

# Meeting Minutes - Sunday, March 21, 2010

Tripoli Indiana - TRA Prefecture #132  
Indiana Rocketry Society - NAR Section #711

1. President Doug Jackson called the meeting to order at approx. 7 PM at the Purdue Extension Office.
2. Roll call was taken - All officers were present as were Curtis & Sam.
3. Randy was reimbursed for the purchase of safety vests.
4. No new membership applications were presented.
5. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as revised.

## 6. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** - Nothing to report
- b. **Vice President** - Gus reported TAP nominations still not approved. Nominations have since been approved.
- c. **Treasurer** - Treasurer's Report was read and accepted without revision.
- d. **WebMaster** - Randy reported that 18 flyers were pre-registered for ThunderStruck and has received 5 registrations for under-18.
- e. **Prefect** - Vic reported that John Tsohas had successfully certified level 1 at the March launch, and plans to attempt level 2 at ThunderStruck. Vic has plenty of TRA Level 2 tests available. Randy to cover getting NAR L2 tests.
- f. **Member @ Large** - David reported on the first TI EX launch. Discussed Randy's CATO & reviewed video. Randy displayed the split case. Doug asked if the CATO presented a safety issue to which David indicated that TRA minimum distance requirements are 3X safe. Discussed Jim Sadowski's successful K launch.

## 7. Old Business

- a. **Port-a-pot**: Have not located a trailer yet. Randy reported the cost for a mobile porta-pot is \$1500.
- b. **School Projects**: Vic reported that Jefferson HS has a NASA based Aero course. David presented 2 classes at CC.
- c. **Aluminum Pads**: Curtis reported he expected pads to be welded within the week, and would be ready for ThunderStruck. Trying to find SS hardware. Doug working on blast deflectors as well as rods for the 6 new rails. Curtis also offered ideas for enhanced pad design, may try on one pad.
- d. **Fire Equipment**: New rakes and shovels are in trailer.
- e. **Equipment Manager**: Brian officially dubbed EM.

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- f. **SpringFest:** David has not had time to work on anything for this. Not a major issue at this time, focus must be on ThunderStruck.
  - g. **ThunderStruck:**
    - i. Randy reported that we're on target as long as equipment is completed on time.
    - ii. Discussed away pads - Can go to 1500'. Rods/Rails should be angled 5° to the south for safety. Pad managers to monitor
    - iii. Randy encouraged members to sign up on the volunteer list
    - iv. Randy showed examples of name badge and lanyard
    - v. Discussed the need for every flyer to provide valid proof of Certification Level.
    - vi. Randy purchased 3 green vests for Press. Will purchase 4 more for Pad Managers.
    - vii. Discussed Range Layout
    - viii. Vic to ask landowners about ATV use.
- 8. New Business**
- a. **Work Day** - Scheduled for Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6-9PM @ Doug's Pole Barn
  - b. **Other New Business**
    - i. Discussed damage to equipment trailer. Damage was not serious, Fender bent. Trailer is useable.
    - ii. Vic suggested adding a community service/outreach page to the website. Vic to provide the layout and Randy will post.
    - iii. Vic suggested converting some existing launch dates, or adding dates for EX. Decided on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Vic suggested that a Launch Cancellation Policy should be posted on the website. Vic to write it, Randy to post.
    - v. Randy indicated that official club communication should be done on G-mail and gave a demonstration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59PM