

OROC January 2022 Meeting Minutes 2/3/22

Meeting called to order 7:30pm

Secretary's Report

44 Memberships

Email went out with instructions.

Brian will send out another reminder.

Paper forms have been updated on the website for download.

Treasurer's Report - 1/6/22

Report Date: 02-Feb-22

Balance last report \$5,467.56

Credits \$0.02

Debts (\$850.00)

Balance this report \$4,617.58

Pending deposit of \$1458.81 from PayPal memberships to be reported on next report

Pending check to Gary Goncher for GSE \$1011.26

TRA PIP and NAR Safety grant programs are still in place again this year.

Range Boxes

We have two range boxes on order from Altus Metrum, but they have been on order for a long time. The BOD is considering other options if we don't have them in time for the new season.

The safety issues with the older Altus Metrum boxes need to be resolved. They won't be used again unless we get them sorted out. *Some discussion at this point on potential fixes.*

Discussion tabled until March.

Launch Schedule

No significant negative feedback to the proposed schedule, but we are still waiting to hear back from Sunriver Nature Center.

RFPA will have in person training again at NXRS on Thursday and Friday. It will be held at a nearby lodge North of Brothers. Training is all day Thursday (with catering!) and Friday morning. Participants would be back to the launch by noon-ish on Friday.

Sage Clearing

Need the right weather / conditions. Can't be frozen, but can't be soggy. We might look at doing it at the beginning of the April launch. We will schedule a separate weekend before then if the weather is favorable.

We may also look at road improvements again in the next year, but haven't made any plans yet, and would need to assess the budget.

Launch Organization / Volunteers

LDRS planning and general review of launches in prior years got us thinking about launch planning, organization, and operations. It seems that having the same people running the launches and mostly the same crowd at LCO / RSO is causing burnout. We need more volunteers, more training, etc. We also believe that launches could be much safer if we scheduled multiple LCOs at a time. We need more help with running registration. Gary and his wife have been basically the only ones running a real registration booth for the past few years. Lastly, we need people to step up and act as launch director and Range Safety Officer.

We will be proposing changes this year to address these issues and opportunities.

Trailer Hauling / Range Setup

As usual, we feel like we could use some more volunteers in this department. With access to the property in Brothers now, for a lot of launches, you just have to haul it from there to the site. The trailer is ~3,500 lbs. We are also considering getting a lighter trailer than can haul a few pads or other small loads at a time.

New Flight Director

Alan Hammond has stepped down as flight director and Brant Hendrickson was nominated and voted in by the BOD to backfill the role. Brant is working with Alan to get trained up on waiver filing. Currently waiting to finalize the new range layout so we can submit the final documents.

New Business

There is a launch in Goldendale, WA on February 13th. 14k waiver.

<http://www.gorgerocketclub.com/event/goldendale-launch-2/>

Any update on range layout?

No final version yet. Most likely, it will look very similar to the existing range, except we will be cutting a new road and parking area along the actual property line.

We are going to try to streamline the pickup launch request procedure, and might try to consolidate college / highschool team launches so volunteers don't have to go out there over and over in the off season. We have a lot of local participants now with OSU, PSU, Clark College, George Fox, Yamhill Carlton Highschool, and others.

Jordan Slavish reports that Yamhill Carlton may shift to using Goldendale rather than Brothers since they don't fly anything bigger than a K for the highschool SLI contest. Jordan also wanted to thank all the OROC members that stepped up to help Yamhill Carlton team prep their SLI rocket.

George Rachor has two America Rocketry Challenge teams this year and practice is starting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

