

OROC Minutes – August (8/6/20)

Meeting called to order at 7:30

- Secretary's Report
 - 131 members (5 new members)
 - New people at the meeting:
 - Jeremy Flaxel – Beaverton High School
 - Kellen Becker – Bend area
 - Chris Liddell – First meeting, been a member for a year or so
- Low Power Update
 - Paper work is submitted now with exception of providing the parks department a copy of our rental agreement. This will be handled.
 - Now the question is should we actually do it in the current state of the pandemic?
 - Need to acquire an IR thermometer – Brian Clark will get one of these.
 - Need multiple bottles of hand sanitizer / wipes to provide at launches.
- July Brothers launch review
 - Went well again for the most part
 - Reiterating that if everyone follows the protocols, we can continue to launch safely
 - 138 motors flown (more than last year's July launch, and more than this year's June "Return to Flight" launch).
 - Over 45% high power
 - OSU flew an N and an O
 - HART flew the N, sim'd to 19k', did not achieve that altitude. Booster recovered under drogue only. Sustainer did not deploy, but it was recovered with heavy damage.
 - O motor flight was "textbook", recovered west of the hanger.
 - Joey flew two M motors, earning his L3
 - A few non-members showed up and were allowed to fly, but encouraged to join as members.
- High Power Launches
 - None at Brothers until October
 - Kelly Jones: "What constitutes high enough fire danger great enough to prevent launching?"
 - Gary: RFPA, BLM, and the forestry department provide a lot of input. Forestry department gets the final say. It is not a BOD decision.
 - Sod Blaster canceled
 - Other Options:
 - Hood River club
 - Parkdale: 3500' AGL waiver, G motors
 - Black Rock
 - XPRS and "Not BALLS" are happening, but reservations are full
 - Fillible's Folly (Sheridan) is still a go at this point: September 11-13.
 - Rocketober (Brothers) is a go: October 16-18.

- COVID
 - Deschutes county has seen a spike in cases, asking tourists to stay away until at least Labor Day.
 - Polk County is in phase 2 as well, which is where to Sheridan launch is held (even though Sheridan city is actually in Yamhill county).
- New Business
 - Solar panel needed for battery charging in the new storage trailer.
 - This could also power a light string for internal lighting in the trailer.
 - Dave Armstrong: What if we broke Sheridan into multiple smaller launches?
 - Needs more discussion, but could provide the bandwidth for more launches if we have the demand.
 - We will have a BOD meeting and send out a follow up e-mail
 - Slideshow from the July launch courtesy of Gary Goncher.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm