

# Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

## Official Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 30, 2015      Meeting Called to Order: 7:02PM

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

Guests: Two guests attended the November meeting. Deb and John Kirschner stopped by to visit the Sky Knights. Both Deb and John are experienced pilots with years of flying and building experience.

### **Roll Call:**

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

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

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

### **Treasurer's Report (John Losch):** for September / October 2015

September Opening Balance: \$3044.66  
Income: \$126.00                      Membership dues, FPV racing event  
Expense: \$77.92                      Tractor fuel and maintenance  
September Closing Balance: \$ 3092.74  
October  
Income: \$0.00  
Expense: \$20.58 Tractor fuel  
**October Closing Balance: \$ 3072.16**

John mentioned that we have been maintaining a similar balance with financials for approximately the last 16 months indicating that our dues level is adequate and appropriate.

Ralph mentioned that the Lake County Eagles have been adjusting dues to maintain a "break even" financial goal.

The report was accepted by the attending members.

### **Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):**

Document maintenance for the current By-Laws and Field rules is ongoing and will be updated in coming months. The membership database will go through a review and be updated for current contact information and preferences.

### **Safety Report (Al Parshall):**

There were no safety Incidents or concerns mentioned by the Safety Officer.

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### Field Report:

John Clauson thanked all who maintained the field this year. Many club members mowed the field this year, with several mowing multiple times, and Dave Wurzbach received a Mowing Hero award. A special thank you went to Jon Earley for his maintenance and repair of the club equipment.

Jon mentioned that the tractor is burning oil, please check the oil level when using the tractor.

If you have suggestions for next year's mowing schedule, please discuss with John.

### Web Report: (John Clauson)

The website needs an update. John is looking for photos and ideas for the site. If you have photos of club or personal projects, please forward to John for publishing.

### Old Business:

- Document maintenance continues for the Constitution/By-Laws and Field Rules. The documents are expected to be completed and approved for the new club year.
- The Lake Barrington Field House indoor flying season is underway with flying from 11AM to 2PM on Fridays. See the recent Sky Knights e-mail for details. The club is interested in finding a venue for indoor events. There are several club members investigating new venues for indoor flying. If you have any leads for an indoor flying site, please discuss with John Clauson. Indoor flying is continuing at the Bensenville Dome.

### New Business:

- John C. visited Jim Tahaney at Campbell Airport and left notification papers for Gary Campell. The papers, provided by the AMA, qualify as official notification of our ongoing operations within 5 miles (2.9 to be exact) of their field.
- The annual Holiday Party will be Friday, Jan. 15 at Salutos; 7680 Grand Ave. in Gurnee; 6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm dinner in the private dining room. There will be a pilot gift exchange; each participant is to bring a new RC aviation item valued at no less than \$10.
- Apparel with embroidered Sky Knights logos are still available from Kim Thompson. Information sheets are available from John Clauson.
- Activity idea: "Garage Sale." Ralph Warner inspired this idea by selling items and donating the proceeds to the club. In a Garage Sale, members would bring items to sell for the good of the club. John proposed we do this at the December meeting. If successful we could do it at the end of each meeting, similar to "Show and Tell".

~~Ralph Warner thanked all who helped support the AMA by purchasing donated~~

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items. Ralph recently donated 500 dollars to the AMA, funded by the re-used items. He also discussed his recent conversations with AMA Leaders. As always, Ralph encouraged donations to the AMA, especially old models and equipment for the museum. He also mentioned that the AMA museum in Muncie is a great source of information for modeling and historical research.

John Clauson initiated the "Garage Sale" event by donating one of Weldon Smith's vintage models to the club. A donation was accepted and the twin engine airframe was adopted by a member for restoration and return to airworthiness.

- Jon initiated a motion to issue a check to Marge, the property owner of the Sky Knights flying site. The annual donation of \$1000.00 was unanimously approved.

The check will be issued in December.

### **Additional Notes and Reminders:**

- Holiday Party – Salutos – 6:00PM
- The next meeting will be held on December 28th at the library.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Fly – 11:00AM

### **Show and Tell**

Jon Earley – Tricopter with homemade Arduino based diversity receiver with scan display of frequency spectrum.

Jim Larson – Waterproof quad build with gimbal for watersports photos and video.

Steve Greenup – Worlds smallest electric helicopter.

John Hughes - Syma Quadcopter X5C-1.

Darren discussed the discovery and diagnosis of a drainage issue with his home via FPV.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.