

## **Oregon Rocketry September Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, September 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Robert Krausert.

Officers present: Robert Krausert, Gary Goncher, Yvonne Moscoe; J.P. Roberts joined via webcam.

### **Sheridan Launch Sept. 11-13**

The first half of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the logistics for the upcoming Sheridan mid/high power launch. The trailer should arrive at the site on Thursday evening. Volunteers are requested for set-up on Friday morning, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the equipment is set up (probably by mid-morning), the site will be available for a members-only launch on Friday. Saturday and Sunday will be open for all comers, including a night launch on Saturday evening. Everyone is requested to bring buckets (5 gal. preferred) so that there is adequate water for extinguishing any fires that start in the dry chaff on the field.

Steve Tarr requested that there be continuous coverage of the event by a range safety officer, whose duties would be overall supervision of the site and flight line. Flight safety officers will also be needed on a rotating basis for checking safety of rockets as they are checked in at the launch table.

### **Informational Brochure**

Steve Tarr suggested that a one-page rocketry information sheet would be appreciated by many looking to get started in rocketry. Items that could be covered include things like where to get rocket kits and parts, how to fly them, and where to fly them locally. If anyone has ideas or would like help put such a sheet together, please contact Steve at [BOD@oregonrocketry.com](mailto:BOD@oregonrocketry.com).

### **Tax Consultant**

Robert Krausert advocated hiring a tax consultant or tax attorney to determine if the Oregon Rocketry club should keep its current 501-C status as a Public Benefit Corporation, or switch to other non-profit status. According to Robert, we are currently required to file a 503C form annually with the IRS, which the club has been delinquent in doing. The non-profit status of the club needs to be looked at carefully if we are to entertain the idea of purchasing land for club launches in Brothers. The property adjacent to land that Chris and Jane own (and where high power pads are sited at the Brothers launch site) is currently for sale. Robert suggests that the club should look at the idea of purchasing both the land currently for sale as well as the property owned by Chris and Jane. A volunteer is requested to find and talk to a tax consultant for the club.

### **Hillsboro Hobbies Build Event Sept. 5**

George Rachor reports that a rocket building event will be held again this Saturday at Hillsboro Hobbies for 12-3 PM. Come and support our local vendors.

**TARC Teams**

George Rachor also reported that competition rules have been decided for this years Team America Rocketry Challenge launch. Competitors will be required to carry one raw egg to altitude as close as possible to 750 feet, recover by streamer only, and come as close as possible to a total flight duration of 45 seconds. About 750 teams are expected this year; so far no local groups have registered. Teams must be registered by November 1<sup>st</sup> at [RocketContest.org](http://RocketContest.org).

**Treasurer's Report**

Yvonne Moscoe reported deposits of \$890 and payments of \$1352.41 (principally for port-a-potty service and purchase of hats and shirts for sale) since the last Treasurer's report, resulting in a balance of \$5109.72. Approval was granted by a voice vote for purchase of two \$100 gift certificates to be presented to the Sharf brothers for use of their fields for the Sheridan launch, as was done last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

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