

JCRC Meeting Highlights and Meeting Minutes May 29, 2012

Eddie Cline opened the meeting at 6:45. The April 2012 meeting minutes could not be reproduced for approval due to a printer malfunction – so they will be presented at the June meeting. The Treasurer's report was presented by Anthony Hall. A slight surplus has been raised by t-shirt and jacket sales and via Thursday evening cookouts.

New members present, all with some previous RC flying experience, were introduced:

John Richardson – Norton VA, Bill Mullins – Kingsport, Roger Gillis - Kingsport

Please welcome these folks when you see them at the field.

Old Business: The recent (May 4) newspaper article about JCRC and its members has been a real bonus to our membership, with 7 new members joining in May. The new gate was installed to replace the one damaged by falling tree limbs, and signage will be added soon.

Eddie reminded the membership (and new members present) that any JCRC member may fly with any non-AMA member one time only as an introductory flight, and still be covered by AMA insurance. This volunteer flight is contingent on the discretion of the JCRC member. Further training should be conducted by the volunteer Intro Pilots who are registered with the AMA.

New Business – Eddie discussed the possibility of temporary membership cards for new members so they can begin flying sooner. With the growing club, this would help the current members identify the new members and should help new members to become certified and get flying sooner, especially if they already have RC experience.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church in Johnson City will hold its Aviation theme vacation Bible school this Sunday, June 3 (<http://oakgrovebc.org/vbs2012.html>). Members who volunteered should plan to arrive by 5:30pm or before to set up and be ready to fly any small electrics or display aircraft by 6 pm. If you cannot fly at the event, come and help by being a Field Marshall, helping to maintain boundaries so that we may have a safe event.

Eddie handed out plastic badge holders so that members may display their JCRC membership cards on their person while flying. While these are not required, their use is encouraged, especially by club officers. It will especially help new members to recognize who is a JCRC club member and who are intro pilots.

The question was raised about member photos and their availability to members to aid in identifying new members to old, and vice-versa. Those present appeared in agreement regarding that these could be made available to JCRC members, but not to the general public. This could permit photos available by online member search and also posting member photos at the field.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed McEntire, JCRC Secretary