

Oregon Rocketry April Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, April 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Gary Goncher.

Officers present: Gary Goncher, Yvonne Moscoe, and Tim Ryerse.

Spring Thunder Launch Update

The first OROC sponsored high power launch of the season will be held on May 21-23, with Friday for research launches only (TRA level 2 and above only) and Saturday and Sunday for commercial motors. Trailer hauling is taken care of, thanks to Joe Bevier. There is a new fence along the east side of the Brothers launch site, with a gate across the road that runs along the flight line and continues up the hill. We have permission from the property owners to enter the property and retrieve rockets so long as we enter leave only by the gate, and make sure that it is closed behind us. Please observe these new rules so that we can maintain good relations with the property owners.

Brothers Property Update

As some of you are aware from e-mail traffic on the OROC mail list, Robert Krausert is organizing a private offer for the 40 acres immediately to the north of property owned by Chris Beekman. This offer is separate from the Oregon Rocketry club. If the offer is successful, this property will be leased to the club as the Beekman property currently is. Robert is proposing that the current club money earmarked as a land fund be returned to the club general fund. A poll of members present at the April meeting were in favor of this proposal by a vote of 18 to 3.

Upcoming Launches

The next model rocket will be held at Wilsonville Memorial Park on Sunday, April 11. A launch at Tillamook tentatively scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled due to lack of time to get a waiver approved. The first OROC sponsored high power launch of the season will be held on May 21-23. As usual the Friday launch will be research only (must be TRA level 2 to participate), and Saturday and Sunday launches will be open to all. Robert Krausert has proposed a 4-day launch over the Labor Day weekend, to be known as September Sage eXtreme (SSeX), that would be two days of research launches followed by two days of commercial launches. A poll of members at the April meeting showed that 9 members thought that they would attend such a launch.

Oregon NAR National Launch Possibility

A proposal has been made that Oregon Rocketry sponsor a NAR national launch sometime in 2011 or 2012. Comments from current NAR board members John Lyngdal and George Rachor indicate that NARAM would not be an appropriate launch for the Brothers location, but NSL (National Sport Launch) might be a good fit. Further discussion of this topic will be pursued at future meetings. A poll of members at the April meeting indicated that 7 members would be willing to put in effort to achieve this goal, while 4 members thought that this would not be a good idea for the club to undertake.

Treasurer's Report

Yvonne Moscoe presented an update of club finances since January, the last time a treasurer's report was issued. A total of \$1620.66 was disbursed (including \$700 for the Beekman land lease, January meeting pizza, brochure printing, TRA fee, and P.O. box fee fee). A total of \$1005.00 was received since the January meeting in new membership fees. The club balance is currently \$5779.15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

Please send any additions or corrections to the minutes to ggoncher@verizon.net