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IRKS Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

The June 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:30 PM. One “guest” was present, George Hickson. George was visiting tonight but he was a member previously; he is now retired and back “in town” so hopefully he will join us once again!

President Armstrong requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the June 2023 issue of The Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion. Roger Hardin once again provided some snacks to munch on this evening. (If any member would like to volunteer to bring snacks to our meetings please contact Roger Hardin at 321-431-6779. Those bringing snacks get an extra raffle ticket towards a \$20 cash prize.)

Officer Reports:



Gerry Armstrong, President: May concessions were **\$5.00** and that was the only income. Flying Site Fund: we have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and **\$81,341.77** in savings for a total of **\$83,087.78** We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are **\$82,587.78**.



Vice President Ernie LeClair: Ernie reminded everyone about the UFO event scheduled for this coming Saturday (June 24th) and stressed that we may have to postpone it due to the weather. Please check your email for notices!



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger said that he recently renewed his FAA drone registration online. The cost is still \$5 for three years but now the process asks for descriptions and serial numbers (if assigned) of one’s aircraft. Roger said he entered info for several of his planes but forgot a few...oh well!

Roger also said he decided that the Remote ID (RID) unit he had talked about at the last meeting was not really suitable for use because of the design of the wiring connectors and that it required a separate antenna. Also he was not going to give out his credit card number to a company in Eastern Europe!

In other news Roger contacted Chad Budreau at the AMA regarding asking the FAA to change the minimum weight for RIDs from 250g to 1.0 kg. Per Chad the FAA is not willing to change the weight...they are too concerned about even small “drones” being capable of carrying ordinance or other nefarious devices.

On a final note Roger told about finding a lipo battery alongside the pig fence while he was mowing recently. The battery had apparently been “secured” with rubber band(s) but it fell out. Come on, guys...secured??? Not.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary for May 2023: Income was **\$85.33** for 2023 dues, **\$30.67** for 2024 dues, and a **\$24.00** donation to the Flying Site Fund.



Expenses for the month were **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, **\$85.33** for the Porta-Potty, **\$550.00** for runway maintenance (Valkaria), **\$50.28** for Mower Parts and Supplies, **\$56.29** for Gas and Oil, and **\$28.97** for Field Equipment. The total expenses were **\$790.87**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$9,971.84**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$1,381.34** in future year’s dues. The available funds for the year are **\$8,590.50**.



Ernie LeClair Safety Officer: Ernie talked briefly about yet another Lipo fire. This one was in New York at an electric bicycle shop!

Old Business: There were no motions brought up at our last meeting and there have been no new concerns at the 524 site.

Regarding our search for a new flying site there is, once again, no good news. Gerry said that both the Deseret company and the Platts said “no”, and the Palm Bay City Manager said that the city has no money to purchase anything in “the compound” (so there’s nothing for us there.)

Gerry sent an email to Osceola County Commissioner Ricky Booth but he has not responded yet. He will also be looking into possibly using Fred Poppe Park (in Palm Bay) for gliders.

Gerry has also finally been able to send info to the AMA requesting that our Valkaria site be declared a FRIA.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss this evening.

Model of the Month and Show and Tell: JT Pearce brought in his newest “mini” plane 😊, a 100” Turbo Bushmaster from Extreme Flight. It sports a 40cc-size Scorpion Motor, swings a 23 X 8 prop, and a 10S battery system. Per JT the Bushmaster “can do any trick you can imagine!”



JT Pearce’s 100” Turbo Bushmaster

Roger Hardin brought in his now-finished Dancing Wings Sunbird motorized glider. Roger said it flies great, has plenty of power, and he gets about 6-8 “flights up to altitude” with the 1000mAh battery it carries.



Roger Hardin’s Dancing Wings Sunbird

Event Reports: JT Pearce gave us a run-down of the Joe Nall event he recently attended. He got there when it first opened and flew his Skywing Edge several times. JT said there were some *really* nice planes and jets there and the pilots were fantastic.

Raffle: Our very own “club accountant” Lee Royer won tonight’s \$20 cash prize. See...meeting attendance does indeed “add up.”

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

For The Good of The Club:

IRKS Swap & Meet - Our Swap Meet will be this Wednesday night July 19th during our general membership meeting. Doors open at 7:00PM.

IRKS UFO Event – Our UFO Event is scheduled for this Saturday July 22nd. As I’m sure you are aware the weather forecast for this week is lots of rain. There is a high probability that the event may be postponed, so watch your email for the latest updates.

Urgent Safety Notice on next page!

Urgent Safety Notice

It's been hot – and it's likely to get even hotter!

- Stay hydrated – drink lots of water
- Take frequent breaks – get in the shade
- Cool down periodically – find an airconditioned space
- Carry your cell phone with you – on your person
- You're older – your body is less efficient at keeping cool
- Know the symptoms of dehydration and heat exhaustion

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES	
WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT TO DO
HEAT STROKE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High body temperature (103°F or higher)• Hot, red, dry, or damp skin• Fast, strong pulse• Headache• Dizziness• Nausea• Confusion• Losing consciousness (passing out)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency• Move the person to a cooler place• Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath• Do not give the person anything to drink
HEAT EXHAUSTION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy sweating• Cold, pale, and clammy skin• Fast, weak pulse• Nausea or vomiting• Muscle cramps• Tiredness or weakness• Dizziness• Headache• Fainting (passing out)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to a cool place• Loosen your clothes• Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath• Sip water <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are throwing up• Your symptoms get worse• Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour
HEAT CRAMPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavy sweating during intense exercise• Muscle pain or spasms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop physical activity and move to a cool place• Drink water or a sports drink• Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cramps last longer than 1 hour• You're on a low-sodium diet• You have heart problems
SUNBURN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Painful, red, and warm skin• Blisters on the skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals• Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath• Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas• Do not break blisters
HEAT RASH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay in a cool, dry place• Keep the rash dry• Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash

