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## IRKS Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023

The July 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:35 PM. There were no guests or visitors present this evening.

President Armstrong requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the July 2023 issue of The Aircoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion. President Armstrong provided tonight's snacks...thanks Gerry!

### Officer Reports:



**Gerry Armstrong, President:** June concessions were **\$5.00** and that was the only income. Flying Site Fund: we have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and **\$81,421.53** in savings for a total of **\$83,167.54** We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are at **\$82,667.54**.



**Vice President Ernie LeClair:** Ernie had no report this evening.



**Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary:** Roger said "I got nothin'".



**Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary:** Steve said we have 150 members currently.

**John Van Workum, Treasurer:** John read his General Fund Summary for June 2023: Income was **\$342.67** for 2023 dues, **\$153.33** for 2024 dues, **\$60.00** in late penalties, **\$64.00** in Dues Overpayment, and a **\$20.00** donation to the Flying Site Fund.



Expenses for the month were **\$290.76** for the Front Street Hall, **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, **\$64.00** in Refunds, **\$64.01** for Gas and Oil, and **\$85.33** for the Porta-Potty. The total expenses were **\$524.10**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$10,087.74**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$1,534.67** in future year's dues. The available funds for the year are **\$8,553.36**.



**Ernie LeClair Safety Officer:** Ernie talked briefly about heat-related emergencies and emphasized that heat exhaustion would probably be the most common one we might experience at the flying fields. He also talked about a recent injury to a member from a wooden prop strike. Ernie said he had a similar incident in which a plane started up suddenly (and unexpectedly) on him. He went on to advise all of us to program a “throttle cut” switch for each plane...and use it!

**Old Business:** There were no motions brought up at our last meeting, the 524 site is looking good. Gerry noted that a few maintenance items need to be addressed.

President Armstrong said that we might be able to use part of Poppe Park in Palm Bay as a glider area. The club needs to make a “proposal” regarding its use and noted that we would have to share the space with Cricket players (but not at the same time.)

The Osceola County Commissioner's Office responded by email that they have no vacant land for us to use. They said that there may be some conservation lands available and they would get back to us.

Regarding the 524 site President Armstrong made a motion that the club let him be “in charge” of throwing out stuff from the storage sheds (and keeping some stuff of course). The members in attendance this evening were OK with his motion and it passed.

Gerry and Roger are scheduled to meet with the Brevard Co. Solid Waste officials in Viera on 7/27. We normally meet with them twice yearly to discuss any items of concern and to keep the lines of communication open.

Gerry also talked about possibly of making plaques commemorating our thanks to the County for all of their help and cooperation over the years, and also to Rev-Cut (the mower company) for their service and for the fact that they didn't charge us for picking up/delivering the mowers. The membership was also OK with this.

**New Business:** Jim MacLean said that there was probably \$2K worth of “glider equipment” in the shed(s), including a winch system.

There was a question about whether our flying sites have been declared FRIAs but Gerry has no new info. He has made applications for both our sites but has received no word from the AMA on their status'.

**Model of the Month and Show and Tell:** There were none this month. There were however several models and such brought in for the swap meet including a couple trainer planes owned by the club. Please contact President Armstrong if you might be interested in these planes.

**Event Reports:** The “UFO” event will be held at the 524 site this coming Saturday.

**Raffle:** Member Phillip Moore won tonight’s \$20 cash prize.

**There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 PM.**