

SECTION MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2002

Present: L. Gerlach, T. Rossi, T. Ha, J. Yost, D. Greene, N. Simon, G. Beaver

The Prez called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Section Advisor: No Report

Competition Committee: ECRM will be held May 17-17, 2003, sponsored by NARHAMS, Middletown, MD.

HPR: No report, however John Yost asked if anyone had any additional information relating to a post recently made on the SPAAR e-group by Ed Miller alluding to the possible disbanding of Tripoli Susquehanna. Tom Ha replied that it was his understanding that if a suitable HPR field could not be found, Ed would not re-new the charter with Tripoli.

Treasurer: Larry Gerlach reported a balance of \$867.07.

Old Business:

- Dale Greene led a discussion to finalize the 2003 club schedule. Several revisions were made, and it was adopted.
- Dr. Simon asked for input in planning the 2003 SPAAR Family Dinner, to be held on April 26, 2003. Tom Ha volunteered to solicit door prizes.
- John Yost reported he is working on the new launch system.
- Tony Rossi will draw up a map with directions to the new meeting location and will post it on the website.
- Damage to various components of the existing launch system was discussed.

- Details of the winter workshops were discussed.

New Business:

- Tony Rossi advised that Mark Kamide had donated new Mountainside Hobbies V-2 and George Beever had donated an old Mountainside Hobbies ASP-24 kit to the on-line auction to be held in February 2003.
- As a continuation of the discussion on damage to the launch system, Dale Greene asked if anyone knew where the club's anemometer was, and, if there is no interest in using it, suggested putting it up for auction as well. This led to a similar discussion regarding radios. Does the club own a set of the old CB walkie-talkies? The best recollection was that we do - and do we want to auction them off as well and replace them with up-to-date radios? Eventually, it was decided to inventory what the club owns; Tony Rossi, Dale Greene, and George Beever will complete the inventory prior to the December meeting.
- A discussion of the Team America Rocketry Challenge and SPAAR's assistance was held. John Yost urged any member who can do so, sign up to help. This will be over the Mother's Day weekend in May 2003. He related some of his experiences with the 1980 Internats and the 1988 US/USSR meets, and predicted the TARC will be similar. Tom Ha also discussed information related to the TARC that he had received from Trip Barber. John requested the use of SPAAR's RRD [Rocket Retrieval Device - AKA The Crappie Pole] for the TARC. Request granted. Dale Greene mentioned that a scale is needed also.
- Tony Rossi asked for a list of SPAAR members who are NAR members. The Section Advisor will be asked to obtain this. A discussion ensued on putting the membership database on the club website, and having it password protected for security. No final decision was reached, although those present felt it was a good idea and Tony will follow up on it.
- Larry Gerlach discussed the rocketry calendar produced by EMRR, Essence Model Rocketry Reviews, a portion of the proceeds of which

go to the NAR Legal Fund. A quantity discount is offered. John Yost made a motion to direct Larry to purchase 8 calendars with club funds, four of which will be purchased by attending members and four to be offered for sale or donated as door prizes. Second by Tony Rossi. Motion passed. The expenditure will be approximately \$148.

- Larry led a discussion on the club brochures and their apparent success. Tony Rossi will make the needed updates to the brochure.
- Larry then mentioned "Weenie's Toy Fair", a fond memory of a long-gone era in Lancaster's model rocket history. He, John, Dale and Tom all waxed nostalgic in recounting their memories of "Weenie's Toy Fair". The rest of us shook our heads.

After that trip down memory lane, nominations were taken for club officers for 2003, to appear on a mail-in "ballet":

Section Advisor: Glenn Feveryear

President: Dale Greene
John Yost

Vice-President: Tony Rossi
Tom Ha

Treasurer: Larry Gerlach

Member-At-Large: Doc Simon
Greg Martell

Note: Larry Gerlach's mother was nominated for all positions. Dale volunteered to make up the "ballet".