

JCRC February Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2011

Eddie Cline opened the meeting at 6:45pm. The minutes from the January meeting were approved by motion, second, and vote. Anthony presented the treasurers report, with an account balance of \$11,061.20 as of February 21.

Eddie briefly discussed the term-limit committee's activities. The committee has met once and will meet again to further consider the motion.

Andy McGrady reported on the **Indoor Fun-Fly** held last weekend at the Kingsport Civic Center. There were about 40 people in attendance with the flight line occasionally crowded with both pilots and spectators. A slide show of the indoor activities was playing on a laptop during the meeting. An impressive variety of aircraft was present, with wingspans from about 12 inches to 48 inches, including some of the miniature helicopters flying. Hobby Town was represented and demonstrated a two-rotor helicopter and a quadricopter (controlled by an I-pad rather than a conventional radio). The yellow heli was donated to the club by H.T. Future events will include an Electric Fun-Fly in late March/early April, a late April open Fun-Fly, and a May Fly-In (times to be announced).

Doug Lindauer discussed his progress on **updating the website**. He estimates that if we want to have a field weather station which anyone could consult by computer, it can be done with a web access fee of about \$30/month, once we buy a weather station (perhaps \$300 to 400). For a little extra money, we could also have a web-cam at the field along with WiFi for anyone with a portable computer. Doug showed his own personal weather station online on the JCRC website – showing that it is capable of recording real time and providing a graph of recent history of rainfall, wind velocity, and temperature. The club bylaws have been put into the website Members Area, and Doug has also provided a membership database there with powerful look-up features. He noted that xhtml language is being used where possible, so that portable devices with small screens (like PDA's and phones) can use it also. Eddie commented that anyone with pictures from past events should forward them on to Doug who can put them on the website.

Anthony Hall reported on his side project with Ed McEntire regarding production of a **brochure and business cards**. Prototypes were available for comments. We discussed applying “Donated by JCRC” stickers (with contact info) on members' old model aircraft magazines for distribution where people may be seeking reading material (e.g., barbershops, doctor's offices). Prototypes for each were examined with a comment from Greg Cowen that the "Donated" stickers should be larger. Andy McGrady made the motion that we proceed and allocate up to \$250 for the printing of brochures, business cards, and “donated by” stickers for magazines; Don Martin seconded. The motion passed vote. It was further suggested that club members could donate their own magazines to similar places by affixing the club supplied stickers, allowing us to reach lots of folks around the Tri-Cities area. Mention was made by Doug Lindauer that we consider staffing a booth at the Appalachian Fair as a way of reaching interested people. This was discussed briefly, with no conclusions reached.

Everyone was surprised to learn that Skip Weller has already completed the installation of the **new pilots station** to the right side of the field. This new station will allow pilots to stand with better proximity to the upper field where everyone can fly with less likelihood of flying over neighboring houses.

Old Business: Eddie reminded us of our **existing runway condition**, with comments that all members

should be on the lookout for possible new flying field locations. We need to keep our options open and have a backup plan. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Eddie.

Eddie commented that it takes **\$12 per member to send out newsletters** to those who request a printed version. Since this adds up, please reconsider reading online and saving the club postage. There was some discussion around the topic of asking members to pay for the mailing if they request it, but there appeared to be no support for a change in policy at this time. If you change your mind, even if you checked the box to receive it by mail and decide to read the newsletter online, please notify Ed McEntire by email (emcentire@aol.com). The newsletter is both sent out by email and is available on the www.flyjcrc.com website.

A **story-telling contest** was held at the meeting – Topic: Best Crash Story. If you missed the meeting, you will have to ask the winner, Rhea Starnes, about his narrow escape from the alligator. He claims it's true! Friends, this is a story worth hearing! LOL! Sounds like there will be other such competitions in upcoming meetings. Gentlemen, start your engines and prepare those stories. Rhea won the container of CA for his story. Vic Koenig presented a **show-and-tell** regarding a way he has found to lighten aircraft parts. He illustrated with the tail feathers from his latest build. He uses very lightweight foam inside 1/32 inch balsa skin, causing the weight of the assembly to be 2 oz, or about ½ of the conventionally built parts. Wolf Dilworth in San Antonio, TX, supplies the foam. Contact Vic if you are interested.

Skip Weller won the **drawing** for the yellow helicopter provided by Hobby Town. He said he'd accept it if someone could guarantee that it would bounce off walls. Skip pointed out that the **Perry, Georgia, Swap Meet** is coming up March 4-5. Several club members are planning to go to this largest event in the US. Herb Johnson pointed out that the 3D Hobby Shop's **Huckfest Tour** will begin in Knoxville this year, on March 17-20. If you like 3D flying, this is the place for you. The pro's will be there. See <http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=61478> . If you know of events in the area worthy of attention, send the links to Doug Lindauer who volunteered to put them on the JCRC calendar on the appropriate dates. If you haven't taken a look at the JCRC website lately, take a look. Thanks, Doug!

Membership cards were passed out to those who submitted applications early. The remainder will be mailed soon if you have submitted your application and your AMA membership is verified.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed McEntire, JCRC Secretary

JCRC February Meeting Highlights

- Coming events: Electric only Fun-Fly (late March/early April), Open Fun-Fly (late April), Fly-In (May) – more on exact dates later.
- Check out the www.flyjcrc.com website for the weather station (sorry, just reading at Doug Lindauer's house, not the field yet), searchable member database, bylaws, etc. If you have flying photos from past events at our field, please send them to Doug for inclusion on our website.
- Approval was sought and granted to publish a club brochure, business cards, and “Donated By JCRC” stickers with contact info for our old model airplane magazines. This should cost less

than \$250.

- Try out the new JCRC field pilot station if you prefer to fly over the upper landfill area. Thanks, Skip Weller!
- If you checked the box to receive the JCRC newsletter on your application and you decide to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Ed McEntire at emcentire@aol.com if you are willing to receive it by email or from the JCRC website posting. You'll get it quicker and you will help save JCRC mailing funds (\$12 each member)!
- If you missed the meeting, ask Rhea Starnes about his 'Best Crash Story' and his “escape from the alligator” story with which he won the prize! You'll LOL! And when you are at the field next, watch for the yellow, tandem-rotor heli won in the drawing by Skip Weller!
- JCRC membership cards for 2011 are ready for the early filers of applications. If you missed getting yours at the meeting, look for them in the mail by March 5. Notify Ed McEntire if not received by that date (see email above).

Respectfully submitted,
Ed McEntire, JCRC Secretary