

SECTION MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2002

Present: M. Kamide, Glenn & Daniel Feveryear, Dr. Simon & son, D. Greene, R. Hackman, G. Beever.

Dale Greene, the President, called the meeting to order at 7:20PM and called for committee reports.

1. Treasurer: George Beever, for Larry Gerlach, reported a balance as of June 21 of \$560.04.
2. Section Advisor/Competition: Glenn Feveryear passed around the results from RAMTEC-10, held June 15/16; reported that there are about 40 "RAMTEC-10" lanyards leftover. After discussion, it was decided to offer them for sale at \$4 each. Glenn thanked Ken Brown of QCR for donating items for door prizes; and gave the final financial report on RAMTEC-10. At this point in time, the \$300 from the SPAAR treasury that was advanced will not be recovered, being approximately \$20-\$40 short [depending on the lanyard sales]. MOTION - by Beever, second by Kamide, to accept the RAMTEC-10 financial report as given. Motion passed. Glenn then briefly discussed the Regional being held by the Pittsburgh Space Command October 5/6.
3. Newsletter: George asked if anyone had any objections to having the minutes of Section Meetings posted on the club's website, as opposed to being published in the newsletter. [Note: as per the Section By-Laws, should there be a proposed amendment to the by-laws it will still be published as required.] There were no objections.

Old Business: Dale Greene reported on the Gettysburg launch.

New Business: Glenn reported on a proposal discussed at RAMTEC-10 regarding the future of contests among SPAAR, PSC, NOVAAR, and NARHAMS. Due to the expected loss of the use of De Sales University for RAMTEC, it is proposed that during the 2002/2003-contest year, Regionals will be hosted by PSC, NOVAAR & NARHAMS, with SPAAR holding a combination of an Open Meet and a Section Meet, or 3 Section Meets to fill out the contest factors of 12. By the 2003/2004, SPAAR would be expected

to have procured the use of a suitable field for a Regional, to replace RAMTEC. IN turn, one of the three other Sections would drop out of hosting a Regional for that contest. Those present agreed to this proposal, and Glenn will advise the other clubs.

Extensive discussion was then held on the idea of obtaining the use of the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg for a Regional in the 2003/2004-contest year. There are many things that would make this attractive; among them it's proximity to NARHAMS & NOVAAR, while still being closer to PSC than De Sales was; the abundance of lodging; and the name recognition of Gettysburg itself. It would also give SPAAR over a year to either work out arrangements with the National Park Service at the Eisenhower site, or failing that, procure the use of another field. After this discussion, it was decided to move forward with this idea.

To that end, Glenn advised that after 10 years of RAMTEC, he'd prefer not to be intimately involved in the planning for a Regional in Gettysburg, other than the support he would provide as any other member of SPAAR. Dale Greene stated that he would contact Steve Hutchinson, who has done the bulk of the groundwork for the "50's Weekend" launches at Gettysburg for SPAAR for the past 2 years. Dale and Steve are requested to advance this project with the officials at Gettysburg and keep the membership advised of developments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.