

Oregon Rocketry August 2012 Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, August 2, 2012: Officers present: Paul Bogdanich (Secretary), Robert Brabish (Treasurer), Gary Goncher (President), Ken McGoffin (Publicity Director), Tim Ryerse (Safety Officer).

Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm August 2, 2012

Officers present: Paul Bogdanich (Secretary), Robert Brabish (Treasurer), Gary Goncher (President), Ken McGoffin (Publicity Director), Tim Ryerse (Safety Officer). There being a quorum the meeting was called to order. A discussion took place concerning necessary club maintenance and the following expenses were approved by unanimous vote: \$250.00 for a second public address amplifier and speakers. \$200.00 to Keith Packard to produce boards and do prototype work on the wireless launch controller system. \$200.00 in annual prizes for selected members who help set up and especially tear down at launches. \$150.00 for Quadzilla repairs following Quadzilla breaking in July. A discussion was then held concerning general safety issues and it was decided that there should be pad manager(s) for Sheridan and a roving safety officer to go around at all launches and inspect all large impulse projects as they are being prepped as it is often impossible to spot potential safety issues after the rockets have been assembled. There being no other business the board meeting was adjourned.

Members Meeting

The members meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Introduction and Call for New Members

The meeting was called to order and a call for new members was made revealing one Jim Baker as a new attendee.

Wilsonville Launch Report

It was reported that the last launch at Wilsonville was heavily attended with there being an estimated several hundred launches.

Desert Heat Review

The launch statistics for Desert heat were 246 total launches composed of 7 on Friday, 193 on Saturday and 46 on Sunday. The impulse detail was 132 A through D flights, 32 E through G flights and 76 flights of H or larger including 4 M motors. It was also noted that there were easily 100 spectators and the launch was very heavily attended. In light of the increased attendance at NXRS and now Desert Heat, Robert Brabish will research and inform the BOD and members about the efficacy of acquiring or renting, as the case may be, additional port-a-potties.

Quadzilla, the P.A. System and the Wireless Launch Controller

A discussion was held concerning the nature of the damage to Quadzilla and announcements were made concerning the BOD approved expenses mentioned earlier. Since Mr. Packard was in attendance there was also a discussion about the wireless launch controller and the progression of the work on that item.

Trailer Haulers

The president announced that we still needed trailer haulers for the long trips back over the mountains in August and then back to Brothers for Rocketober and then back again for Winter stowage. There were some indications of possible availability with the members concerned still not completely sure concerning their availability do to scheduling issues this far in advance.

Sage Clearance

A discussion was held about clearing the sage around the launch pads especially around Quadzilla. Given the fire risk at this time of year, additional clearance of sage must be done at the away pad location before rockets can be flown there.

Launch promotion

Ken McGoffin and Wilson Allness discussed launch promotion and possible things that might be done to increase awareness of OROC within the brooder community. The idea was also expressed that we should think about this more carefully because as these minutes clearly show, there is more work to be done hauling trailers, managing pads, inspecting high impulse builds, clearing ground, getting porta potties and other things than there are members or money to do them. It was asked that we think about what the goals of a promotional program should be rather than engaging in promotion for its own sake. In other words, exactly why do we want to encourage many, perhaps hundreds, if these promotional efforts are well done, of additional spectators at launches especially considering the limitations of Tripoli insurance which is totally flyer centric?

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that we switched all accounts to U.S. Bank and that as of the meeting date the bank balance was \$4,229.50 with an additional \$225.00 in pending deposits against the newly approved expenses. This compares favorably with the July 5, 2012, balance of \$3,724.37 and reflects the membership and launch fees paid at NXRS and Desert Heat with Sheridan still to go. The treasurer also suggested that he prepare a 2013 budget so the BOD and members have a better idea concerning club finances and available resources.

Membership Report

The membership total as of the meeting date was estimated to be 115 and after processing all the forms there are 117 members including two memberships to the on site vendors that are unpaid and granted in appreciation for their attendance.

Apparition

Sometime after the meeting started but before it ended the Grand Poobah (Dennis Winningstad) snuck in and quietly took a seat in the back. Good to see Dennis and he looked well.

Adjournment

There being no other business, announcements or pleasantries the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. Please send any corrections to Paul Bogdanich @ tra11654@iinet.com