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IRKS Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023

The September 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:32 PM. There were no visitors or new members present, and only 9 members were in attendance this evening.

President Armstrong then requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the September 2023 issue of The Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion.

John Van Workum brought in a home-made “cobbler” with cherry pie filling for tonight’s meeting. Capital YUM! (**Secretary’s Note:** If anyone is interested in bringing snacks please contact Roger Hardin at 321-431-6779.)

Officer Reports:



Gerry Armstrong, President: August concessions were \$5.00, Gerry sold \$25.00 in club merchandise, and there was a \$100.00 donation for a total of \$130.00 in income. Flying Site Fund: we have \$1,746.01 in our checking account and \$81,586.62 in savings for a total of \$83,332.63 We still have \$500.00 in allocated funds (for repair of the 524 bulletin board) so the available funds are \$82,832.63.



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



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger gave an update on the FAA’s RID requirements and noted that the implementation date has been pushed to March 16, 2024. This supposedly was done because few companies have been able to deliver RID units and also because there are many flying sites that have not yet been granted FRIA status.



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

John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary for August 2023; Income for the month was **\$106.67** in 2023 dues and **\$181.33** in 2024 dues for a total of **\$288.00**.



Expenses for the month were **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, **\$93.48** for gas and oil (Valkaria), **\$107.00** for the Porta Potty at 524, and **\$100.00** for the Porta Potty at Valkaria. The total expenses for the month were **\$320.48**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$9,696.26**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$1,716.00** in future year's dues. The available funds for the year are **\$7,980.26**.



Ernie LeClair Safety Officer: Ernie talked briefly about the latest I-Phone model having a “fall detection system/crash detection system.” These features may be advantageous for those who suffer a fall (at the field or elsewhere) or who are involved in an auto crash.

Old Business: There have been no items of concern with the 524 site.

There has been no movement regarding our search for a new flying site but tomorrow (9/21) Gerry and Roger will be meeting with member Bob Hyres and County Commissioner Tom Goodson. They will be discussing the club's needs and hopefully be able to identify one or more sites that may be suitable.

New Business: In new business Gerry reported that 524 has been granted status as a FRIA but there has been no word regarding Valkaria.

It was also mentioned that the Florida Jets and Top Gun events will no longer be held. Frank Tiano's wife will no longer be sponsoring the event.

Show and Tell: Jim MacLean brought in a (vintage?) Circus Hobbies single-stick transmitter that he purchased from the Dennison estate sale. He noted that it was probably difficult to use (especially given the features of more modern transmitters.)



Jim MacLean's Circus Hobbies Single-stick Transmitter

Ernie LeClair brought in the RID unit he purchased from the Czech Republic (a "Drone BS.") It is not much larger than a postage stamp!

Event Reports: Jim MacLean reported that the USA team came in first at the recent F3A event (pattern flying.)

Raffle: Member Jim MacLean won tonight's \$20 prize (for the 2nd meeting in a row) just for showing up!

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

For the Good of the Club

Club Officer Elections

The 2024 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. We will be accepting nominations at the October meeting.

We will be taking nominations for:

- President – Gerry Armstrong has agreed to run again
- Recording Secretary – Roger Hardin has agreed to run again
- Membership Secretary – Steve Formanek has agreed to run again
- Field Manager – Gerry Armstrong has agreed to run again