

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: February 29, 2016 Meeting Called to Order: 7:00PM

Attendance: Nine regular club members attended this month's meeting.

Guests: Deb Kirschner was a welcomed guest at this month's meeting.

Roll Call:

President: John Clauson (Y) Vice President: Jon Earley (N)

Treasurer: John Losch (Y) Secretary: Rich Granitz (Y)

2 Year Director: Ralph Warner (N) 1 Year Director: Al Parshall (N)

Treasurer's Report (John Losch): for January 2016

January Opening Balance: \$2187.16

Income: \$575.00 membership dues

Expense: \$0.00

January Closing Balance: \$ 2762.16

The financial report for January was accepted by the attending members.

The club currently has 11 paid members.

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

The club charter was renewed via e-mail in late December 2015 to avoid the AMA cost increase in 2016. The charter fee for this year is \$90.00 and a check was issued by John L. The club and AMA membership databases will be updated regularly as club member's refresh dues.

Safety Report (Al Parshall):

There was no safety report for the month. No safety concerns were mentioned.

Field Report:

It was mentioned that there are some tire tracks / ruts in the field parking area. A dip continues to develop at the entrance to the parking area. A discussion was held on next steps for parking area maintenance. Jim L will price fill material. Club members will discuss with Marge prior to any property maintenance by the club. Further discussion at next month's meeting.

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Jim received an estimate of \$200.00 for fill later during the meeting.

The field will require rolling in some areas this year.

Due to the unstable ground conditions this time of year, please park on the side of the road when visiting the field until the turf conditions are dry and solid.

Web Report: (John Clauson)

The website is current and up to date. We are always looking for photos and ideas for the site. If you have photos of club or personal projects, please forward to John for publishing. If you have web input or feedback, or are interested in website maintenance, please contact John.

Old Business:

- Document maintenance for the Constitution/By-Laws reflects the proposed changes to the club dues structure and initiation fee.

Dues for new members will be prorated at 1/12 annual dues times the number of months left in the year, plus the initiation fee. Dues are due at the January meeting and must be paid prior to the close of the regular business meeting in March or the individual will be dropped from the club roster. The person may rejoin the club after fulfilling all of the requirements of a new member including the initiation fee.

A vote was held and changes to the Membership Dues Structure was unanimously accepted.

- Indoor flying began at Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. 6 Pilots attended the session. \$10.00 for 2 ½ hours of indoor flying. Additional pilots (AMA membership required) are welcome and appreciated.
- The Lake Barrington Field House indoor flying season continues with flying from 11AM to 2PM on Fridays. See the recent Sky Knights e-mail for details.
- Field Safety Rules and Regulations are being drafted. Dave W volunteered to assist. Dave is the author for the original safety document and his wisdom and support is greatly appreciated.

New Business:

- Initial nominations for the 2016 club officers were held. Nominations will continue to be taken through the next meeting and vote.

President – John Clauson (*accepted*)

Vice President – *Open for Nominations*

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Officer Nominations (continued)

Treasurer – Dave Wurzbach (*accepted*)

Secretary – Rich Granitz (*accepted*)

Steve Greenup is considering a potential appointment as the Safety Coordinator or Field observer.

- Discussion revolved around this year's E-Fest and the changes that have evolved over the years. Rick C related his fun experiences as a pilot at the event.

Show and Tell

Jim Larson displayed his new Hobbyking Cloud Surfer with flaps.

Rick Christian presented his new eachine racer 250 from banggood.com Inexpensive and impressive, this quad has developed a large following on rcgroups.

Dave W is waiting for this spring's new hot rod quad from readymaderc.

Additional Notes and Reminders:

- Flying continues at Prince of Peace Church. \$10.00 for 2 ½ hours.
- Meeting will continue at the library until field conditions and weather improves.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM.