

SECTION MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2004

Present: Larry Gerlach, Chris Land, Dale Greene, John Yost, and George Beever

The President called the meeting to order at 7:20PM and called for committee reports:

Treasurer: Larry Gerlach reported a current balance of \$1,332.90, with 50 current members.

Section Advisor: Dale Greene read Glenn Feveryear's report, which indicated that the NAR insurance certificate has been sent to the Penn Manor School District.

Competition: For Glenn, Dale read off the schedule for contests in the MADROC series scheduled for the 2004-05 Contest Year. He reported that Glenn feels it will be problematic to hold RAMTEC in 2005 due to the lack of a suitable field. Discussion ensued on the possible use of NOVAAR's field at The Plains in Manassas, VA, as well as the Penn Manor Middle School. If RAMTEC could be scheduled at a time when the crops have not yet grown too high in the surrounding fields, there would be enough room. Several examples of nearby housing accommodations were also discussed, and they appear plentiful. It was decided to discuss these possibilities with the CD, Glenn Feveryear.

HPR: Dale Greene brought up the subject of waivers for future launches at Penn Manor. Chris detailed the process that he went through to obtain the waiver for November 7. It was decided to possibly obtain a similar waiver for a launch in the spring of 2005. George Beever mentioned that the club really hasn't had an active member connected to the HPR scene for some time, and asked if Chris Land would be interested in filling that role. Chris responded that he has many time-consuming commitments with his TARC activities, but that he would try to pass on HPR-related news and events either at meetings or through the e-group or website.

Old Business:

- Dale Greene took orders for shirts and hats, and reminded everyone that details are in the website.
- The "secret launch" will be November 26 at Penn Manor from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.
- George Beever reviewed the results of the poll recently taken on the e-group concerning topics for the 2005 Winter Workshops. Five respondents, or 62.5%, favored a program on Boost and Rocket Gliders. George will try to shmooze Glenn into heading this up.
- Larry Gerlach mentioned that he saw that at the September meeting, Rick Hackman had inquired about a possible dues reduction since we no longer support a printed newsletter. Various points of view on this topic were presented, with the result being that for now the dues system will remain in place, as we have been considering the purchase of a trailer to haul and store the club's launch equipment.
- On a similar topic, Chris asked for a clarification on the status of the TARC students at SPAAR launches. Do they need to become members of SPAAR? It was reaffirmed that since SPAAR is acting as a "mentor" group for the Penn Manor TARC program, the students would not have to become members of SPAAR to fly at a sport launch.

- The subject of the four sets of leads for the VBR Quad Control system was discussed. It was found on November 7 that only three sets were accounted for, of which one needed to have repairs made to the clips. This set is now unaccounted for. Does Jim Cox have them for repair? As for the fourth set, it has apparently disappeared. John Yost volunteered to make a replacement set.

New Business:

- Discussion was held regarding the December 10 meeting. This has been the SPAAR Pizza Party over the past few years, a shameless attempt to entice members to attend at least one meeting a year, and besides, it's election night. George Beever suggested foregoing the meeting at the Boys Club, and instead simply hold the meeting at a nearby restaurant or pizza joint. Several possibilities were discussed, including the place we went to last year, and Doc Holiday's. Larry Gerlach will check into the pizza angle, while George will check with Doc's. A decision should be reached by Thanksgiving, in order to advise the members.
- Chris Land discussed an educational program that he is attempting to introduce into the Penn Manor Senior High School. It would involve several departments, such as the wood shop, electronics shop, auto finishing, physics, chemistry and math, with the result being that the students would work towards one goal – the construction of a rocket. Chris stated that this was in the preliminary stages, and does not anticipate this occurring until the 2005-06 school year. Chris inquired about SPAAR's possible support and participation. All in attendance agreed that the proposal was a good one worth our support, providing that the motor be NAR/TRA certified. Chris will work on a written outline or description of the project and it will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Larry Gerlach reported that he recently spoke with Dr. Simon. He reported that Doc has experienced some health problems, and that, coupled with his son's attention and interests elsewhere, have taken him away from the hobby. He told Larry that he had some items to donate to the club, and Larry will accommodate him. We all wish Doc Simon the best!
- Members who attend launches at Penn Manor are requested to park on the other side of the school. Many of us were parked in the area of the basketball court on November 7, and we are not to be there. Members can drive through the area to unload equipment, but are asked to park on the other side of the school.

Nominations:

At this point in the meeting, everyone broke out the required big, fat cigars in order to create the required "smoke filled room" atmosphere to take nominations for the club officers. In an unbelievable lapse of good sense, John Yost got up, left the room to go potty – at the worst possible moment. Yes, he actually left the room just prior to nominations being taken!! It could not have been scripted any better!

John is now President, President of Vice, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Defense, The Largest Member, Grand Pooh-Bah, The Great Elector, The Head Dude, The Big Cheese, Mr. Big, The Govenator, and Dubya's Pal.

OK, here are the actual nominees:

Section Advisor: Glenn Feveryear, other.

President: Dale Greene, other.

Vice-President: John Yost [no kidding], George Beever, other.

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry, Gerlach, other.

Member-At-Large: Daniel Feveryear, Robert Wicker [that'll teach you not to miss meetings], other.

Dale Greene will get the ballots out ASAP.

Larry said we had to get out of the building, so the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.