

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05PM

Attendance: Eight club members were present at this month's meeting. The meeting was held at the Grayslake Library. Two guests, Nigel Hendricks and Joe Johnson from Saddlebrook RC club attended the meeting. Nigel and Joe frequented this indoor flying season at Prince of Peace Church and have visited Sky Knights field on occasion.

Roll Call:

President: Jon Earley (Y)

Vice President: Jim Larson (Y)

Treasurer: Dave Wurzbach (Y)

Secretary: Rich Granitz (Y)

2 Year Director: Ralph Warner (Y)

1 Year Director: Dave Stritter (N)

The new club officers are in now place for the year.

Kudos and Accolades went to John Clauson for his service to the club as President.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Wurzbach): 3/28/17 through 4/24/17

Balance: 3/27/17 171.75

Income: 412.50 Membership dues

Expense: 0.00.

Balance: 4/24/17 2126.25

The club currently has 26 members.

The treasury report was accepted by the attending club members.

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

An internal audit of the Club Roster, AMA Roster, e-mail and member information is underway to maintain accuracy. If you have changes or concerns, please address at the next meeting.

The AMA sends a monthly club membership report that includes expired members. AMA membership is required to fly at Sky Knights Field.

Safety Report (Rich Granitz):

As the season gets underway, keep safety in mind. Pilots, remember to call out intentions when flying. The First Aid Kit located in the shed will be checked for usability and restocked as necessary.

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Field Report:

Steve reported that he has mowed the field twice this year. He also rolled the runway and mentioned that runway fabric repair will be necessary. The runway was installed in 2010.

When mowing the field, please avoid operating the tractor in soggy areas at Marge's request.

The burn pile is ready to fire up, potentially at Field Cleanup Day or an upcoming Night Flight.

Field cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday April, 29th at 10:00AM with a rain date of Sunday, April 30th.

Along with our usual cleanup activities, brush removal near the garden area is planned.

Fuel cans will require filling.

We've seriously upgraded the field entrance with crushed asphalt graciously donated and trucked in by Mark Tenuta of Tenuta Transport in Lakemoore, IL. Todd Steffenhagen, a neighbor and former Sky Knight, donated his time and heavy equipment to do the spreading with initial raking and rolling by Jon and Rich. Jim coordinated the acquisition and delivery of the material. Thank You to all involved for their efforts.

Web Report: (John Clauson)

John updated the web site with a few photos of the parking area entrance improvements. He will also investigate new ideas to implement a mowing sign-up sheet. As in previous years, the club will maintain the "If you fly, you mow" philosophy.

Old Business:

- Indoor flying at Prince of Peace Church has ended for the season. There were usually 6 or 7 pilots attending the sessions, with 14 pilots on one occasion. Thank you, Ralph, for arranging the use of the facility and for a successful indoor season!

New Business:

- The new club officers are in now place for the year.
- Ralph has additional planes for sale with proceed to the AMA Broberg Engineering Scholarship fund. Please contact Ralph if interested in acquiring any of the old models. Ralph has donated approximately \$4000.00 to the scholarship fund to date and will continue the worthwhile effort in the future.
- The club discussed and agreed to make the meeting minutes public on the Sky Knights web site.
- Deb mentioned the AMA is providing Academy information and 'Know Before You Fly' material at retail locations.

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Show and Tell / Good of the Club

- Dave W. made arrangements with the library for a double meeting room and extended hours for this month. Several Club members brought impressive DIY “obstacles” and set up an impromptu indoor FPV course for Tiny Whoops. Several members participated and discussed their “Whoops”. Eachine E010, E010S and E011 models were represented and flown along with an Inductrix or two. Lots of fun for pilots and spectators alike. Watch for a video soon.
- Jim demonstrated his VR Box USB 5.8 dongle to identify individual video transmitter frequencies and channel conflicts.
- Steve talked about his recent visit to the AMA museum in Muncie.

Notes and Reminders:

Regular Monday flying in now underway as the weather permits.

Indoor Flying – Ended for the season.

Next meeting – May 22nd, 7:00PM, at the field.

Field cleanup Day - Saturday April, 29th. Rain date - Sunday, April 30th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.