

## **Oregon Rocketry December 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, December 3, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

David Armstrong (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

### **Call for New Members**

A call for new members was made, revealing no new faces at this meeting.

### **Trailer Equipment Maintenance Party**

Robert Braibish announced that this year's trailer maintenance party will be taking place this Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Dallas, OR. Lunch will be provided as will most all tools or other supplies. Several repairs need to be made; most notably on the FM transmitter and Vaughn Brothers launch system which blew a relay at Sheridan this year. Thanks to the large group of members who have volunteered so far.

### **Annual Meeting Raffle**

Erik McKee announced that he will be administering a club raffle at the annual meeting in January to help raise funds for Brothers road improvements. Lots of vendors have donated goods, including (but not limited to) Sunriver Nature Center, BigRedBee, Rocketry Warehouse, AMW Pro-X, MissileWorks and MARSAs Systems. Donations from members are also welcome. Tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. You need not be present at the annual meeting to win, and tickets may be purchased in advance by sending a check made out to OregonRocketry to:

OregonRocketry

Box 263

Beaverton OR 97075

For further information on the raffle, or if you wish to donate an item, please contact Erik at [erik.mckee@gmail.com](mailto:erik.mckee@gmail.com).

### **Safety Discussion**

Our President Gary Goncher gave a brief report on the recent first-ever rocket fatality. At a Boy Scout launch in southern California, a chaperone was struck in the head and killed by a model rocket coming in hot, while he was watching his own rocket in a dragrace. While the launch was not NAR or TRA sanctioned, specific details are not known. A short discussion on the incident followed. The President then tabled this topic.

### **Insurance Presentation**

Our Safety Officer David Armstrong gave a detailed report on NAR and TRA insurance, and voiced his concerns on said matters. He then answered various questions from members.

### **Veronica Honorarium**

Paul Bogdanich reminded us that the annual group collection for our waitress Veronica will be taking place at the annual meeting, and to please consider contributing to this fund.

### **Group Buys for Sunriver Nature Center Sale**

Erik McKee informed us that he will be coordinating a group buy on Aerotech reloads for Sunriver Bob's annual December sale. In addition, Robert Braibish will be coordinating a group buy on CTI reloads. For more information, please contact them directly at either [erik.mckee@gmail.com](mailto:erik.mckee@gmail.com) or [cpoovercg@rocketmail.com](mailto:cpoovercg@rocketmail.com), respectively. Order deadlines for both parties are December 14, 2015, as the sale ends on December 16, 2015. David Birch announced the sale includes telescopes as well, for the astronomical folks.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$5,636.02 with \$80.23 in deposits made last month and \$375.29 in expenses paid. Attached at the end of this document is a 2016 budget sheet, as prepared by The Treasurer.

### **Membership Report**

The Secretary Wilson Alness did not provide a report due to time constraints; however OROC's total membership count for 2015 stands at 155 paid members. Ballots and 2016 membership applications will be mailed out to all paid members shortly following the meeting.

### **2016 Board of Directors Nominations**

Our President Gary Goncher announced current nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors. Said nominees are currently as follows:

- President – Gary Goncher
- Secretary – Wilson Alness
- Treasurer – Robert Braibish
- Launch Director – Alan Hammond
- Safety Officer – David Armstrong
- Promotions Director – Tim Ryerse
  
- NAR Section #555 President – George Rachor
- TRA Section #049 Prefect – Keith Packard

All BOD members will be running for the same positions as they did this year, with the exception of our current TRA Prefect Joe Bevier. BOD nominations remained open throughout the course of the meeting and were closed as soon as the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment**

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.

**Point of Order**

Following the meeting, ballots and 2016 membership applications were mailed at approximately 9:00 AM on Monday, December 7, 2015.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at [wa@wilsonalness.com](mailto:wa@wilsonalness.com).