

OROC December 2021 Meeting Minutes
12/2/21

Meeting called to order 7:30pm

Elections:

Nominations for open positions:
Treasurer: Joey Lebow
Promotions Director: Chris Abbey

Nominations are still open. Email the board at BOD@oregonrocketry.org.

We have reached out to the online service we used last year but they have not responded. We will do paper ballots by mail if need be.

We are adding a bylaw change to the ballot to approve the addition of a 7th board position: Equipment Manager. Robert Braibish has been nominated for this position (provisionally).

Secretary's Report

208 memberships

2022 renewals are starting to come in, which is fine. Planning to consolidate the application forms to a single form on the website. Website will be updated soon. Renewals submitted before any website updates will be accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Report Date: 01-Dec-21
Balance last report \$5,853.69
Credits \$752.76
Debts (\$1,093.02)
Balance this report \$5,513.43

George Rachor: What was the last bill paid to THPRD?

Robert: August or September. Unclear if they have billed us for November (which was cancelled)

JP Roberts has been approved for up to \$500 of first aid equipment for the 2022 season.

Robert: Noted!

LDRS Planning / Range Plan discussion

Gary: OROC successfully bid for LDRS 40 after encouragement from Gary Rosenfield. Only potential concern at that time in terms of capacity was parking. Early

in the planning phase, Chris Beekman (property owner of the southern 40 acres that OROC uses, where the “hill” launch pad is located) indicated that some additional clearing would be fine. BLM, ODF, and RFPA representatives have given OROC clear guidelines for fire safety measures that OROC needs to address with regard to sage clearing on the Brothers40 property where the rest of the pads are.

Lots of planning for LDRS has been done over the past couple of months, but we recognized that sage clearing needed to be done ASAP for any launches in Brothers. Clearing plans were developed and approved by the BOD and the Brothers40 property owners. The final plan was deemed unacceptable by Chris Beekman. There were a number of discussions between the parties involved, but a resolution could not be reached.

The OROC BOD voted to discontinue leasing Chris Beekman’s land for the purposes of OROC launches. We did not come to this decision lightly, but we feel that we cannot compromise on the safety updates prescribed by the BLM, ODF, and RFPA. We are planning to propose a new layout to the Brothers40 property owners for the 2022 season and beyond. Plenty of planning and discussion has already gone into layout development, but we will not present a plan to the club until we get proposals reviewed by the Brothers40 property owners.

We are still hoping to hold LDRS. TRA is waiting for an update from us as to the outcome of range layout planning and the impact to event capacity. TRA has given us a lot of flexibility, but some items may have limits, and depending on the outcome, they may look for an alternate host site. Any questions?

Open discussion about clearing alternatives.

Jim Wilkerson would like to volunteer to help continue discussions with Chris Beekman.
Gary will re-raise the issue with the BOD.

Joe Maguire: Should we continue with LDRS planning?

Gary: Yes, gather any applicable financial info for any proposed expenses for the BOD to review.

Chat question: Can we recover rockets on Chris’ land?

Rob Lamb: After a conversation with Jack Caynon, it seems clear that recovering rockets on Chris’ property shouldn’t be an issue.

At this point in the meeting, there was some somewhat heated debate about how to continue conversations with Chris. The BOD has agreed to discuss the issue again. The BOD will reach out to other individuals / members as necessary.

Gary Lech: What was the outcome of the BOD vote to discontinue use of Chris' land?
Gary Goncher: It was unanimous.

Call for new business

Jordan Slavish (Yamhill Carlton club advisor): If we want to potentially host off season launches, how does the property use situation affect pick up launches?

Gary: Send emails to the BOD as usual and we will see what we can do.

Dan Camp: I have grandkids that would like to do NAR Jr. L1's.. Is that possible?

Gary: Yeah, talk to George Rachor.

Thomas Friedmann: How to verify membership status:

Brian Clark: Email the BOD and we will check for you.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Zoom Chat Log:

19:31:15 From Gary Lech to Everyone:

Greetings OROCers!

19:32:46 From Chris Abbey (He, Him) to Everyone:

If not you picked a great one to start...

19:41:23 From Joe Maguire to Everyone:

Related to first aid/medical, did we ever find or locate that defibrillator?

19:43:33 From ROBERT BRAIBISH to Everyone:

yes, the defib. is in my possession, and has a fresh battery, we elected not to store it in the trailer so it is at my house (but so is the trailer) so it will be put there for the next launch

19:43:57 From Joe Maguire to Everyone:

That's great news! That's one of those things you don't miss until you need it.

20:05:02 From John Halliwill to Everyone:

With enough member we could buy the 40 acres just north of the brothers 40 :)

20:05:19 From Robert Kieffer to Everyone:

Question: If there's a falling out between OROC and Chris Beekman, and we move operations to North 40, what does that imply for recovering rockets that land on his property

20:07:09 From Gary Lech to Everyone:

My understanding is the property north of Brothers40 gets too close to the highway and would reduce the waiver.

20:07:59 From Gary Lech to Everyone:

I'd like to find about 100 acres somewhere.

20:08:21 From Kelly Jones to Everyone:

Owning the property to the North wouldn't necessarily change to point from which we launch...

20:08:22 From Robert Kieffer to Everyone:

I was thinking specifically of rockets that land on south 40 (Chris' land). Would people going on to his property to recover rockets be [potentially] subject to claims of trespassing?

20:23:05 From Richard Klyce to Everyone:

perhaps a professional mediator could be useful.

20:24:57 From Kelly Jones to Everyone:

Time to move to next topic... This is too big a forum to make progress... it's just dirty laundry at this point

20:29:28 From Nick Miller to Everyone:

Thank you Gary!