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IRKS Meeting Minutes 19 May 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Gerry Armstrong. Gerry asked for a motion to approve the April 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 \$43568.60. There are funds allocated for approved projects of \$9957.30, leaving an available balance of \$33611.20 in the Flying Site Fund.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, described the damage to the sunshade at the 524 site. It appears the damage may have been caused by a microburst. Regardless of what caused the damage the sunshade must be rebuilt.



Lee Royer, Secretary, nothing to report.

Mark Sorenson, Membership Secretary, nothing to report.



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported an audit had been performed for both the General Fund and the Flying Site Fund. No discrepancies were noted.

John reported expenses exceeded income by \$347 for the month, leaving the General Fund balance of \$4226.44. There are outstanding checks of \$255.73 and \$420 allocated for new equipment. This leaves an available balance in the General Fund of \$4646.49.



Ron Huhn, nothing to report.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, reported that Gordon Buckland of the Orlando Buzzards finished first in the Gentle Lady Plus glider event, followed by Kris Van Nostran, Jim Maclean, John Vennerholm, and Steve Formanek.

The next event is the sailplane event scheduled for June 12.

Don made a motion to add a second day, Sunday November 14, to the Combat event scheduled for December. This would permit adding an additional class to the event. The Combat event does not shut down the main RC runway as the event takes place over the in the Glider Area. In addition to the Glider area, the helicopter area and the control line area will also be closed. The motion passed.

Old Business

Control Line Sunshade – Postponed until the RC Sunshade repairs are completed.

The charging system a load test will be re-scheduled following the repair of the RC sunshade.

The county will allow us to repair the RC sunshade without requiring a new permit. We will also be allowed to set the supports in concrete. AMA may provide \$500 to assist in repairing the sunshade.

There was some discussion about using different materials for the roof rather than the metal roofing. This will be discussed at June meeting; however, the county may insist that we repair the sunshade

A motion was made to spend up to \$5000 to repair the sunshade and replace any equipment that may have been destroyed. The motion will be voted on at the June meeting.

New Business

Because of the damage to the sunshade, the picnic will be rescheduled after the repairs are completed. The motion to fund the picnic will be voted upon again at then.

A motion was made and seconded to limit all non income producing events to \$500. Event spending, all non income producing events, such as picnics, club fun fly's, etc, will be limited to a \$500 spending cap. IRKS awards program are exempt and their limits will be set by the annual budget.

After reading a statement of concern over detrimental actions and behavior of a club member, Dave Platt made a motion to expel Hardy Birch from the club and return his 2010 dues.

Show and Tell

Scott Bauman showed the box he designed and built to transport and store his micro-film indoor free flight airplanes.

Fahim Ahmed showed the foam A10 he has designed and is building and preparing to kit. It will have a 73 inch wing span with 2 90 mm ducted fans. He estimated the flying weight will be 10 to 12 pounds.

Bob Whitney discussed a new 12/24 volt Sullivan Hi-Tork starter. With two motorcycle batteries in series it will start any large motor easily.

The club voted to award Fahim as the Show and Tell for May.

Model of the Month

Ernie LeClair showed a Berkley Custom Privateer flying boat that he has converted to electric power. The kit is 52 years old and was originally powered by a McCoy 60. The plane weighs 9 1/2 pounds and is powered by a Turnigy 4250 brushless motor running on a 4-Cell LiPo battery.

Charlie Gray showed his giant Slow Stik with an 84 inch wing span. Charlie received the broken aircraft from Millennium RC and had to repair the wing and rebuild fuselage. The motor is a Storm Motor running on two 5 Cell batteries spinning an 18-6 prop. It weighs about 12 pounds.

The club voted Ernie's Custom Privateer as the Model of the Month.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bob Whitney with \$16 to Bob and \$16 to the Flying Site Fund.

Event Reports

Gerry reported there were over 500 pilots at SEFF. During the 3rd day Gerry O'Keefe convinced JT Pierce to go to hospital to have his foot checked where a blood clot was discovered in JT's leg. Without Gerry's insistence, JT may have had a much worse outcome. Dale and Sue helped pack up JT's gear.

Dale reported over 900 pilots registered at this years Joe Nall. Dale mentioned that a new helicopter field was prepared.

For the good of the Club

This month, the e-board had to address the serious issue of expelling a member from the club. In accordance with Article 7 of our by-laws, a member can only be expelled by Article 13 which states the E-board must vote to recommend expulsion or Article 16 which is our grievance process which must meet certain criteria before expulsion can take place. Since Dave Platt's motion did not fall into either article the e-board considered it out of order. Since this was a serious enough matter that a motion was made to expel a member, the e-board voted on whether to recommend the expulsion of Hardy Birch to the club. The E-Board voted unanimously not to recommend the expulsion of Hardy, therefore the motion to expel will not be presented for a vote at the June meeting. A discussion between Hardy and the e-board led to setting a club goal of trying to develop a more harmonious working relationship with all our members.

Video Library Corner

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

The IRKS web site address is www.irks.org/. Just select **Video Library** in the column on the left side of the web page and this allows you to list the video library in a PDF format by selecting the [Click here to download the video list in a PDF format](#). The video library list can be viewed online, printed, or saved on your computer for later viewing.

Safety Corner

I saw four empty beer bottles at the Space Coast Aeromodeling Park at the field Thursday June 3rd. Drinking and participation in model operation is against IRKS club policy and cannot be condoned. Excerpts from AMA and IRKS documents on this subject are listed below as a reminder of the rules:

AMA General Site Rules

The 2010 Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code states: 9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.

This is written this way because of legal issues with the definition of “under the influence” being different in every state. According to the Florida statute, you are legally considered “under the influence” if your blood alcohol or breath alcohol level is .08% or above.

Indian River Kontrol Society General/Safety Rules for the Space Coast Aeromodeling Park

Alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances are strictly prohibited on the premises.

We have a right to be able to fly in a safe environment and we all need to help enforce the rules while we are at the field. The long term procedure to deal with alcohol abuse at the field is to use the clubs grievance procedure. The IRKS club bylaws provide for a three step grievance procedure as a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules.

Ron Huhn
IRKS Safety Officer

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