

Meeting Minutes – Sunday, April 15, 2012

Tripoli Indiana – TRA Prefecture #132

Indiana Rocketry Society – NAR Section #711

- 1) President Gus Piepenburg called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM at the Purdue Extension Office.
- 2) Roll call was taken - VP David Reese had an excused absence for travel from Red Glare.
- 3) March Meeting Minutes were approved as read.
- 4) **Officer's Reports**
 - a) **President Gus Piepenburg**
 - (i) TS Comments:
 - Wanted extra T-shirts given the number and interest of the attendees
 - Get speakers into the field for people loading rockets to hear
 - Get battery chargers - tenders and full scale
 - Did not like the flight pad cards
 - Premature to pay the land owner without David Reese's accounting numbers
 - b) **VP David Reese** - No Report
 - c) **Treasurer Richard Cash**
 - (i) Treasurer's report approved as read
 - (ii) TS Comments:
 - Volunteers were missing
 - Replenish the buck of rockets for the impressionable youth
 - (iii) Looking into alternative summer launch site
 - Encourage talking to Fields or Layhee to agree on a road launch at Ash Grove
 - d) **Web Master David Reese** - No Report
 - e) **Prefect Vic Barlow**
 - (i) TS Comments:
 - Rope flying field off from far East to the corner ~1.5mi either side next time
 - Designate a raffle coordinator
 - Low volunteerism
 - Build pads to reach full capacity and borrow Barry's new launch controller so the mid-day tear down can be avoided on Sunday
 - Upgrade the PA system
 - Have an assistant LCO because its more demanding than anticipated
 - Solar lights at the night launch were a huge success
 - Need a better organizational system for the launch pad boards; consider attaching flight cards to pad cards
 - Should purchase the TS video clip from WLFI
 - (ii) Club fee structure should be under review
 - Have to offset \$780.00/yr for insurance w/o Judy's help (contributed \$500.00)
 - Consider members paying once to cover flights at any launch throughout the year
 - f) **Member @ Large Brian Perry**
 - (i) TS Comments:
 - The little problems were not seen by the fliers
 - Need better safety procedures at the night launch (i.e. cards w/o pad letters)
 - (ii) Summer launches at Purdy's are out because the sod field has been cropped over
- 5) **Old Business**
 - a) Additional TS comments:
 - (i) Barry McCabe
 - Flyers/flights in 2011 was 78 - 138
 - Flyers/flights in 2012 was 127 - 369
 - 40/44 shirts sold in 2011

- 95/100 shirts sold in 2012
 - Award Brandon Gross for most flights
 - Nobody ever filled out the flight cards correctly
 - Rotate the batteries at the bank boxes
 - Need more cones for next time
 - Do not mark port-a-john location with 'GPS'
 - Have some toilets closer and get 1 for handicap
 - One port-a-john was graffitied, another tipped with beer cans (consider posting 'no alcohol' on web registration and flyer handout)
- (ii) Virginia McCabe
- Needs reimbursement for buying packet envelopes
 - Put pre-sale shirts in the packets and do not distribute separately
 - Consider not stuffing all the papers into each packet
- (iii) Doug Jackson
- Install a celebrity launch dummy switch for the mayor
- (iv) Carl Kruger
- Need more spare car batteries at the launch
 - Sunday's ignition failures were likely rusty QCRS leads (not ours)
 - Consider a second trailer versus a bigger trailer
- (v) Sam Midkiff
- Good rapport with the scout troop grill and will gladly do it again
- (vi) Bill Kincaid
- First baby O and full O in the state of Indiana
- (vii) David Fox
- Reduced food hurt on Friday
 - Signage needs to read "Indiana Rocketry Incorporated" to be legally correct
- 6) **New Business**
- a) Planning for a new summer launch field/schedule
- 7) **Meeting adjourned @ 5:58 PM**