

OROC Meeting Minutes

Location: Giovanni's Restaurant in Beaverton

Date: February 2, 2006

Club Officers present: Fred Azinger, J.P. Roberts, Dave Bradley, Bob Moscoe

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Meeting minutes from January were approved.
There was no Treasurer's report.

Announcements

Launch Director Report: Waiver request was submitted 3 weeks ago or so and we expect to receive the waiver in a month or so. J.P. reported that Greg Clark had been in frequent communication with the FAA person in Seattle so we don't anticipate any problems with the request. We requested the standing waiver to 24,900' MSL (call it 20k AGL) with windows to 40k MSL (call it 35k AGL). This would be for every weekend. If anyone wants to fly on a weekend other than a scheduled launch, please check in first with J.P. to call in the waiver, then confirm landowner permission to use the land.

Current waiver expires March 18th.

Old Business

Trailer: Bob and Steve designed the shelving. Pete Ekstrom and crew installed the shelving. Thank you Bob, Steve and Pete! Bob and Steve plan to install batteries and chargers is on Feb. 4 and 5.

Trailer Party: Remove items from old trailer, clean the old trailer, pack the new trailer. Plan to attend Feb. 25 from 10:00 to 3:00. Goal to sell the old trailer ASAP.

Trailer painting: Bob asked Dave Proffitt about painting the new trailer. Dave said the weather had to improve, and suggested we waited until spring. Dave and Fred discussed artistic license for the trailer paint scheme. Bob requested an estimate of cost from Dave. He'll have it ready for the next meeting.

New Business

Launch calendar and survey results: Some survey results were surprising.

For example, more members than expected (still a minority) indicated a preference to hold a national launch. The suggestion was made to hold a regional event. Bob mentioned that we had offered to host FITS when Binder's farm was no longer available and interest from Washington state flyers was low. Greg suggested that until we can demonstrate that we can staff all the positions of a regular launch we don't have any business offering to hold a regional event. J.P. said XPRS is already a regional launch and that people would not chose Brothers over Blackrock. Fred mentioned that in May and June the Brothers site is usable while Blackrock is not.

A fair number of people supported changes to the launch format. In particular, question 5 of the survey asked, "Would you support moving EX day to another day instead of Friday?" Fred pointed out that only 45% of the member voted "no". Fred acknowledged that the choices of answers to the question were poorly structured because an EX Saturday does not work logistically. Fred interprets the survey to mean that 55% of the members answered that they would like to try some different launch format. Bob discussed the calendar and possible days to change the format to be EX Sunday. Bob recommends that we try a revised format and see what the attendance is like. June appears to provide the best weather and is a couple months away from August EX weekend and BALLS. Bob proposed that for the June launch this year we do EX Sunday and commercial Friday and Saturday. Fred opened the floor for discussion on this proposal. John Lyndal expressed concern that people flying only commercial motors will have to be told leave on Sunday. A discussion about who will be allowed to stay on Sunday ensued. Some attendance and

clearance restrictions are still being worked out and will be left to the FSO on site. It is anticipated that these issues will be resolved in a similar manner to the way they were handled in the past during Friday EX launches. Members will be told to comply with TRA rules regarding EX launches. Bob and Steve recommended that members join TRA. Bob stated that as RSO he anticipates having to stop a launch if they are kids in attendance who are not actively getting ready to leave on EX Sunday. J.P. asks whether it is our duty to actively enforce the rules and potentially ask people to leave on Sunday or if it is sufficient to inform people of the rules and expect that the rules be followed. Steve stated that, at least according to NAR RSO training, if the RSO sees anything wrong at the launch site he is supposed to shut down the launch until it is corrected. To the extent this is practical, we attempt to do this but we bend the rules, some. With regard to EX, there is a great deal of attention, so extra care is warranted.

The board voted approve the launch schedule as it had previously been published except that in June the EX day would be moved from Friday to Sunday.

TAP members: Dennis announced that Jim Wilkerson is now a TAP member and is available for assistance with level 3 projects.

TARC members are expected to announce at next meeting.

We are creating a list of tasks that are required to run launches and manage the club.

Jon announced a 1976 truck for sale from Tek.

Adjourn meeting