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## IRKS Meeting Minutes 16 December 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 November 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 November concessions brought in \$25.50, the 50/50 raffle brought in \$18.00 for a total of \$43.50. The Flying Site Fund paid out \$833.59 for flying site development. The Flying Site fund stands at \$39,656.01. With \$54.64 remaining from the original \$5,000.00 sun shade budget, \$600.00 to pilot stations, \$5,000.00 for entry road materials, \$2,000.00 for speakers, \$176.06 for speaker installation at 524 site, \$1,042.08 for the spectator fence at the 524 site, \$68.28 of the original \$1,000.00 for the Valkaria sunshade and control line sunshade at \$2,300.00. This leaves the uncommitted Flying Site Fund balance at \$28,515.04.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, shared Bob's Hobby in Orlando would be open Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> in case someone needed to do any Christmas shopping. Charley also shared his attempts to get with Melbourne Mall management in hopes of getting support for our annual club mall show. For non-profit organizations, the mall will rent us space for \$75.00 for each day, for a total of \$150.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay the \$150.00 for a two day mall show in July 2010.



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



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported the general fund balance was \$6,138.18, with outstanding checks yet to be cashed at \$347.00, leaving an available balance of \$5,791.04. John reported income of \$4,393.00, mostly from dues and guest membership, with \$949.00 from the SEAR event. Expenses included administrative costs of \$7.27 for printing, \$10.00 for Model of the Month, \$5.00 for Show and Tell, \$307.39 for SEAR cost, and \$820.96 for toilet rental, including the extra rentals for the SEAR event. Other expenses included \$27.12 for fuel and \$123.46 for electric fence repairs for a total for expenses was \$1,301.00, leaving a net income of \$3,091.80.



Ron Huhn, the Safety Officer, had nothing to report.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, asked Gerry Armstrong to provide a rundown on the SEAR outdoor Electric Fly-in November. Gerry reported we had 61 pilots and a gross income of \$949.00. Don reported that he had no volunteers to run the December 20<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly and asked for and received a motion and second to cancel the Fun Fly. After discussion, the membership voted to cancel the Fun Fly. Don reminded members about the January Awards Banquet and the January Big Bird Event. Don asked Danny Melnik to speak about hosting a precision helicopter contest and Fun Fly in March. Tom Bogut will provide details of the Valkaria Funfest at the December membership meeting. Don Fourson proposed a March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> date for the helicopter event, which would de-conflict with the Florida Soaring Society event. The membership approved the addition of the helicopter event to the club calendar.

## Old Business

Flying Site Fund – Danny Dowling made a motion at the November meeting 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, the vote was deferred to the December membership meeting. Gerry A. asked for discussion. The comments made addressed the additional workload on the Treasurer, the thought that the Treasurer should be responsible for all club money accounts and the issues of security with having one person responsible for the money versus two or more. Gerry A. called for a vote. The motion was defeated.

New Speakers for the 524 Site – The Flying Site Budget currently has a line for \$2,000.00 for new speakers at the 524 site. However, Gerry A. was able to refurbish 11 of the 12 club speakers and proposed a motion in the December Airscoop to cancel the line item in the 2010 budget for the 524 site. There was discussion if the \$2,000.00 line item also included a new sound system. Gerry A. responded no, speakers only, but will propose a new line item for a new sound amplifier system when it's time to discuss the 2010 budget. Gerry A. called for a vote. The motion was approved.

524 Spectator Fence – Gerry obtained feedback from AMA that a spectator fence is a recommendation, but not a requirement for insurance purposes. Ron Huhn offered that the club should set up a temporary spectator fence for large events. Steve Rasbach made a motion and obtained a second to strike the budget line item for a spectator fence. Gerry A. called for a vote. The motion was approved.

Control Line Sunshade – Roger Vizioli stated he updated the drawings to reflect a new location for the sunshade. The recent heavy rains showed the previously planned location would have been in standing water. Bob Smith's son donated the roof panels for the sunshade. There was a motion made and second to grant free membership to Bob Smith in return for his son's donation. Gerry A. called for a vote. The membership approved the motion with a unanimous vote.

524 RC Sunshade Floor – Jeff Spurgeon is working on gathering the materials and installing the sunshade floor.

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.

2010 Budget – Gerry Armstrong and John Vennerholm reviewed their final draft Flying Site Fund and General Fund 2010 budgets with the membership. John made a motion to approve the General Fund budget as posted in the December 2009 Airscoop. The motion was seconded. Gerry A. called for a vote. The motion was approved.

Gerry pointed out a new line item of \$2,095.00 for a new winch/retriever set up. Jim Blacketer and Kris Van Nostran provided the rationale for the new winch/retriever. Gerry A. asked for and received a motion and second to add the winch/retriever to the 2010 Flying Site Fund budget. The motion was approved.

Gerry A. asked for a motion and second to add \$975.00 to the 2010 Flying Site Fund budget to complete the Valkaria Sunshade. The original estimate was not enough to complete the project. Gerry A. called for a vote on adding the additional funding to the 2010 Flying Site Fund Budget. The motion was approved.

Gerry A. provided the rationale for purchasing a new sound system to replace the one that failed. The estimated cost is \$700.00. Gerry A. asked for and received a motion and second to add the new 524 site sound system, to include proper storage equipment to prevent corrosion, to the 2010 Flying Site Fund budget. Gerry A. asked for a vote. The motion was approved.

Gerry A. provided the rationale to add a charging station to the 2010 Flying Site Fund budget. The station would be solar powered and allow members to charge their electric-powered aircraft. The design would be presented to the club before purchasing the items. Gerry A. asked for and received a motion and second to add \$1,500.00 line item to the 2010 Flying Site Fund budget. Gerry A. asked for a vote. The motion was approved.

January Awards Banquet – As stated in the December 2009 Airscoop, Anne Gregory has agreed to cater the January 2010 Awards Banquet. Gerry A. will accept money and menu preferences after the meeting.

Article 6 Bylaw Change – As a result of the November membership meeting, Gerry A. drafted changes to Article 6 of the club by laws, detailing the duties of the person managing the Flying Site Fund. Gerry A. reviewed the details (as was posted in the December 2009 Airscoop) with the membership. Gerry A. asked for and received a motion and second to accept the bylaw changes. Gerry A. asked for a vote. The motion was approved.

## **New Business**

Delays in Reimbursement Checks – John Vennerholm pointed out that since Steve Formanek is no longer the club secretary and he was one of the co-signatory on General Fund checks, there may be a delay in sending out reimbursement checks until John Vennerholm and Gerry Armstrong (one of the co-signatories) can coordinate their respective schedules.

Soaring Special Interest Group Spokesman – John Vennerholm pointed out that Jim Blacketer is the Soaring SIG spokesman and focal point for within and external to the club.

February Soaring Event – John Vennerholm provided preliminary details on the 20/21 February soaring event, to include field closure times.

## **Show and Tell**

Dale Kai – shared design to charge equipment at the field.

Bob Whitney – shared a cleaner to remove diesel fuel residue from control line models and a an electric chain saw motor that could be used in lieu of a Dremel tool.

Bruce Rodriguez – shared an electric powered stick aircraft that was made from several different parts.

Gabriel Rouzer – shared his 63 inch-wingspan training aircraft, weighing about 5 pounds.

Ernie LeClair – shared his recent bargain purchases of speed controllers and batteries from Hobby King and a tool box he bought at Lowes to store his lipo's in.

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

## **Model of the Month**

Kris Van Nostran – shared his 2 meter glider kit called the Sky for a cost of \$200.00.

Fahim Ahmed – shared a foam electric Tempest airplane.

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

## **50/50 Raffle**

The 50/50 raffle this month yielded \$21.00 to the club and \$22.00 went to Fred Margarido

## **Event Report**

No events were discussed.

## **Upcoming Events**

No upcoming events were mentioned.

## For The Good of the Club

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Club Secretary Duties

The e-board has discussed the possibility of recommending to the club, the splitting of the club's secretary job into two separate positions to lessen the burden. The recommended duties would be as follows:

### Recording Secretary:

1. Take and prepare all meeting minutes.
2. Be the only SINGLE club originator and contact for all outside correspondence.
3. Check Palm Bay POB periodically for incoming mail and distribute as appropriate.
4. Co-sign General Fund and Flying Site Fund checks.
5. Process annual charter, incorporation and lease arrangements and maintain old club files.

### Membership Secretary:

1. Maintain club member database (Microsoft Access), E-mail updates, pilot status (solo)
2. Process all membership applications, renewals and membership cards and associated financial receipt records.

Lee Royer has volunteered to take on the current secretary vacancy on a trial basis and would possibly be willing to take on the Recording Secretary job. So we are looking for members that would be interested in helping the club by taking on the Membership Secretary duties. If you're interested, please contact an e-board member.

## Proposed By-laws addition

Below is a proposed by-laws addition by John Vennerholm, which will be discussed and voted on at the February meeting.

### ARTICLE 17

**Indemnification:** The corporate shall indemnify and hold harmless the officers, directors and board members from any and all liability, including reasonable legal fees, arising from any action against them due to their activities on behalf of the corporation, as long as their actions were within the scope of their authority as an officer, director or board member.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

X \_\_\_\_\_, President

X \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President

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**Dated Material**

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**Next Meeting  
Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 P.M.  
Front Street Community Center, Melbourne**