



The Airscoop

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IRKS Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023

The October 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:32 PM. There were no visitors or new members present; 12 members were in attendance this evening.

President Armstrong 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 and seconded and only one item merited some discussion.

Roger Hardin apologized for making an error in his report for last month...the info regarding the AMA seeming to be frustrated with the FAA was from his E-Board report so that should be stricken from the October Airscoop. Following this explanation from Roger the members voted to accept the Airscoop with that portion of Roger’s report deleted.

Roger Hardin’s wife Marcia made brownies for tonight’s meeting. Those of you who didn’t attend missed the “special” snacks! (If anyone is interested in bringing snacks for any regular meeting please contact Roger Hardin at 321-431-6779.)

Officer Reports:



Gerry Armstrong, President: September concessions were **\$4.00** and that was the only income. Flying Site Fund: we still have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and now have **\$81,883.37** in savings for a total of **\$83,629.38**. We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are **\$83,129.38**.



Vice President Ernie LeClair: Ernie said he would be presenting his proposed revisions to the Flying Site Rules for Valkaria at the next meeting.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger talked about the AMA’s frustration with the FAA as indicated by the article by Tyler Dobbs in the most recent AMA Magazine issue. (See above re the October Airscoop.) It seems that the FAA has been holding off on approving some club flying sites as FRIAS “due to safety concerns” even though the FAA had previously said that the UAS rules were **not** implemented due to safety but to “national security” concerns.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve was absent this evening.

John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary for September 2023. Income was **\$56.00** for 2023 dues and **\$152.00** for 2024 dues for a total of **\$208.00**.



Expenses for the month were **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, and **\$107.00** for the Porta Potty at 524. Valkaria expenses were **\$21.34** for Work Tables, **\$78.61** for Mower Parts & Supplies, **\$25.41** for Gas & Oil, **\$100.00** for the Porta Potty, **\$27.08** for Shop Tools, and **\$76.97** for Field Equipment. The total of all of our expenses for the month was **\$456.41**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$9,447.85**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$1,956.00** in future year's dues. The available funds for the year are **\$7,491.85**.



Ernie LeClair Safety Officer: Ernie showed us a new Bleeding Control Kit that will soon be available on the bulletin board at 524 (because there is no room to include it in the AED cabinet.) When asked Ernie explained that the kit includes gloves, tourniquets, dressings, bandages and other items for use in case someone sustains a serious traumatic injury.

Old Business: Regarding our search for a new flying site President Armstrong said "there is no such thing." Gerry and Roger attended a meeting with County Commissioner Goodson where 4 possible sites were mentioned but when Gerry researched them only one was found to be promising and that was the fairgrounds in Viera. However when Gerry visited the site he met the caretaker of the fairgrounds and after sending him the info regarding our requirements the caretaker informed him that they wouldn't be able to help us. (Boo.)

As for our flying sites being designated as FRIAS 524 has been approved but the FAA requested more info regarding Valkaria. In other "Valkaria" news Gerry met with Airport Manager Adam Hyde who said that improvements to the airport will be coming but not soon. He also said that our building a new sunshade is questionable because the wooded area is a designated Scrub Jay Habitat and cannot be touched.

President Armstrong also reminded everyone that we will need help moving stuff out of 524. (Where have you seen that notice before?)

New Business: In new business we will have elections for club President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Field Manager at next month's regular meeting. President Armstrong said he has agreed to run again for President and for Field Manager, Roger Hardin has agreed to run for Recording Secretary, and Steve Formanek has agreed to run for Membership Secretary.

Roger Hardin researched attendance sheets from the last 12 months and read out the names of members who are eligible to run for office (besides those volunteers above) and who were in attendance this evening. Of those members named none wanted to run for office. As a result a motion was made to accept Gerry Armstrong, Roger Hardin, and Steve Formanek as candidates for the respective positions as noted above. The motion passed so they will be voted upon at the November regular meeting.

Show and Tell: There were no Show and Tell items this evening.

Model of the Month: Jim Deutsch brought in his Ringmaster CL plane that he built for this year's Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon event. It was built from a kit (plus other parts) and is based upon a 1957 Sterling kit. Jim outfitted it with a Fox 35 engine, and used "old time" Silkspan and dope to cover the flying surfaces and even used cloth hinges! He then painted it in a "Blue Angel" color scheme.

Jim told us this year's Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon logged 6,000 flights but his plane had only 3 flights...and it survived! 'Beautiful plane Jim.



Jim Deutsch's Ringmaster CL Plane



Ringmaster Pilot “Mini Jim” Deutsch

Event Reports: There were no event reports this evening.

Raffle: Jim Deutsch (the full-size version, not “Mini Jim”) won tonight’s \$20 prize just for showing up! Remember that members get an extra raffle ticket for bringing in something for Show and Tell, Model of the Month, or snacks.

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.

For the Good of the Club

2024 Club Officer Elections

The 2024 Club Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. The nominations have been closed and your candidates to be voted into office are as follows:

President – Gerry Armstrong
Recording Secretary – Roger Hardin
Membership Secretary – Steve Formanek
Field Manager – Gerry Armstrong

2023 Toys for Tots

Please don’t be a Scrooge! Our Toy for Tots drive started many years ago and has grown steadily over the years and has provided many moments of joy to a lot of needy kids at Christmas time. Please help us continue this worthy cause and club tradition, by bringing a new unwrapped toy of non-destruction (No guns, knives, etc.) to the November General Membership meeting at the Front Street Community Center. Thanks, and Happy Holidays!!!

IRKS Annual Dues

For those members who have IRKS membership renewals due in November or December 2023, I will have new membership cards available at the November 16th General Membership Meeting. Please bring a completed IRKS Membership Renewal form, proof of AMA membership (example, your new AMA card, temporary membership printout from the AMA site, or a receipt from AMA showing payment) and a check or money order (made out to IRKS) or cash for dues. One-year dues for regular membership are \$80; two-year dues are \$160. If renewing as a snowbird, annual dues are \$40. The one-year family rate is \$110; two-year family rate is \$220.

If you have a renewal due sometime in 2024 and have your AMA membership coverage already in place, I am prepared to issue a new IRKS card for you as well. However, you are NOT required to renew at the November General Membership Meeting. The vast majority of our membership have renewals due in December, hence my offer to set up shop in November.

As always, members can still renew by mail. My address is on the IRKS renewal form. If you do renew by mail, I would greatly appreciate inclusion of a stamped self-addressed return envelope in addition to the completed IRKS renewal form, proof of AMA, and dues.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

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2024 Budget Proposal

Below are our proposed general fund and flying site fund budgets for 2024. We will be voting on them at the November meeting.

Proposed 2024 Flying Site Fund Budget			
Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	3,477	New Shed	9,020.10
Concessions	180	Ramps for new & old shed	500
Donations	100		
Total	3,757	Total	9,520.10

IRKS 2024 Budget

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

2000 - Income

2100 - Membership Dues

2124 - Dues 2024 10,000.00

Total 2100 - Membership Dues 10,000.00

2300 - Other Income

2330 - Late Penalty 150.00

2340 - FSF Donations 50.00

2350 - Dues Over Payment 350.00

Total 2300 - Other Income 550.00

Total 2000 - Income 10,550.00

Total Income 10,550.00

Expense

3000 - General Expenses

3100 - Rentals

3110 - Front Street Hall 1,163.04

Total 3100 - Rentals 1,163.04

3200 - Awards Program

3210 - General Meeting Raffle 220.00

Total 3200 - Awards Program 220.00

3300 - Office Supplies

3310 - Stamps 66.00

3320 - Envelopes 20.00

3340 - Membership Cards 30.00

3390 - Miscellaneous 50.00

Total 3300 - Office Supplies 166.00

3500 - Organizational

3510 - AMA Re-charter 200.00

3520 - Florida Annual Report 61.25

Total 3500 - Organizational 261.25

3600 - Non-operating Expenses

3630 - Web Hosting 683.28

3650 - Refunds 350.00

Total 3600 - Non-operating Expenses 1,033.28

3700 - Event Expenses

3710 - Food & Drinks 0.00

Total 3700 - Event Expenses 0.00

3800 - Flying Site Fund

3810 - Membership Dues to FSF 3,476.55

3820 - Late Penalties 150.00

3830 - FSF Donations	50.00
Total 3800 - Flying Site Fund	<u>3,676.55</u>
Total 3000 - General Expenses	6,520.12

4000 - Adamson Rd

4100 - Rental	
4110 - Adamson Rd Site	44.22
Total 4100 - Rental	<u>44.22</u>
4200 - Field Maintenance	
4260 - Safety Equipment	50.00
4290 - Miscellaneous	100.00
Total 4200 - Field Maintenance	<u>150.00</u>
4300 - Equipment Maintenance	
4310 - Mower Parts & Supplies	250.00
4320 - Electric Fence	100.00
4330 - Charging Station	250.00
4340 - Gas & Oil	350.00
4350 - Repair Services	300.00
4390 - Miscellaneous	100.00
Total 4300 - Equipment Maintenance	<u>1,350.00</u>
4400 - Services	
4410 - Porta Potty	1,284.00
Total 4400 - Services	<u>1,284.00</u>
4500 - New Purchases	
Total 4500 - New Purchases	<u>0.00</u>
Total 4000 - Adamson Rd	<u>2,828.22</u>

5000 - Valkaria

5100 - Rental	
5110 - Valkaria Flying Site	360.00
Total 5100 - Rental	<u>360.00</u>
5200 - Field Maintenance	
5210 - Herbicide	200.00
5280 - Work Tables	80.00
5290 - Miscellaneous	20.00
Total 5200 - Field Maintenance	<u>300.00</u>
5300 - Equipment Maintenance	
5310 - Mower Parts & Supplies	120.00
5320 - Gas & Oil	100.00
5390 - Miscellaneous	50.00
Total 5300 - Equipment Maintenance	<u>270.00</u>
5400 - Services	
5410 - Porta Potty	1,200.00
Total 5400 - Services	<u>1,200.00</u>
5500 - New Purchases	
Total 5500 - New Purchases	<u>0.00</u>

Total 5000 · Valkaria	<u>2,130.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,478.34</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(928.34)