

Meeting Minutes - Sunday, April 25, 2010

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

1. President Doug Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM at the Purdue Extension Office.
2. Roll call was taken - All officers were present. 5 members were present
3. Bills Paid
 - Randy was reimbursed for March & April porta-pot rentals
 - Doug for launch equipment purchases
 - Curtis for Aluminum pad hardware
 - Carl for LPR pad chucks
 - No new membership applications were presented.
4. March Meeting Minutes approved as read.
5. **Officer's Reports**
 - a. **President**
 - Doug requested that officers provide a courtesy call if they are not able to attend a meeting.
 - Expressed pride in the membership for a successful ThunderStruck Launch, and looks forward to doing it again next year.
 - b. **Vice President** -
 - Gus also pleased overall with Thunderstruck and offered the following:
 - Controller system was great
 - PA a bit scratchy
 - Apologized for fire & not covering all he volunteered for.
 - Consider asking land owner to disk prior to launch
 - Expressed his opinion of Fireman's coat issue
 - c. **Treasurer** - Treasurer's Report was read and approved without revision.
 - d. **WebMaster** - No report. Vic reminded that member accomplishments need to be updated. Randy reminded Vic to provide Launch Cancellation Policy & Outreach Page content.
 - e. **Prefect** - Vic passed
 - f. **Member @ Large** - David expressed his opinion for how the Fireman's coat incident should be handled and asked membership for further discussion. Decided that Doug would contact Dr. Heaster

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6. Old Business

a. Fire Repercussions:

- i. Vic reported the following:
 1. Jim Fields was the one who plowed the fire break, effectively stopping the fire
 2. Vic spoke with Lorraine Garrett - She deferred decision of continued field usage to Dick Lahee
 3. Plumlee's field was not involved, but his concern was with the loss of natural fertilizer.
 4. Vic also spoke with Dick Lahee and he understands the fire was accidental and did not seem concerned about damage to the field. Gave approval for continued use of field, and cleared for May 2nd launch.
- ii. Doug reported the following:
 1. Has forwarded a thank you letter to the Journal & Courier, but it has not been run yet. Will follow up.
 2. Spoke to Fire Chief who indicated he does not want to be called upon again for a launch fire.
 3. Suggested a \$100 donation to Battleground FD - membership approved
 4. Also suggested \$50 gift certificate for Jim Fields - Membership approved.
- iii. Randy has a gift card for Doug Sears, the Fireman whose coat was taken.

b. Thunderstruck: 150+ flights, with 8 or 9 certifications.

- i. Motion to make ThunderStruck the official name of TI's annual regional launch - Unanimously approved.

c. May 2nd EX?: Discussion of possibility to make May 2nd an EX Launch. Vic will call TRA to see if approval can be granted in time. Gus reminded that EX launches are to 75% of waiver. David indicated that the launch can be re-classified commercial prior to start if necessary.

- i. Motion to proceed with May 2nd EX classification - Unanimously approved.

d. HPR Pad Requirements: Discussed the need for 3 additional HPR pads for JKL flights. Not needed until launches at Ash Grove resume in the Fall. Discussed a "tighter" design.

e. Purdue Trailer: Gus, Brian & David Hailey have repaired the damage at Gus' expense. New tires, brakes and wiring repaired. Dr. Heaster accepted results.

7. New Business

- a. **School Projects** - Jefferson HS has requested a session for week of 4/28
- b. **4-H Launch:** Doug welcomed volunteers for the 4-H launch @ Wainright Middle School on June 27th

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- c. **Club Procedures:** Discussion on how club would proceed should a member be lost. Vic has a notebook of procedures that will be stored in the club trailer.
- d. **Other Business:**
 - i. Randy reported that Purdy is harvesting the field previously used for summer launch range. May have to use a different location.
 - ii. Carl to submit application for NAR Safety Grant.
 - iii. David suggested a group curative purchase.
 - iv. watched Gus' Launch video

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM