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IRKS Meeting Minutes 18 November 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Gerry Armstrong asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. Gerry A. asked for a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was made and seconded. Gerry A. called for a vote to approve the minutes. The motion carried.


Officer Reports




Gerry Armstrong, the President, reported October concessions brought in \$31.15, the 50/50 raffle brought in \$17.00 and donations of \$123.00 (sale of two donated planes plus an individual donation) for a total of \$171.15. The Flying Site Fund paid out \$1552.44 to include \$222.94 for speaker refurbishment, \$327.21 toward the Valkaria sunshade, and \$822.39 toward replacing equipment lost at the Valkaria due to fire damage. The Flying Site fund stands at \$39,716.29. With \$283.63 remaining from the original \$5,000.00 sun shade budget, \$600.00 to pilot stations \$5,000.00 for entry road materials, \$2,176.06 of the original \$2,400.00 for speakers and installation at 524 site, \$1,042.08 for the spectator fence at the 524 site, \$20.10 from the original \$200.00 for a flag pole at the 524 site and \$672.79 of the original \$1,000.00 for the Valkaria sunshade. This leaves the uncommitted Flying Site Fund balance at \$29,941.73.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, shared some transmitters he obtained from a vendor in Ohio.



Steve Formanek, the Secretary, was not present this month.



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported the general fund balance was \$3,501.24, with outstanding checks yet to be cashed at \$725.68, leaving an available balance of \$2,775.56. John reported income from the Vintage Radio Control Society event of \$260.00 (Dave Platt believes the income was actually \$305.00 – John Vennerholm will correct and update at the next membership meeting), with the remainder from membership dues for a total of income of \$1841.00. Expenses included \$125.00 for legal fees to develop an indemnity clause to avoid personal liability against the club officers in the event of a lawsuit against the club. Other expenses included \$80.00 for meeting hall rent, administrative supplies of \$401.00(library and office supplies), \$20.00 for contests, \$10.00 for Florida Soaring Society membership, \$43.33 on buildings and structures, \$437.46 for 524 site equipment parts

\$94.95 for fuel, \$60.00 for mowing equipment repairs, \$28.00 for other repair parts, \$254.00 for support items, for 524 Site \$4.00 roadway maintenance, \$123.59 for Valkaria equipment items and \$110.00 for fire ant control. The total for expenses was \$945.00, leaving a net income of \$895.02. John also shared a pie chart graph of the general fund expenditures, with approximately 50% going toward site maintenance and upkeep, 30% (in accordance with the bylaws) going toward the Flying Site Fund and with the remainder covering contests, events and the newsletter. John also reported status on preparing for the sanctioned sailplane event in February 2010. John also reported that a B-17 pilot that was slated to speak at the club Veterans Day Fly-in did not make the event due to a medical condition, but did donate an autographed book to the club library, which documents his 20th World War II mission. John recommends this as an excellent read, capturing the details of his bailout over Germany and following experiences as a prisoner of war.



Ron Huhn, the Safety Officer, cautioned members about leaning back in the chairs at the flying site and asked members to place the chairs under sunshade when not in use. The ultraviolet radiation, couple with members and guests leaning back, is causing the chairs to break.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, asked Hardy Birch to recap the results of the Veterans Day Fly-in. The profit was over \$700.00, which will go to a disabled veteran. There were 56 pilots and two veteran guest speakers. Don Fourson reminded members about the SEAR outdoor Electric Fly-in November and that he needed a contest coordinator for the December fun fly. Tom Bogut will provide details of the Valkaria Funfest at the December membership meeting.

Old Business

Officer Elections – Gerry Armstrong reported there were no nominations for Secretary or Field Manager and that Gerry reluctantly offered to run again for President. Gerry made a motion to accept the officer ballot and asked for and received and second. There was no discussion. The membership voted on and carried the motion.

Pilot Station Sunshades – At the October meeting, Steve Rasbach opened up discussion on the options of either building the two additional pilot sunshades approved as a line item in the 2009 Flying Site budget. Discussion focused on the pilot benefits, especially during hot weather vs potential hazards to pilots that may lose sight of their aircraft, should they get their aircraft behind the safety line. Jim MacLean made a motion to remove the current pilot sunshade and not build the other two, but to defer the vote until the November general membership meeting. The motion was seconded. Gerry called for discussion on the motion, which included a review of discussions from the October meeting. Gerry called for a vote and the membership defeated the motion – the current pilot sunshade will remain in place and the previously approved two additional pilot sunshades will be installed.

Pilot of the Year Program – At the October membership meeting, Don Fourson made a motion to eliminate the Pilot of the Year Program for 2010, but to defer the vote until the November general membership meeting. The motion was seconded. Gerry called for discussion. Steve Rasbach requested Don modify the motion to permanently remove the POTY program, rather than just for 2010. Don Fourson agreed. After additional discussion, Gerry called for a vote. The membership accepted the motion to terminate the POTY program.

524 Spectator Fence – The spectator fence for the powered RC runway is still in flux. Gerry is waiting for feedback from AMA to determine if the need to have a spectator fence is a condition for AMA flying site insurance.

Control Line Sunshade – Roger Vizioli is adjusting the final dimensions for the permit for the control line sunshade and will be submitting it soon. A club member has already delivered the roof panels.

Sunshade Floor – Gerry Armstrong is working the details for installing the recently purchased pavers with Jeff Spurgeon. Once Jeff gets the leveling sand, he will begin installing the pavers – tentatively scheduled for Thanksgiving Day weekend.

2010 Budget – Gerry Armstrong and John Vennerholm reviewed their draft Flying Site Fund and General Fund 2010 budgets with the membership. Gerry pointed out a new line item of \$2,095.00 for a new winch/retriever set up. Also once Jeff Spurgeon gets a better idea on cost to complete the sunshade floor, Gerry will add that information to the Flying Site budget. Steve Rasbach asked if the budget included portable handicapped and wash basin for special club events. John responded that the cost is included for the special events. The budget will be voted on at the December general membership meeting.

New Business

Temporary Entry Road Shutdown – Gerry pointed out that the temporary shutdown of the entry road to the 524 site, as forewarned in the Airscoop, has already occurred.

Big Bird Event – Tom Dobyms will not be able to run the Big Bird event in January 2010. Dave Platt volunteered to run the event.

Flying Site Fund – Danny Dowling made a motion to transfer responsibility for the Flying Site fund from the President to the Treasurer and further require dual signature on Flying Site fund checks. Since this is a change to the bylaws, a vote will have to be deferred to the December membership meeting.

Honorary Lifetime IRKS Membership for General Blesse – Dale Kai made a motion that the club offer a lifetime honorary IRKS membership to General Blesse (a guest speaker at the 2009 IRKS Veterans Day Fly-in). Steve Rasbach asked the motion be amended to include all past and future Veterans Day Fly-in guest speakers. Dale agreed. One member questioned if we can do that and still be compliant with AMA membership requirements. Dale agreed to table the motion until that could be researched.

Show and Tell

Dave Kai – shared a dummy 30mm round he purchased from an Air Force fund raiser booth at a recent event. The dummy rounds are used in A-10 Warthog aircraft. Dale shared some literature on the A-10 gun system.

Phil Veatch – shared a modification on a tool to install blind nuts.

Dick Antoszewski – shared a 3M 5200 fast cure sealant used to attach plastic fuel tanks to many other materials, (such as aluminum plates). Dick uses this method on his control line aircraft. The sealant is available at West Marine.

Paul Cohen – shared his simple homemade helicopter on a stick

The membership selected Paul's demonstration as Show and Tell of the month.

Model of the Month

Dick Antoszewski – shared a scratch built stunt control line plane from a 1948 design.

Ron Ellis – shared a Guillows Number Three Trainer for control line.

Roger Green – shared a Spitfire he built by converting a profile plan to a built up control line plane

Dave Platt – shared a scratch built twin electric airplane. It weighs 10 pounds and has retractable landing gear.

Fahim Ahmed – shared a foam electric B-25 airplane and weighs about 12 pounds.

The membership selected Dave's airplane as Model of the Month.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle this month yielded \$18.00 to the club and \$19.00 went to Lee Royer.

Event Report

Bob Whitney shared information about a control line contest.

Upcoming Events

Southeastern Electric Aircraft event at the 524 site on 21 and 22 Nov

Control Line Event at Lake Wales on 28 Nov 09

For The Good of the Club

By-law change

Motion to add the following two items to Article 6, Flying Site Development Fund.

1. With the club merchandise being part of the flying site fund, the fund custodian shall be responsible for the ordering, storage and selling of all club merchandise.
2. The flying site fund custodian shall also be responsible for the storage and selling of all property that is donated to the club to be sold to add money to the flying site fund.

New Sound System

Last year Danny Dowling made motion to add \$2000 to the flying site budget to purchase new speakers for the club. After testing and a little refurbishing it was found that 11 of the 12 speakers the club already owns were fully functional. Since these speakers are more than adequate for our events we will be making a motion, at the December meeting, to put the \$2000 back into the flying site fund. With that being said, our current sound system does need replacing. We are recommending that we buy a new system and have added \$700 to the 2010 Flying Site budget to make the purchase.

January Awards Banquet Details

Next month at our Awards Banquet on January 20th, we will once again be having a delicious meal prepared by our very own professional chef Anne Gregory. It will be held at our normal meeting place at the Front Street Community Center at 7:30. The cost of the meals will be \$10.00 per person. We will start taking names and money at this month's meeting. All participants must sign up before January 14th so Anne can purchase the materials. The menu is as follows:

IRKS Annual Awards Banquet

Wednesday January 20, 2010

Catering by Chef Anne Gregory of Xquisite Edibles La Femme Chef

Dinner served at 7:30 PM

Menu selection

Carving Station Baked Ham with Pineapple

or

Baked Tuscan style Lemon Chicken

Both entrée's served with Snowflake Potatoes

Dinner Rolls

Tossed Fresh Salad with choice of dressings

**Beverages: Ice Tea Sweetened and Unsweetened
Coffee**

Dessert: Cheesecake with toppings

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Video Library Corner

The IRKS Video Library List on the web site has been updated to include the latest videos that have been purchased.

Some of the recent video purchases include:

- Radio Clinic for Sailplanes
- IRCHA Heli Jamboree 2008
- Neat Fair 2008
- SEFF 2009
- XFC 2009 Combo
- AMA Video - Joe Nall 2008
- AMA Video - SEFF 2008
- Ultimate 3D
- Building Hollow Composite Aircraft Structures

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2010 Membership Renewals

If you do not wish to mail your membership renewal to the club post office box, John Vennerholm will accept 2010 membership renewals at the December club meeting.

Remember to renew before December 31st to avoid the \$20 late fee.

New Charging Station

Since most of our members now have electric power models, we would like to build a charging station which will consist of several deep cycle batteries that are consistently charged by a solar charger. This would alleviate the need for members to charge off their car battery. We have added this to the proposed 2010 Flying Site budget.

The Club Needs a New Secretary

Steve Formanek will be retiring from the position of club secretary in January. We are in dire need of a replacement to fill this very important position. If you are interested in helping the club please contact Gerry Armstrong @ 727-8199 for further details.

2010 General Fund Budget

INDIAN RIVER KONTROL SOCIETY
 GENERAL FUND
 Proposed 2010 Budget
 Revised 14 November 2009

	2009	2010	EXPENSE	2009	2010	EXPENSE	2009	2010
INCOME								
Dues			Events			524 Buildings & structures		
Dues - Regular	\$ 13,600		Banquet	\$ 200	\$ 200	Flight station maint.	\$ 100	\$ 100
Dues - Junior	\$ 30		Big Bird	\$ 500	\$ 500	Portable toilet rental	\$ 1,634	\$ 1,647
Dues - Family	\$ 990		Club Picnics	\$ 250	\$ 500	Wind socks	\$ 40	\$ 60
Dues - Snowbird	\$ 800		Combat	\$ 125	\$ 200			
Dues - Total	\$ 15,420	\$ 16,000	Club contests	\$ 300	\$ 50			
			Control line fun fly	\$ 125	\$ 180	524 Runway & flying surfaces		
Other			Indoor Fly-in	\$ 240	\$ 240	Cl. circle centers	\$ 275	\$ 365
Banquet	\$ 600	\$ 600	Model of the Month	\$ 110	\$ 110	Cl. tables	\$ 58	\$ 60
Big Bird	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	Participant of the Year	\$ 600	\$ 600	Electric fence	NIB	\$ 200
Combat	\$ 400	\$ 260	Pilot of the Year	\$ 180	\$ -	Fertilizer	\$ 1,640	\$ 2,700
Indoor Fly-in	\$ 240	\$ 240	Power Fun-Flys	NIB	\$ 200	Fire ant control	\$ 500	\$ 400
Sailplane contest	\$ 600	\$ 600	Sailplane contest	\$ 250	\$ 250	Field lease & Rentals	\$ 1	\$ 1
SEAR (Sanctioned)	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	SEAR	\$ 200	\$ 200	Roadway maint.	\$ 200	\$ 200
Veterans' Day	\$ 300	\$ 300	Show & Tell	\$ 55	\$ 55	Weed killer	\$ 230	\$ 200
VRCS	\$ 200	\$ 500	Valkaria Air Fest	\$ 25	\$ 25			
			Veterans' Day fly-in	\$ 300	\$ 300			
			VRCS	\$ 300	\$ 150	524 Equipment		
						Consumables	\$ 400	\$ 100
Budget Summary						Fuel/oil/grease	\$ 1,100	\$ 600
INCOME			Administrative			Repair parts	\$ 1,800	\$ 600
Dues	\$ 16,000		AMA Charter	\$ 150	\$ 150	Retail repairs	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other	\$ 4,000		Bank fees	NIB	\$ 20	Sailplane launch gear	\$ 1,390	\$ 130
Transfer from Flying site Fund	\$ 1,903		Check stop	NIB	\$ 80	Support items	\$ 25	\$ 40
Total Income	\$ 21,903	\$ 21,903	Florida incorporation fee	\$ 65	\$ 65			
			Flyers & mailings	\$ 20	\$ 30	Valkaria		
EXPENSES			Insurance	\$ 240	\$ 240	Equipment maint.	\$ 500	\$ 500
Events	\$ 3,760		Library	\$ 500	\$ 400	Field lease	\$ 360	\$ 360
Administrative	\$ 2,246		Meeting hall	\$ 240	\$ 967	Field Maintenance	\$ 880	\$ 880
Newsletter	\$ 85		Office supplies	\$ 50	\$ 150	Start stands	NIB	\$ 50
524 Buildings & Structures	\$ 1,807		P.O.B.- Palm Bay	\$ 160	\$ 94	Consumables	NIB	\$ 50
524 Runway & Flying Surfaces	\$ 4,126		Postage	\$ 140	\$ -			
524 Equipment	\$ 1,670		Q-Books on-line backup	\$ 50	\$ 50	Transfers assigned by By-Laws		
Valkaria	\$ 1,840		Newsletter			To Flying Site Fund	\$ 5,790	
Transfer to Flying Site Fund	\$ 5,790		Printing	\$ 150	\$ 25	To New Equipment Fund	\$ 579	\$ 579
Transfer to New Equipment Fund	\$ 579		Postage & Materials	\$ 130	\$ 60			
Total Expenses	\$ 21,903	\$ 21,903						
NEW EQUIPMENT FUND								
Proposed 2010 Budget								
Income								
Expenses								
Balance 31 December, 2009	\$ -							
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 579							

2010 Flying Site Budget

Proposed 2010 Flying Site Fund Budget				
Income			Expenses	
Membership Dues	5,790		Glider winch & retriever	2095
Concessions	180		Valkaria Sunshade	975
50/50	260		Sound System	700
Merchandise	100		Charging Station	1500
Donations	300			
Total	6,630		Total	5,270

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**Next Meeting
Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30 P.M.
Front Street Community Center, Melbourne**