

Oregon Rocketry Annual Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, January 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Steve Tarr.

Officers present: Steve Tarr, Randy Birzer, Gary Harris, Yvonne Moscoe, and J.P. Roberts

Election results

The first order of business was a tally of votes for new club officers for 2009. All nominated board of directors officers were elected. The following were the vote tallies (positions they agreed to fulfill are in parentheses):

Robert Krausert (President) – 41 votes

Yvonne Moscoe (Treasurer) – 40 votes

Gary Goncher (Secretary) – 40 votes

Randy Birzer (Launch Director) – 41 votes

J.P. Roberts (Range Safety Officer Coordinator) – 40 votes

New Oregon Rocketry Bylaws were passed by a vote of 35 for, 4 against.

Steve Tarr was elected NAR Section 555 president with 33 votes

Greg Clark was elected Tripoli Oregon prefect with 29 votes

Robert Krausert then took over as chair of the meeting as the newly elected president.

Launch Report

Robert Krausert reported on the Keith Packard Wilsonville launch held on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Memorial Park. The field was adequate size for flights up to F impulse, although apparently surrounded by tall firs. A total of 43 flights were launched, with only one ending up in the trees.

Upcoming Events

Robert Krausert reported that a second Wilsonville launch is being planned for March, 2009. Check the Oregon Rocketry website for updates.

A low power launch is also being planned for Tom McCall School in Forest Grove in Feb., 2009. The site is not as big as the Wilsonville launch site, so flights will likely be restricted to D impulse or less.

A science fair is being held in Salem on Feb. 16, 2009, and Oregon Rocketry has received a request to participate. This could be in the form of a presentation or a booth. Anyone interested in participating should contact Robert Krausert (lawndart.robert@gmail.com).

Launch Schedule for 2009

Randy Birzer reported that the proposed Oregon Rocketry launch schedule has been changed to accommodate on-site vendor's schedules. The July launch has been moved one week earlier to July 10-12, and the October launch has been moved to one week later

to Oct. 16-18. Bob Grossfeld from Sunriver Nature Center will be present at all OROC Brothers launches in 2009 except for June. Puget Sound Propulsion has agreed to be present at the June launch. The full 2009 launch calendar is now as follows:

Spring Thunder, May 15-17, Brothers, OR (Research Fri.)
Summer Skies, June 19-21, Brothers, OR (Research Fri.)
Desert Heat, July 10-12, Brothers, OR (Research Fri.)
Desert EXtreme, Aug. 14-16 (Research only all days)
Fillible's Folly, Sept. 11-13, Sheridan, OR (Commercial motors only)
Rocktober, Oct. 16-18, Brothers, OR (Research Fri.)

Night launches will now be FAR101 launches (3.3 lbs. maximum total rocket weight) due to new FAA regulations, unless a waiver is sought specifically for a night launches. A straw poll was taken to find out how many members might be interested in night launches exceeding FAR101 rules, and several members indicated interest. Procedures for night launches will be discussed at future meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Yvonne Moscoe reported the following financial figures for Oregon Rocketry (totals include the land fund):

\$135	Deposits since 12/4/2008
\$0	Payments since 12/4/2008
\$5107.79	Total funds

37 new membership fees were received at the meeting, totaling \$1200, and bringing the total funds to \$6307.79.

There are now a total of 45 paid members for 2009.

Miscellaneous

A drawing was held for miscellaneous items supplied to the club by Rockets Magazine. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

Please send any additions or corrections to the minutes to garyg_nwr@verizon.net