

Oregon Rocketry

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of Oregon Rocketry was convened at 7:44 p.m. by Gary Goncher (after he finished his pasta meal 😊).

One new member was present.

The minutes of the May meeting were not available.

NUMBERS:

Current members: 105

Starting balance: \$6,941.00

Debits: 1,082.00

Current balance: \$5,866.00

The club still owes dues for the hilltop site at Brothers.

LAUNCH REVIEWS:

Garden Home: A Cub Scout den/pack was present. They had some problems with their igniters, but overall had a good event. There were also some preschoolers with group leaders. Only one rocket ended up on a roof.

One cause of concern arose when a Little League coach approached us, thinking he had use of the field. We told him we had rented the field for the afternoon. He was not angry about that, but he revealed some disappointing news about the park. Apparently, Garden Home Park will be creating a significant dog park. One of the reasons is the current fields are in a boggy area, which is less desirable as a ballpark.

Two ideas raised for an alternate location were the Yamhill-Carlton school, where a school club is flying, and an elementary school in Tualatin.

One person asked about getting new launch rods.

SPRING THUNDER

The weather was nice on Friday, OK through midday on Saturday when rain came. There were some launch controller issues on those days. No sparky motors were flown due to high winds.

Oregon State had an unsuccessful launch. They may try flying before NXRS.

PREPARATION FOR NXRS

Some launch pads are broken. If they can't be repaired in time, we can borrow three or four pads.

There is a need for RSO and LCO help. Pre-register for the slots at the end of the meeting.

Brian Clark will volunteer to run registration. They will need an extra canopy for registration, since Gary cannot be there with his until Saturday.

The types of competitions was still undetermined. A suggestion was made for another "Shredstes" as was done last year.

The club is covered for most launch supplies. They will try to have a backup launch control box, since the new one didn't work well at Spring Thunder. The new controller operates at different frequencies.

Other issues:

- Tents/camping: Attendance at NXRS has been growing, meaning more in attendance. Spectator fees help keep numbers down. High-end launches have been dropping; there was only one O rocket launched last year. A new (higher altitude) waiver may attract more rockets.
- There is concern about the presence of a new home next door. They are not sure if it is occupied permanently or serves as a vacation home.
- Generators: usage after 10 p.m. will be curtailed. Wires across walking paths or too close to speakers must be watched.

NEW BUSINESS

New rack cards have been printed for 2019.

A hobby shop on North Interstate Blvd. in Portland is now carrying rockets.

There is a possibility of new launch pad designs. They would keep the current quad pod heads. Concrete footings are also possible.

NAR Board of Trustees Voting: one recommendation was for Becky Green from San Mateo, the closest trustee nominee to Oregon.

The annual airshow is moving to McMinnville in September, which may affect the Fillible's Folly launch in Sheridan. The show may have different flight patterns that won't interfere with the launch. They will check with the FAA. There's a chance we will have to switch dates for the launch, which has been done in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.