

## **Oregon Rocketry December 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, December 4, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:31 PM.

Officers present:

Wilson Alness (Secretary)  
Robert Braibish (Treasurer)  
Alan Hammond (Launch Director)  
Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)  
Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)  
George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)  
Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

### **President's Absence**

Our President Gary Goncher was not present at this meeting, as he was down visiting Cape Canaveral for the launch of the Orion capsule. Our Treasurer Robert Braibish ran the meeting in his absence.

### **Call for New Members**

A call for new members was made at this lightly-attended meeting revealing no new faces; however Levi Suryan and Soo-Hyun Yoo from the OSU team were in attendance.

### **2015 Board of Directors Nominees**

The Treasurer Robert Braibish announced the current 2015 BOD nominees, which nominees are as follows:

- President – Gary Goncher
- Secretary – Wilson Alness
- Treasurer – Robert Braibish
- Launch Director – Alan Hammond
- Safety Officer – David Armstrong
- Promotions Director – Tim Ryerse
  
- NAR Section #555 President – George Rachor
- TRA Section #049 Prefect – Joe Bevier

The Treasurer noted that while every 2015 BOD position is currently filled, we can have more than one person run for any given position. It was also announced that Joe Bevier was willing to serve as TRA Prefect for another year. BOD nominations remained open throughout the course of the meeting and were closed as soon as the meeting was adjourned.

### **2015 Annual Meeting**

The 2015 OROC annual meeting has been scheduled for January 8, 2015. There will be free pizza, BOD elections, and the annual group collection for Veronica.

### **NARCON 2015 Planning**

The 2015 NARCON convention is scheduled for February 20-22, 2015 at the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA. Several ideas for participation from OROC were brought up, including a display table (free for the club), presentations on high power certifications, or leading a discussion on rocketry topics and experiences. A call for volunteers to help head up this process was made, revealing George Rachor and Peter Dekluyver. The treasurer then tabled this topic.

### **Wireless Launch Controller Update**

Keith Packard was not present at the meeting, however it was known that most of his wireless system is complete and will be ready for testing at some point during the 2015 launch season.

### **2015 Launch Schedule**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish announced our proposed 2015 launch schedule, which schedule is as follows:

- Spring Thunder – May 8-10, 2015
- NXRS – June 26-28, 2015
- Summer Skies – July 24-26, 2015
- Desert Heat – August 21-23, 2015
- Fillible's Folly – September 25-27, 2015
- Rocketober – October 16-18, 2015

Our Launch Director Alan Hammond indicated that this schedule currently does not conflict with the fighter wing. It was also noted that we should try not to schedule launches over weekends with new moons, so that Sunriver Bob can be in attendance. Lastly, it was indicated that the Fillible's Folly launch may currently be scheduled over the same weekend as BALLS, of which many OROC members usually attend. However, this will not be known for sure until the dates for BALLS are officially set for 2015. Robert Braibish also inquired with Gary Fillible about the idea of an early Sheridan launch in April or May. This is not possible due to the crop conditions that time of year.

### **Membership Report**

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC had a total of 140 paid memberships for 2014. He also indicated that ballots and membership renewal forms will be mailed out shortly following the meeting and asked that everyone please mail them back before the annual meeting.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$6,058.24 with \$50.25 in deposits made last month and \$54.00 in expenses paid. The treasurer also indicated that we currently have a surplus of about \$2,000, mostly due to the increased membership dues, increased numbers in membership, and less expensive port-a-potty service. Several options for this surplus were talked about including road maintenance or improved GSE. The treasurer also handed out a budget sheet, which is included at the end of this document.

### **Wilsonville GSE Update**

Peter Dekluyver announced that he has made some improvements to the Wilsonville launch controller, including a new LiPo battery and replaced alligator clips. George Rachor also announced that there may be NAR grant money available for future improvements.

### **OSU Team Launches**

Team member Levi Suryan expressed interest in doing several pickup launches early in 2015 to test out some new team rocket designs. Our Launch Director Alan Hammond indicated that our current waiver is good until March 2015, at which point it will be renewed through Washington, DC.

### **TARC Update**

George Rachor indicated that TARC team test flights will begin in January. Anyone who is interested in building a TARC rocket is welcome to get in touch with him about using his field in North Plains, of which belongs to a friend of George's. A limited number of spectators are also welcome. For more info please contact George at [geroge@rachors.com](mailto:geroge@rachors.com).

### **Drone Info**

George Rachor updated us on FAA regulations on R/C drone usage and expressed his concerns on FAA control.

### **Possible Ballot Measure**

Chuck Fauser inquired about adding a ballot measure regarding making Rocketober 2015 a TRA research launch all 3 days. This would be a simple yes/no vote on the ballot and would likely yield more democratic results as opposed to a simple email poll. The BOD discussed this issue via email following the meeting, and a decision was made to merely take a poll and not an official vote on this matter. Included on this year's ballot is a poll of which options are:

- Research all 3 days.
- Research on Friday and Sunday, commercial on Saturday.
- Research on Friday, commercial on Saturday and Sunday.

This pertains ONLY to the Rocketober 2015 launch.

**Adjournment**

A call was made for other business and being none the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37 PM.

**Point Of Order**

Following the meeting, ballots and 2015 membership applications were mailed at approximately 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014

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