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## IRKS Meeting Minutes December 20, 2023

The December meeting (Holiday Dinner at Rooney's Restaurant) was called to order at around 7 PM. **There were only 5 members, 4 of whom were board members,** present plus 3 guests (wives) this evening.

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

## Officer Reports:



**Gerry Armstrong, President:** Gerry welcomed all those in attendance, thanked them for coming, and thanked Rooney's Restaurant and staff for their great service. He also thanked all those members that have helped keep the club going over the past year.

November concessions were **\$3.83** and that was the only income. Flying Site Fund: we still have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and now have **\$82,414.07** in savings for a total of **\$84,160.08**. We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are **\$83,660.08**.



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



**Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary:** Roger also thanked all those who participate in keeping our club functioning. He especially thanked President Armstrong for his dedication and efforts over the years.



**Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary:** Steve was unable to attend this evening.

**John Van Workum, Treasurer:** John read his General Fund Summary for November 2023. Income was **\$38.66** for 2023 dues and **\$729.34** for 2024 dues for a total of **\$768.00**.



Expenses for the month were **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, 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 **\$276.99**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$8,650.27**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$2,685.34** in future year's dues. The available funds for the year are **\$5,964.93**.



**Ernie LeClair, Safety Officer:** Ernie had no safety presentation this evening.

There was no other business discussed but everyone in attendance enjoyed a great meal and conversation. We had a very special raffle this evening and the winner had his meal **entirely** paid for through a very generous donation from our own president Gerry Armstrong. Roger Hardin was tonight's winner!

**Secretary's note/"editorial":** It has been very disappointing for me personally to witness the growing lack of participation by many members at our various functions. Out of approximately 150 members we have averaged eleven (11) attending our regular meetings during the last year, and usually 5 of these are the E-Board members. As many have noted we have also had very few flying events recently because of the lack of volunteers to help and pilot participation. As an example the last (UFO) event we had featured a \$100 prize but only one member participated! Our club cannot continue to be a source of enjoyment as it has in the past if only a few members continue to participate or assist in the running of the club.

Perhaps the upcoming loss of our 524 flying site and the current lack of any suitable replacement sites available are major factors in this process, and perhaps the "onerous" rules promulgated by the FAA have turned many of us off to our hobby in general. Whatever the causes our club may not be able to sustain itself for long given the current level of member participation.

Those of us who currently wish the IRKS to remain as a viable AMA club will continue to do what we have been doing...for now. If those of you who read this newsletter have any suggestions as to what we can do to survive please make those known. You can phone me personally at my number which is listed on the newsletter header above. As an alternative you are always welcome to attend any of our E-Board meetings to make your thoughts known or just verbalize them at a regular meeting. (Sincerely, **C. Roger Hardin**, Recording Secretary.)

## For the Good of the Club

We make the motion to make the following changes to Article 2 of IRKS By-Laws. The changes only affect the Executive Board meetings, which will add clarity and some flexibility to our meetings.

**Executive Board:** The Executive Board will meet on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

- 1) Each month's meeting will be hosted by a different Board member, and it will be their responsibility for choosing the location of the meeting.
- 2) An **annual** schedule of each month's meeting host will be posted on the club's website.
- 3) The **date and time of a meeting schedule** may be subject to change to accommodate last minute conflicts with Board members schedules to ensure maximum attendance at the meeting.
- 4) **A Board meeting may be rescheduled or cancelled, (due to absentees, sickness, lack of business, etc.) with a majority vote of the Board members.**
- 5) **A Board members attendance is not mandatory at the meetings but is highly requested to facilitate more input on items discussed.**
- 6) **If a Board member cannot attend a meeting, they may still participate by phone/video call or just email/text their report to another board member.**
- 7) Any **club** member wishing to attend a Board meeting should contact the host to confirm the meeting location and date.