

## **Oregon Rocketry January 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, January 8, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:47 PM.

### **2014 officers present:**

Gary Goncher (President)  
Wilson Alness (Secretary)  
Robert Braibish (Treasurer)  
Alan Hammond (Launch Director)  
Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)  
Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)  
George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)  
Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

### **2015 officers present:**

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### **BOD Meeting**

Prior to the start of the annual meeting, a short BOD meeting was held with regards to discussing and deciphering Chris Beekman's lease agreement.

### **Call for New Members**

A call for new members was made, revealing numerous new faces as follows.

- **New Members**
  - Brian Hendricks
  - Ray Bracis
  - Eugene Yanchuk
  
- **OSU Team Representatives**
  - Nancy Squires
  - Mike Wohlers
  - Sierra Bray
  - Sven Torstveit
  - Mike Levos

- **Clark College Team Representatives**

- Mike Herline
- Zach Lumburg
- Michael Mabe
- Ryan Medick

### **2014 Year-In-Review**

The President Gary Goncher gave a brief review of OregonRocketry's 2014 season. OROC had the most memberships ever in its history, at 140 paid members. Despite the fact that we had 1 less launch in 2014 than we did in 2013, more total fights were made in 2014 than 2013. Not only that, but the annual Fillible's Folly launch in Sheridan also broke OROC records as it was the biggest launch we have ever held. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year we tried having a food vendor on-site for said launch, which turned out to be a great hit. Ken McGoffin was given a special thank you for his time served on the BOD, as well as his long shifts manning the RSO desk at Fillible's Folly. The President then distributed printed graphs and charts of launch statistics over the years, and reported on this information. Lastly, our safety record was perfect in 2014.

### **2015 Launch Schedule**

Our President Gary Goncher announced the proposed 2015 launch schedule, which schedule is currently as follows:

- Spring Thunder – May 8-10, 2015
- NXRS – June 26-28, 2015
- Summer Skies – July 24-26, 2015
- Desert Heat – August 21-23, 2015
- Fillible's Folly – September 25-27, 2015
- Rocketober – October 16-18, 2015

This schedule does not conflict with the fighter wing nor does it conflict with new moon weekends, which usually prevent Sunriver Bob's attendance as a vendor. 2 concerns were raised – one being that Spring Thunder is over Mother's Day weekend, and the other being that Fillible's Folly is the same weekend as BALLS. The BOD is going to investigate these issues further. The President then tabled this topic.

### **Membership Report**

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC had a total of 140 paid memberships for 2014. As of the annual meeting, OROC has 76 paid memberships for 2015 which includes 1 new member joining after the end of the meeting. He also asked members who have not yet paid 2015 dues yet to please do so as soon as they are able, preferably via mail or otherwise at the next meeting.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$5,920.31 with \$0.25 in deposits made last month and \$138.18 in expenses paid.

## **NARCON 2015 Update**

The 2015 NARCON convention will be taking place on February 20-22, 2015 at the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA. Our President Gary Goncher indicated that he will be doing a presentation on high-power certifications, and is looking for volunteers to assist with this.

## **Member Presentations**

The President Gary Goncher is looking for individual members interested in doing short presentations on various rocket topics at club meetings. Following the meeting, he is going to email out a list of possible topics for this.

## **2015 BOD Election Results**

The Secretary Wilson Alness announced the election results, which results were as follows:

68 total ballots were received by the election date of January 8, 2015.

- President: Gary Goncher – **67 votes**
- Secretary: Wilson Alness – **68 votes**
- Treasurer: Robert Braibish – **68 votes**
- Launch Director: Alan Hammond – **68 votes**
- Safety Officer: David Armstrong – **68 votes**
- Publicity Director: Tim Ryerse – **68 votes**
- NAR Section #555 President: George Rachor – **53 votes**
- TRA Section #049 Prefect: Joe Bevier – **51 votes**

Rocketober 2015 poll:

65 total selections were made.

- All EX – **48 votes**
- EX Friday and Sunday – **12 votes**
- EX Friday only – **5 votes**

The Secretary then wished to thank all who voted and was appreciative of Robert Braibish for his assistance with counting of ballots at the meeting.

## **Veronica Gifts**

The Treasurer Robert Braibish presented to Veronica OROC's annual group collection, as well as a rocket kit as a thank you for all of her outstanding service throughout the year.

**Other Business**

Several other items were brought up, including:

- Gary Goncher presenting several of his most excellent photos from the Rocketober 2014 launch, as well as the Orion Capsule launch.
- Visitor Jim Parsons presenting his various rocket collections.
- 2015 Wilsonville launch schedule – still pending and will be announced soon.
- A warm welcome to the BOD for David Armstrong.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:38 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Ainess, at [wilsonalness@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonalness@comcast.net).