stashak is Lead Flight Instructor and Todd Cook is the Web Presence Coordinator. This leaves two appointed positions open, Event Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator.

SCRC Winter Banquet Update. Jon Guizar described the features of Christ Community Church. The main differences between the church and Celebration Hall are the availability of alcohol drinks and no table service (at the church) for refilling drinks. The cost per person is estimated at \$20 per person at CCC while Celebration Hall was \$28. We have use of the Gym at the church for two hours of open indoor flying. Al Jones moved to change the venue from Celebration Hall on February 9th to Christ Community Church on February 2nd. Motion carried. Al will cancel our reservation at Celebration Hall and John Guizar will contact the church to arrange the February date. Ron Lueth requested help for planning the event so if you can possibly volunteer for this, please contact Ron or one of the other officers.

- New business –

New Signage for "Club Members Only" at the Field. Ron reported a problem with non-members flying RC at Centre Air Park. This situation could cause a liability problem for the club. Al Jones suggested that we talk to Jack Garbrick before posting any new signs on the frequency board because ultimately, it is up to the property owner to decide on imposing such restrictions. Members agreed to discuss this with Jack before any action is taken. This lead to discussion (not an agenda item) on safely flying RC in the presence of full-scale aircraft. Two of our new members flying RC helicopters were surprised (on separate occasions) by full-scale aircraft. Al Jones suggested sending letters to the pilots who keep their planes there, asking them to be aware of RC activity. Jon Guizar suggested attending a local EAA meeting to help make pilots aware of our presence at Centre Air Park. Since these two incidents involved new members, Ron wants us to be sure that new member orientations take place. Ron will talk to Jack Garbrick to get more ideas on how to handle this.

Indoor Flying Discussions. We have one scheduled date left (December 15th from 2:00 to 4:00) so Al Jones will try to secure dates (basically every other week) in January and February. We discussed again establishing flight lines. No resolution. Another safety concern was the sand buckets used to suppress LiPo fires. Leo Lange is thought to be in possession of several of these buckets, but he has yet to attend one of our indoor events at CCC. Todd Cook has one of these sand buckets and he brought it to one of our recent events. This matter was left unresolved. We will adopt a sign-in sheet to make it easier to verify payment from all participants. We discussed the visitor policy. Jon Guizar and Doug Williams volunteered to help with the orientation of our guests flyers and also to stress AMA membership and encourage SCRC membership. Non-flying visitors will be directed to the bleachers.

- Open Floor Discussion - None

- Coming Events –

SCRC Indoor Flying at Christ Community Church, December 15th 2:00-4:00 pm.

Holiday Electric Fly & Expo, Geneva, OH, December 7th, 8th and 9th

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

Show and Tell –

Paul Bittengle is leaving this Friday to live in Florida. He had several planes at the meeting that were free to members who wanted to adopt them. We'll miss our friend Paul and we wish him the best.

Al Jones gave away three reference books on RC modeling.

Jon Guizar showed his current project, a 65" span Skywalker foam FPV platform plane. Jon equipped it with all of the required FPV gear such as a pan and tilt camera and HD video camera. It also features an on-board flight stabilizer, a GPS tracking unit and an e-logger. Weight is expected to be 5-1/4 pounds. Jon showed us on the projection screen what the flight view and data display will look like. He will be able to fly this plane by video headgear or on a laptop screen. Jon put a lot of work into this and it should be very interesting to witness the results this season.

- Program – None Scheduled

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Allen, Secretary