

JCRC Meeting Highlights and Meeting Minutes January 26, 2016

Anthony Hall called the meeting to order at 6:50. The minutes for November were presented. Roy Davidson made a motion to accept, and Dennis Sams seconded. Vic Koenig presented the Treasurer's report, with revenues from mostly dues of \$4,565, and outlays of \$360 for portolet rental. There is a \$14,692 balance.

Anthony Hall stated that the New Year's funfly was fantastic, tho it did get colder and colder that day, but the chili was hot to make up for that. We had one reporter from channel Five and one from the Bristol newspaper. The indoor fun fly was really a great event. There was a reporter attending as well. One over-achieving member installed his plane above the plane-eating ceiling as a memento for posterity's sake. The Club agreed to have the next indoor fun fly at the camp Tapawingo activity center located in the Elizabethton side of Johnson City. It has high ceilings and no rental fee, just a donation request. Doug Lindner volunteered to do the legwork about planning the event.

Two schools have asked for demos for their STEM programs. One is Town Acres on 4/15 at their school. The other is from John Sevier Middle School for 6/23, and they would like to be at our field that morning. Town Acres wants to hear about aviation science. John Sevier has a summer Stem program, and they would bring 60 kids, 7-9th grades, and would have six adults with them. Doug Lindaur stated that we will need substantial commitment from several members to do this. The kids could be split into six groups of ten. Doug Lindaur volunteered to coordinate, and several members volunteered or expressed interest. Anthony Hall mentioned he could bring his butterfly plane as a trainer, Doug Lindaur said he could bring his simulator, and maybe other members could bring laptops with rc sims also. Mike Starnes allowed he could bring his Phantom as there is much interest in drones. There will be followup emails and discussions on this later on.

Anthony Hall spoke about the new FAA regulations that he has been researching. Everyone will have to register by the February 19th deadline unless all their aircraft weigh less than 0.55 pounds, so that we continue to keep our trust up with the city. FAA regulations call for a 400' limit, but they also say to follow known aeromodeling regulations, then link to the AMA website which says to keep it in sight. One document says that people own "drones" for just 1.5 years, which is not correct for modelers. The secretary will keep a list of those that have sent him their registration info, and if anyone doesn't register with the FAA they will not be able to fly at the field. The FAA isn't following the bill passed in congress protecting modelers. For a club trainer the AMA says to put a club officer's number in the club trainer plane and direct the club to send the officer a letter saying he is not responsible for any damages from that aircraft. Anthony Hall will put his number in the planes and send a letter. The FAA number can be in the battery compartment if it can be opened without a tool.

Mike Starnes noticed someone outside the area early on had given the facebook page a bad rating for no good reason, and suggested next time you see the page to give it some positive ratings to help return the average to a good number.

At 7:30, there was a motion to close made by Jerry Black, and seconded by Mike Starnes.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Lick, JCRC Secretary