

Oregon Rocketry June 2011 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, June 2, 2011: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Gary Goncher. Officers present: Paul Bogdanich (secretary), Gary Goncher (president), Ken McGoffin (publicity director), and Tim Ryerse (safety officer).

Report of the May Brothers Launch

The results of the May launch were recounted with 118 flight cards with the most popular impulse class being "I" impulse.

Wilsonville Report

A brief summary of May activity at Wilsonville was reported which was a good launch but had some weather issues.

June Launch Planning

Some administrative planning for the June Launch were discussed with the largest issue being the holding of a flyers meeting on Friday. Certain club members who plan to attend the June launch indicated that they would hold a flyers meeting on Friday.

NXRS Planning and Administration

The July 1st NXRS launch was discussed in some administrative detail. It was decided that Fred Azinger was in charge of the launch details. The trailer and GSE issues were discussed. It was tentatively agreed that Alan Hammond would haul the club trailer from Bend to the site with the trailers return date still to be decided but if need be Mr. Hammond can return the trailer to Bend Saturday afternoon. The decision was taken not to set up the low power pads and all NXRS flyers must be at least 18 years old, Tripoli L2 for EX motors and Tripoli members for commercial motors.

Firearms at the Launch Site

A vote was taken amongst the membership concerning the discharge of any firearm, pellet gun, bb gun, or similar device. The feeling of the membership was that these are rocket launches and we are not set up to supervise or otherwise ensure that safe use of firearms and therefore a rule was adopted banning the brandishing or discharge of firearms at any time at all launches.

Requests for Support

A discussion was held concerning the high number of requests we are receiving for outside support and coordination. One request for a speaker was tentatively handled with a volunteer agreeing to contact the representative for some outside classroom support. Concerning requests that concern access to the launch site the policy was discussed and reiterated that to use the launch site or the club GSE the outside groups must follow established procedure at regularly scheduled launches or find a club approved sponsor to host a pickup launch and that no unsupervised access to the launch site for the purpose of launching rockets would be forthcoming.

NAR Safety Grant

The membership in attendance was made aware that NAR is sponsoring their annual Safety Grant program whereby the National Organization at its discretion will help pay for certain safety related improvements at various sections pursuant

to an approved plan. The membership seemed in agreement that OREO and OROC could use some augmentation of the public address system at the launches particularly the issue of a speaker station out toward, or pointed at, the high power pads. It was decided that the club should think about who could design and put together an application for some equipment for the above stated purpose.

Clearing Brush Near the Pads

A discussion was held concerning the need and / or desirability of clearing some amount of sage away from the high power and low away cell. The feeling of the membership in attendance is that the North edge of the high power area could use some additional clearance as could the area for the low away cell. It was mentioned that there is no consensus amongst the land owners concerning the extent of the desired area to be cleared so it was decided that the landowners or their representative would stake out areas within which brush can be cleared and that the general membership would form work parties at launches to clear the areas demarcated by the stakes.

Treasurer's Report

A treasurers report was entered into the record. The report indicated that May expenses totaled \$45.00 and deposits totaled \$590.00 and that as of May 31, 2011, the bank balance was \$4,117.94, cash and cash equivalents (petty cash and stamps) not at the bank totaled \$378.88.

Call for New Business

There was a call for new business at which time Keith Packard indicated that some club members were actively investigating the possibility of an additional launch site at a local sod farm. The question of exactly how one "farms" sod was not addressed. It was understood that this exploration would continue with results being reported back as events warranted. In the context of this discussion it was also mentioned that there will most likely be low power launch over the July 4th weekend.

Service Recognition and Birthday Announcements.

It was announced by the President that the June meeting coincided with John Lyngdal's birthday and as John was in attendance a happy birthday wish was extended by the club collectively and by members present. It was also noted that June 2011 was the first 2011 meeting where the 2010 club President Robert Krausert was in attendance and he was presented with a gift from the membership for his years of service, tireless efforts, undiminished enthusiasm and his record of moving the club forward.

Adjournment

Having no other business, announcements or pleasantries the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:22 p.m. whereupon everyone descended on Mr. Lyngdal's birthday cake.

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