

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03PM

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

Roll Call:

President: John Clauson (Y)

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): 12/20/16 through 1/23/17

Balance: 12/19/16 582.75

Income: 750.00 Membership dues, 10 member renewals.

Expense: 00.00

Balance: 1/23/17 1332.75

Dave has Sky Knights patches available. 3 for \$10.00.

The potential for payback of the tractor loan was discussed now that the club finances are improving. The \$1000.00 loan payback schedule will be evaluated later in the year by the lender and the board.

The club currently has 14 paid members.

The treasury report was accepted by the club members.

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

Club dues are to be paid to the AMA for the year. Renewal forms have been received and will be updated this month.

The AMA continues to send a monthly membership report for the club. Please make sure that your AMA membership is current.

Safety Report (Al Parshall):

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

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Field Report:

Slushy and wet. Park on the road when necessary to protect the integrity of the parking area.

The burn pile remains ready to be fired up. An impromptu event for late winter/early spring may be scheduled.

Web Report: (John Clauson)

Nothing new to report. Watch the website for new postings.

Old Business:

- It's time to renew your Sky Knights membership. Members have until 3/31 to renew without penalty. Send checks to Dave W., make checks payable to "Sky Knights". Information was sent in an e-mail.
- The process for officer elections will begin with nominations at the February meeting, elections in March and the new officers commencing office in April. There is potential for several officer positions changes this year. If you are an established member of the club, please consider volunteering for a leadership position with the Sky Knights.
- Ralph mentioned that Rich Hanson was elected as the new President of the AMA. Plan on participating in this year's AMA elections. 17,000 out of 130,000 potential members voted this year.
- Ralph updated the club with a current perspective of the hobby business. AMA, Ontario, CA visitors and exhibitor numbers were down with the show rethinking the future. The WRAM /AMA east show is approaching. Toledo is not sold out for exhibitors or attendees.
- Ralph donated in excess of \$3000 to the AMA scholarship fund to date. Kudos and accolades to Ralph. Please continue to support his efforts by considering a donation for an old and sometimes gently used model. Ralph has many additional models available. Contact Ralph if interested.
- John mentioned that Blue Toad Auctions, across the border to the north, has a couple of RC planes available, all in rough shape.

New Business:

- Indoor flying at Prince of Peace – Monday 2/13, 6:00 until 8:30PM. \$10.00 per pilot with all proceeds to Prince of Peace. Check the website for details.
- The potential for a Lifetime Sky Knights membership was briefly discussed.

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New Business: (continued)

- Locations for upcoming meetings –
February- Dave's office lobby, Grayslake February 2/27.
March- Grayslake Library
May- At the field
- John confirmed that E-Fest was cancelled this year.

For the "Good of the Club"

- John mentioned that he has seen addition interest in the Sky Knights based on recent discussions and web site activity.
- Impressions Count, an Antioch print business has a Large Format printer for printing plans from files or copies. They also print t-shirts, a potential addition for club attire. Additional information will be sent via email.
- A new logo was introduced by Jim. He has a friend who is a Graphic Designer and needed a project for personal development. John will send out the design for your entertainment and viewing pleasure. Replacing the logo has been discussed in the recent past.
- "The Garage Sale" raised \$40.00 for the club at the meeting. Thank you, Magic and John C. for the quadcopter and airplane donations this month. Thanks to all who acquired some new toys!

Show and Tell

- Jon demonstrated his new FPV monitor with diversity antenna. He assembled the display using parts sourced locally for a very low cost.
- John H. brought several pieces of recently printed 3D objects. John has been experimenting with his new 3D printer and materials. He will potentially produce small models for the club. John will send out some information. Contact him if interested.
- John C. has club flyers available. 1 potential member has been interested in the club via a flyer at Grayslake Hobby.

Notes and Reminders:

Indoor Flying – Prince of Peace. February 13th.
Next meeting – February 27th. Dave's office

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.