

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05PM

Attendance: Ten club members were present at this month's meeting.

A special Thank You goes to Dave W. for providing the meeting area.

Roll Call:

President: John Clauson (N)

Vice President: Jon Earley (Y)

Treasurer: Dave Wurzbach (Y)

Secretary: Rich Granitz (Y)

2 Year Director: Ralph Warner (Y)

1 Year Director: Al Parshall (N)

Treasurer's Report (Dave Wurzbach): 9/27/16 through 10/24/16

Balance: 9/26/16 1155.11

Income: 50.00 Membership dues – Pro rated

Expense: 17.36 Tractor fuel

Balance: 10/24/16 1187.75

The report was accepted by the club members.

The club currently has 29 paid members.

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

All club and AMA databases were updated at the beginning of the month and are current.

Safety Report (Al Parshall):

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

Field Report:

From John – On Saturday 10/22 the field looked great. The grass was short and some leaves were down. No mud anywhere, but we might want to consider some improvement in the area where we turn off Hafer into our parking section.

The condition of the burn pile is currently unknown.

The parking area entrance to the field needs maintenance. Jim has access to materials.

Discussions will continue in the spring in time for potential repair before the flying season.

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Field Report: (cont.)

A short discussion revolved around the sale of the tractor. The electrical issue was repaired by Jon. The battery can be charged at any time.

Please send out an e-mail when going to the field to mow. Multiple members have arrived at the field this season expecting to mow, only to find that it was previously finished.

Web Report: (John Clauson)

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

As announced earlier, the Holiday Party will be at Salutos in Gurnee on Jan. 6. Last year we ordered from the menu, but we also have some of their buffet options for consideration.

The club decided to order "off of the menu" for food, drink and pricing diversity. This worked well last year and Salutos staff was very accommodating.

New Business:

- The regular December meeting date is currently scheduled for the day after Christmas. The meeting will be rescheduled to December 19th.
- Indoor flying has resumed in Barrington. 11AM-2PM at the Canlan Sports Complex on Pepper Road. Fridays only, \$15.00 per session.
- Indoor flying at Prince of Peace – Ralph reported that he is currently waiting for the church / school league schedules to be completed in order to finalize dates. Details will be provided when available.
- AMA elections – Ralph briefly discussed the AMA candidates. It is important that we all vote to maintain the stability of the hobby. The AMA consists of approximately 189,000 members, ~ 150,000 voter eligible. The return of 20,000 ballots is not unusual. Do your research and cast a ballot!
- Estate model airplane collection discussion - The club decided to potentially acquire the Dennis Ciolek collection with all proceeds to the AMA. John will respond to the Millers for further information and direction on how to proceed.
- The club approved our annual donation to Marge. Distribution will take place before the Thanksgiving holiday this year.
- The club approved maintaining the annual dues of \$75.00 and Initiation Fee of \$25.00 for the 2017 season.
- Keep an eye open for the DRL – Drone Racing League, televised on ESPN2. Fun stuff!

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New Business: (cont.)

- Ralph mentioned that the AMA acquired the rights to the WRAM show in order to maintain event continuity. It will now be known as “AMA Expo East”.
- Rick mentioned the disbanding of one local club and the November 5th Swap Meet that he will be participating in.

For the “Good of the Club”

- Dave reignited the discussion to provide an RC Information Session at the Grayslake Library. The educational program could be used to promote the hobby as well as “Decriminalize” multi-copters.
- Steve G mentioned that he would like to see some flight benches at the field. He is willing to construct benches with club supplied or donated lumber.
- There were no “Garage Sale” items this month.

Show and Tell

- Chris P displayed a vintage single channel escapement radio and accessories that he received from a Sky Knights event many years ago.
- Jim validated his foam construction skills by showing a small vampire coffin that he recently built for the kids this Halloween.

Notes and Reminders:

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 28th at the Grayslake library. Watch the club website for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.