

Oregon Rocketry June 2014 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, June 5, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:25 PM.

Officers present:

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Publicity Director)

Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

President's Absence

The President Gary Goncher was not present at this meeting due a conference out of town. The Publicity Director Tim Ryerse ran the meeting in his absence.

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing none at this lightly-attended meeting.

NSLI Launch Report

Joe Bevier and Fred Azinger reported on the NSLI launch at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. There were 5 OROC members present to help at this launch, with 16 different teams from around the country flying their projects, and only 3 unsuccessful launches. Included in these 16 teams was Fred Azinger's team from Clark College. It was reported that their rocket flew very well and was the only rocket that had zero issues before flight.

NXRS Preparation

Our Publicity Director Tim Ryerse made a call for volunteers at the upcoming NXRS launch, now less than 3 weeks away. We are in need of certified L2 members to run LCO, RSO, as well as Roving RSO to assist with away cell operations and in-camp RSO approvals. A sign-up sheet was passed around for these duties. It was announced that there will be 3 different away cells at this launch:

1. The usual 500' away cell for complex-L and M motor launches.
2. The usual homestead hill site for complex-M and N motor launches.
3. A new away cell located at the junction of the North/South road and the road that runs to the abandoned truck and falling-down house. This area was recently cleared at the Spring Thunder launch and will be used for complex-N and O motor launches.

It was noted that the BOD is only aware of 1 member planning to fly an O motor at NXRS this year (Dave Hassinger). There was also a brief discussion regarding sparky motors at this launch, and the verdict as of now is that they will be allowed. However, a final determination cannot be made until the date comes closer and launch site conditions have been observed.

Spring Thunder Recovery Incident

The BOD members present at the meeting reported on the email they received a few weeks ago with regards to a rocket landing under chute inside the ODOT compound in Brothers and damaging a truck windshield on Saturday morning. Since there were only 2 members who recovered nearby that area at the launch, neither of which flew on Saturday morning, the situation itself remains unclear. The Publicity Director then tabled this topic.

TARC Update

Our NAR Section #555 President George Rachor updated us on his TARC team. They placed 56th at nationals in Washington, DC with their flights.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish was not present at this meeting. Our Secretary Wilson Alness gave the treasurer's report in his absence. As of the meeting date the bank balance was \$5,752.17 with \$1,023.23 in deposits made last month and \$574.92 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that as of the meeting date OROC has 98 paid memberships.

Estes Rocket Sales

Visitor Jim Parsons announced that Estes is currently having a number of clearance sales with low prices on rocket kits.

NXRS Firewood

It was asked if there will firewood delivered for NXRS since there is currently none on-site. It was suspected that Robert Krausert was going to take care of this, however the Secretary Wilson Alness reported that the last update he had heard was that the Treasurer Robert Braibish would be ordering a cord of wood with club funds.

Adjournment

A call was made for other business and being none the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wilsonalness@comcast.net.