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## IRKS Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

The November 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:31 PM. There were no visitors or new members present; once again only 12 members were in attendance this evening, 5 of them E-Board members.

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

Roger Hardin provided snacks for tonight's meeting. (**Secretary's note:** There was discussion at the last E-Board meeting regarding snacks at the meetings and the lack of members volunteering to provide them. Donations from snacks have been going to our Flying Site account and members providing snacks have been given an extra ticket for the \$20 meeting raffle but this has obviously not been an incentive for members to participate.)

### Officer Reports:



**Gerry Armstrong, President:** October concessions were **\$7.00** and that was the only income. Flying Site Fund: we still have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and now have **\$82,021.20** in savings for a total of **\$83,767.21**. We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are **\$83,267.21**.



**Vice President Ernie LeClair:** Ernie told everyone that a B-21 bomber flew about a week and a half ago.



**Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary:** Roger remarked that our Valkaria flying site was still not listed as a FRIA as of yesterday (11/14.) He also relayed that the Orlando Buzzards have a flying field (a FRIA) off of State Road 50 in the Christmas area that is only about 1.5 hrs. drive from his house. Roger said he may contact that club since he flies mainly motorized gliders which will not be very appropriate for Valkaria.



**Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary:** Steve we currently have 145 members and that number should not drop off by many in the near future. Steve was set up to collect dues and issue membership cards this evening.

**John Van Workum, Treasurer:** John read his General Fund Summary for October 2023. Income was **\$32.00** for 2023 dues, **\$88.00** for 2024 dues and an overpayment of **\$8.00** for a total of **\$128.00**.



Expenses for the month were **\$290.76** for the Front Street Hall rental (3 months), **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, **\$180.00** in late penalties, **\$72.00** for Flying Site Donations, **\$44.22** for the Adamson Road (524) site, **\$37.40** for Flight Stands, **\$44.71** in Misc. Expenses, **\$272.76** for Mower Parts and Supplies, **\$25.85** for the Electric Fence, **\$181.63** for the Charging Station, and **\$107.00** for the Porta Potty at 524. The only Valkaria expense was **\$100.00** for the Porta Potty. The total of all of our expenses for the month was **\$1,416.59**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$8,159.26**. 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 **\$6,203.26**.



**Ernie LeClair, Safety Officer:** Ernie had no specific safety concerns or a presentation this evening.

**Old Business:** President Armstrong reiterated that our Valkaria site has not yet been granted FRIA status. The AMA should be contacting him when that is finalized or if there are more concerns from the FAA.

Regarding the proposed Flying Site Budget for 2024 (as published in the Airscoop) Gerry noted that we plan to purchase a new shed for Valkaria. He then entertained a motion for members to accept the FS Budget. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any further discussion.

John Van Workum then presented highlights of the proposed General Fund Budget (also as published in the Airscoop.) He began by explaining that the proposed budget takes into account that we anticipate \$500 less in income this coming year due to a decline in membership.

Following John's presentation a motion was entertained to accept the General Fund Budget as proposed. The motion was made, seconded, and approved without any further discussion.

President Armstrong told everyone that our December "meeting" (our holiday dinner) this year will be at Rooney's Restaurant in Palm Bay. The meeting itself will be brief (at 7 PM) and only consist of officer reports. Members and guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy a good meal and some comradery!

**(Secretary's note:** Tonight was the night for members to bring in new toys for our annual toy drive. Many thanks to those members who participated.)

Conrad Smith stood and told members that a friend of Roger Vizioli's has CL planes to donate/give away if anyone is interested.

**New Business:** In new business President Armstrong said that we need to vote on officers this evening (as was published in the Airscoop.) The nominations for office are: President and Field Manager: Gerry Armstrong; Recording Secretary: Roger Hardin; Membership Secretary: Steve Formanek. A motion was made to elect those members for the offices as indicated; the motion was then seconded and passed without any discussion.

**Show and Tell/Model of the Month:** There were no Show and Tell items or Model of the Month this evening.

**Event Reports:** The Tangerine Soaring Festival is happening this coming weekend. There is also a Swap meet coming up hoisted by the Mid-Florida RC Club.

**Raffle:** Bob Conway won tonight's \$20 raffle just for showing up.

**There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56 PM.**

## **For the Good of the Club**

### **IRKS Holiday Dinner**

This month's meeting, Wednesday, December 20th, will be our Holiday Dinner. It will be held at Rooney's, 2641 Palm Bay Rd NE, Palm Bay. It starts at 7:00PM. So come on out and enjoy a little fun and some great food. **Special Note: There will be raffle for a free dinner that night, so don't forget to bring your wife.**

### **IRKS Annual Dues**

As I prepare to close out the 2023 IRKS membership database, there are members with their IRKS memberships set to expire on December 31st, 2023. In order to avoid a \$20 late fee, please take a moment to fill out a renewal form which can be found on the club's website and send it to the address on the form before the end of the month. Please include a copy of your AMA card or receipt of payment for AMA dues. I know some members have had issues getting their new AMA cards this time of year, so an AMA receipt or a screenshot of your AMA membership status works just as well. A stamped return envelope would be greatly appreciated also.

Members are also welcome to stop by my home (which is the address on the form) to exchange dues for a new IRKS card - just drop me a line at [trainsteph@aol.com](mailto:trainsteph@aol.com) or call 321.254.4269 to set up a time.

I will not be at the Holiday Dinner so be prepared to either mail or stop by my home before the end of the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Steve Formanek  
Membership Secretary