

Oregon Rocketry March 2011 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, March 3, 2011: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Gary Goncher. Officers present: Paul Bogdanich (secretary), Robert Brabish (treasurer), Gary Goncher (president), Ken McGoffin (publicity director) and Tim Ryerse (safety officer).

General Announcements

The membership was made aware of a new magazine that might be of interest to club members as well as the particulars of Sun River Bob's March madness sale and the upcoming NARCON conference.

Call for New Members

A call of new members was put forward with one new member in attendance.

Launch Schedule Review

The launch schedule was reviewed for 2011. Particular emphasis was paid to the April launch which is proceeding as planned.

Tripoli Insurance

Greg Clark mentioned in strong terms that ALL launches that are held at Brothers whether they be scheduled launches, EX only launches or pick-up launches need to be coordinated in advance through Mr. Clark in his capacity as Tripoli Prefect for insurance purposes.

Trailer Schedule

The tentative trailer / GSE schedule was discussed and a call for sign-ups to haul the trailer to and from certain events was reiterated. It was confirmed that the trailer has local storage in the Bend area through the Spring and Summer months. Some mention of possible trailer party dates in early May were discussed.

Duty Vest Proposal

Upon a motion made by club President Gary Goncher and duly seconded a proposal was put forward where the club would be authorized to expend a reasonable amount of funds to purchase LCO, RSO and other duty vests. The vests would be worn at the launches by whomever is filling the respective duty at all times. Calling for a voice vote on the matter the initiative was approved by voice vote and without objection so ordered.

Discussion of Brothers Waiver

Mention was made of the enhanced waiver that is being applied for concerning the 2011 flying season. The contemplated waiver would allow flights to 41,500 feet AGL from the away cell and a slight waiver increase from the existing pad locations. Having no formal indication or requests for comments from the FAA at this time the discussion was informational in nature.

Krausert Honorarium

The efforts of Robert Krausert were again mentioned but in his absence from the meeting no formal accolades or acknowledgements were put forward.

Treasurer's Report

OROC Treasurer Robert Brabish reported that the bank balance as of February 10, 2011, when the accounts were transferred was approximately \$4,553. Said funds were the bank account only which now incorporates the former land fund but said amount did not include deposits in transit, fund awaiting deposit, restricted cash, pending expenses or accruals. As of the meeting date the bank account totaled \$6,230.37 with about \$1,200.00 in estimated and accrued expenses pending which expenses include payments to the land owner, reimbursement for the costs of the 2011 flyers, other promotional materials and similar annual items.

Closing Comments and Call for New Business

Closing comments were made, the NARCON conference was again mentioned and a call for new business was put forward. At the call for new business OROC Publicity Director Ken McGoffin introduced the 2011 flyers and called for some type of a feedback mechanism so that he could track distribution and effectiveness of the flyer distribution. It was recommended that people who post the flyers in public venues notify Mr. McGoffin via e-mail which e-mail is kmcgoffin@worldaccessnet.com.

Also in new business it was suggested that the club look into expending some material portion of the accumulated bank balance to acquire new and enhanced launch pads. Some discussion centered around existing designs and possible fabrication alternatives. A significant portion of the membership in attendance expressed an interest in constructing several launch platforms each enjoying the approximate loading capacity of the existing QuadZilla device but constructed out of tubular aluminum and other lighter materials. There was also broad support for looking into the idea of bolstering the high power pads based on the same design. Upon completion of discussion President Goncher recommended that members consider the options, alternatives and efficacy of the proposal and form opinions or perform research into particular designs and costs to possibly be discussed in a more advanced form at a future meeting.

No other business being put forward the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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