

OROC Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2008

Location: Giovanni's Restaurant, Beaverton, Oregon

Club Officers Present : Stephen Tarr, Yvonne Moscoe

Treasurer's Report:

Yvonne Moscoe reported on the status of the treasury.

General fund	\$3678.24
Land fund	\$1250.00
Total	\$4948.24

Meeting notes by Steve Tarr

We had a long meeting last night with a lot of discussion of upcoming events. We passed around a lot of documents, photos, posters and so on. I'm working on getting those posted to the OROC web site, but in the mean time...

Three of the BOD members (Gary, Yvonne and I) met a little after 6PM to deal with some business issues and paperwork. We didn't get everything on our work list handled, but we did get the most urgent business taken care of before Gary had to leave. Yvonne and I stayed through the main meeting, but without Randy or JP we didn't have a quorum. Luckily, there were no significant policy or spending issues that we needed to settle this month.

Our first agenda item was a status report from the July launch (good launch!) My special thanks to Robert Krausert and Randy Birzer for putting in long hours at the LCO table, to James Doherty for taking down and packing a lot of the equipment after the launch, and to Robert and all the people who showed off their electronics bay designs.

[Robert: Have you and Jeff figured out where to put the presentation on our website?]

I had prepared an agenda and a set of notes for discussion on each topic. I posted an early version of that with the meeting announcement, then added some more information before the meeting. That "final agenda" will be posted to the web site; it has a lot of information

beyond just the typical six-line agenda. Please read through it once it's posted and send your comments about the "big questions" directly to me, to the board, or to the members list. For the moment, I'll just say that the "big questions" are "is the club working for you?" and "what (if anything) should we change?"

We will need a trailer party before Sheridan. We discussed some of the items needing work. John Lyngdal was looking for fittings so that he could vacuum-bag the deck assemblies for new low-power launch racks; Steve Cutonilli offered some. We still need to set a date and location.

Somewhere in here, I remembered to include the treasurer's report. Gary will get the official numbers into the official minutes, but there wasn't any real news: just some cash and memberships from July and some expenditures for porta-potties and trailer hauling reimbursements.

George Rachor and I presented our plans for the "Hillsboro Hobbies Build & Fly". It's not definite yet, but we're planning to host a build session in the back room of the hobby shop, probably on Saturday, Sept. 6. We've talked about a general plan for the day (help participants select and build a kit, demonstrate construction techniques and stability tests, talk a little about the history of model rocketry, NAR, TRA and OROC, etc.) Participants will get a coupon for admission to the Sheridan launch and information about OROC and NAR membership.

There was some discussion about whether the coupon should be good for the weekend, just one day, or perhaps just Sunday (because that's otherwise a slower day.) No definite decision on that yet -- we don't need to decide until just before the event. For now, we need to set a firm date and time and start on publicity.

I talked about the publicity opportunity during the "alternative energy technologies and sustainable living" show at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The date has been changed -- it's now September 5-7, the same weekend we were proposing for the build session. This might be a good opportunity to get some publicity, especially with teachers. On the other hand, we'll need volunteers to do this and they'll have to commit RIGHT AWAY. Send me an email if you're interested and can help on the new dates.

I have prepared a Sheridan-only launch poster and updated the OROC tri-fold handout. Both should be available on the web site as soon as

we work out the posting issues. Please print copies of these and post or hand out wherever you can.

Finally, there were a number of "short take" items. I'll post information on those along with the other documents on the website.

-Steve Tarr

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