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IRKS Meeting Minutes 21 July 2010

Gerry Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Gerry asked for a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion was made and seconded. Gerry called for a vote to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, the President, reported the Flying Site Fund balance is \$43588.89. There are funds allocated for approved projects of \$14400, leaving an available balance of \$29188.89 in the Flying Site Fund. There are several completed projects with allocated funds.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, reported that the Mall has set up a jumping facility outside the area where we would hold the Mall Show. This means that the aisle area would not be available for displaying aircraft, making the room very crowded. For this reason it has been decided to cancel the show for now.



Lee Royer, Secretary, nothing to report.

Mark Sorenson, Membership Secretary, reported that we 190 members with 3 new members.



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported the General Fund balance is \$3064.14 with outstanding checks of \$189.82. The available balance is \$2874.32, which includes \$420 for new equipment. John is putting together next year's budget to be presented in September or October. There have been several expenses this year that have not been budgeted. He is trying to anticipate these expenses and include them in next year's budget.

Safety Officer, No Report With Ron's resignation a new Safety Officer needs to be appointed.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, Hardy Birch has withdrawn as the Veterans Day CD. A CD is needed to run the event. Don presented a proposed event schedule for next year. A motion was made and passed to accept the event schedule.

Old Business

RC Sunshade – The materials for repairing the sunshade have not yet arrived but are expected to be available shortly. A workday is tentatively scheduled for July 31 to set the posts for the sunshade with a second workday planned on Sunday to continue rebuilding.

Control Line Sunshade – On hold pending completion of the RC sunshade.

Charging Station – On hold pending completion of the RC sunshade.

New Business

A resident on the west side of the landfill has made a noise complaint on a Sunday morning. The aircraft involved was a 1/3 scale aircraft. Everyone is reminded that flying west of the tree line is prohibited. It may be necessary to perform noise measurements if this occurs again. Dale suggested that the noise regulations be posted when the sunshade is completed.

Gerry has inquired about making a trip to Fantasy of Flight. If there is enough interest we may be able to get reduced rates and arrange for a fun fly at the site.

Show and Tell

John Vennerholm gave a presentation on RC dynamic slope soaring. He mentioned that a RC glider recently set a RC speed record of 445 mph during a dynamic soaring event.

Lee Royer displayed a slide show of a retired dentist Park Young who has built some very detailed aluminum P51 and F4U models.

Alec Fleming told about an airplane he lost during SEFF while flying a Spectrum DX6I radio system. He found out there was a recall in February 09, which recommended that the systems be returned for update.

Bob Whitney showed his control line 21 protospeed model. It obtained a speed of 130 to 136 mph flying on 0.016” wires. He placed third at this years Nat’s with the model.

Bruce Rodriguez showed his Great Planes Extra 300 SP, which he converted to electric using a Scorpion 4020 at 1600 watts.

Jerry O’Keefe told about a problem he has had with his re-chargeable Dremel tool. He typically left the tool on the charger when not in use. The battery in his tool failed. He found that the charger would overcharge the battery if the tool were left on the charger full time.

The club voted to award Bob Whitney as the winner of the June Show and Tell.

Model of the Month

Bob Whitney displayed a control line profile scale Pond Racer with two 1/2A motors. He placed 3rd at St. Louis and 1st at Tucson last year.

John Vennerholm displayed his 1/4 scale ASK-18 glider. It has a 14 ft wingspan and weighs approximately 8 ½ pounds. It is his first and only scale glider and has been flown on aero tow.

Gerry Armstrong displayed a Duelist Mark II designed by Dave Platt. It is powered by two 4250-5 brushless motors at 700 watts each. It weighs approximately 11 pounds.

The club voted John Vennerholm's ASK-18 as the Model of the Month.

50/50 Raffle

Jim Williams won the 50/50 drawing.

Event Reports

It was reported that 178 pilots attended the Control Line event held in Pennsylvania.

Bob Whitney reported that District 5 received a 1st and 3rd in control line speed events at the Nat's.

A combat event will be held in Apopka the 2nd weekend of August.

For the good of the Club

John Vennerholm reported that he has completed a review of the club bylaws. There are several updates that should be made. These recommendations are detailed below. They will be voted upon at the August General Meeting.

Recommendations for amendment of IRKS bylaws. Suggested amendment wording is italicized.

Article 5: The fees listed must be corrected to remove extra decimal places.

Article 6: Club Funds: Net income from events is already allocated to the Flying site fund in Article 6. To control accounting of funds, the following Amendment is necessary.

Add: Other than from 50/50, sale of club merchandise and donations, all gross cash income and receipts for any and all event functions must be submitted in entirety to the Treasurer without any prior deduction by event coordinators for expenses. (Expenses are met through reimbursement requests and net proceeds are transferred to flying site fund after accounting.)

Article 8: Secretary. With the recent division of Secretary's duties, the following corrections are required.

Add: Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep the meeting minutes and all records of the club, conduct all club correspondence and be the club's official contact with outside organizations such as AMA with respect to questions, problems, information and other occurrences.

Add: Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall keep the club membership list, verify renewals and new applications, collect all dues, periodically collect mail in the club's post office box and maintain and promulgate the club roster. Membership monies will be submitted to the Treasurer for accounting and deposit.

Delete: Mowing Lead (Position no longer exists)

Article 11: Bylaws, Motions and Quorum

DISCUSSION: There are several specific inconsistencies or omissions in Article 11, which may lead to incorrect or even illegal procedure when it comes to determination of the voting procedures to be used by the club. This article attempts to define and clarify the voting procedure for any motion pertaining to club business. Incidentally, its title is totally incorrect in that nowhere in this article are the terms “majority” or “quorum” or “vote” defined. Any vote requiring a majority vote for passage is dependent on the definition of the word “majority” in the bylaws. A majority vote may be dependent on the quorum present at a meeting. For reference, the commonly accepted definitions are;

Majority: Common definition from Roberts’ Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) is,

“The word ‘majority’ means more than half.”

(However, a majority may also be defined as 2/3 of any quorum.)

Quorum: Common definition from Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate dictionary is,

“The number, usually a majority of officers or members of a body, that when duly assembled, is legally competent to transact business”.

Suggested Amendments to Article 11,

Revise title to: **Bylaws, Motions, Quorum and Voting**

Add: **Definitions:**

“A majority is defined as more than half of the total votes of a quorum on a motion”.

“A quorum is defined as the total count of eligible voters on a motion at a meeting plus any verified absentee votes”. (See amendment addition below on voting, which defines absentee votes.)

The single special case for other than a simple majority vote, specifically the 2/3 vote in an Executive Board recommendation for expulsion, is addressed in Article 13, Section 3.

Nowhere are the qualifications for voting by the general membership defined. Board member voting is defined in Article 13, however, even though they are welcome to attend, members other than officers on the Executive Board have no vote at any E-board meeting.

Add: *Only Board members may vote at a Board meeting.*

Add: *Only paid members of the IRKS general membership shall be allowed to vote on any club action.*

Add: *Absentee votes will be allowed and must be submitted by letter or e-mail to any Board member prior to any meeting, at which time the absentee votes will be submitted to the Recording Secretary.*

(See Article 13 for additional voting in case of expulsion of a member.)

Article 13: Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Membership

Revise Section 3), sentence 5 to read: *The membership shall be notified 30 days prior to the actual vote and expulsion shall require a 2/3 majority of all members present plus all verified absentee votes in possession of the recording Secretary at the meeting.*

Add: *The vote for expulsion shall be by secret vote.*

Delete: *Members, not in attendance for the vote, may absentee vote by contacting any member of the Executive Board prior to the meeting.* This will be covered under the new heading; **Voting** in Article 11.

Respectfully submitted,
John Vennerholm, Treasurer
July 10, 2010

Video Library Corner

Safety Corner

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Dated Material

Do Not Delay

**First
Class
Mail
Please
Rush !!!**

**Next Meeting
Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30 P.M.
Front Street Community Center, Melbourne**

**IRKS Jim Blacketer Memorial Sailplane Contest
RES and Unlimited Airships
Space Coast Aeromodeling Park (call or email if you need directions)
Saturday September 4 @ 10:00 AM**



**Contest rules:
All AMA rules apply.**

RES: Any wingspan with Rudder/Elevator/Spoiler or Rudder/Elevator controls. All other controls must be disabled.

Unlimited: Any size wingspan with any control setup.

- **It's very important that non-IRKS pilots be at the Landfill Gate by 9:20 AM!**
 - Our landlord requires pilots either be IRKS members or signed in by an IRKS member
 - We will not have an IRKS member at the gate after 9:20 AM
 - This will ensure you can clear the gate and be at the 9:30 AM Pilots Meeting
- **Registration starts at 8:30 AM**
 - Fee is \$5.00 per class
 - Pilot may fly both classes – either same ship or two different ships - no sharing between pilots

❖ Pilots Meeting at 9:30 AM	❖ First Launch at 10:00 AM Sharp
❖ L5 Landing Zone	❖ Bring Your Lunch!

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