

Oregon Rocketry January 2016 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, January 7, 2016.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:39 PM.

2015 officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)
Wilson Alness (Secretary)
Robert Braibish (Treasurer)
Alan Hammond (Launch Director)
Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)
Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)
George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)
Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

2016 officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)
Wilson Alness (Secretary)
Robert Braibish (Treasurer)
Alan Hammond (Launch Director)
David Armstrong (Safety Officer)
Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)
George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)
Keith Packard (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Evan Bassford, Brant Hendrickson, and Max Missere.

2016 Year-In-Review

The President Gary Goncher gave a brief review of OregonRocketry's 2016 season and thanked everyone for helping make it a great year. Special recognitions were given to the following members:

- Joe Bevier for his years served as Tripoli Prefect and handling TRA certs.
- Robert Braibish for heading up road work and breaking rocks at the Rocketober 2015 launch.
- David Birch for trailer hauling and repairing GSE.
- Brian Van't Hul for making a special trip out to Brothers last summer to meet with a road contractor.

Lastly, all BOD members were thanked for their service to the club throughout the year. OROC once again had the most memberships ever in its history, at 155 paid members. In terms of attendance, 2015 also had some of OROC's biggest and best launches in the club's history despite losing 1 launch (Desert Heat) to fire danger. While there were a greater number of rockets flown in 2015 than in 2013, the year 2014 still had more total flights. OROC also hosted several outreach events, most notably the OMSI mini-Maker Faire and the Woodburn STEM Fest. The President wished to thank all members who helped at these events, most notably Stefan Jones, Ed Harrison, Thomas Friedmann, and David Birch. Our new low power launch site in Garden Home, while much smaller than Wilsonville, was a great hit this year and thank you to George Rachor for helping head up these launches. Lastly, the President announced a new possible FAR101 launch site located in Silverton, OR which is currently being investigated.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$5,996.39 with \$455.24 in deposits made last month and \$94.87 in expenses paid. About \$2,000 was raised by the raffle.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC had a total of 155 paid memberships for 2015. As of the annual meeting, OROC has 94 paid memberships for 2016. He also asked members who have not yet paid 2016 dues yet to please do so as soon as they are able, preferably via mail or otherwise at the next meeting.

2016 Launch Schedule

Our President Gary Goncher announced the proposed 2016 launch schedule, which schedule is currently as follows:

- Spring Thunder – April 29-May 1, 2016
- NXRS – June 24-26, 2016
- Summer Skies – July 22-24, 2016
- Desert Heat – August 19-21, 2016
- Fillible's Folly – September 16-18, 2016
- Rocketober – October 14-16, 2016

All launch dates are currently subject to change until the schedule is set for this year. The reason behind the earlier dates for Spring Thunder is to avoid Mother's Day weekend (May 6-8) and conflicts with the fighter wing (May 13-15). The dates for Fillible's Folly conflict with AeroPac's XPRS launch at Black Rock, however initial interest showed more OROC members planning on attending BALLS (September 23-25) this year as usual. Lastly, there are tentative plans to hold a FAR101 launch at a new prospective site somewhere within the large gap in between Spring Thunder and NXRS this year. The President then tabled this topic.

Member Presentations

The President Gary Goncher is again looking for individual members interested in doing short presentations on various rocket topics at club meetings this year. The topic for the February meeting will be clusters and staging.

2016 BOD Election Results

The Secretary Wilson Alness announced the election results, which results were as follows:

74 total ballots were received by the election date of January 7, 2016.

- President: Gary Goncher – **73 votes**
 - Write-in: Wilson Alness – **1 vote**
- Secretary: Wilson Alness – **74 votes**
- Treasurer: Robert Braibish – **74 votes**
- Launch Director: Alan Hammond – **74 votes**
- Safety Officer: David Armstrong – **74 votes**
- Publicity Director: Tim Ryerse – **74 votes**
- NAR Section #555 President: George Rachor – **55 votes**
- TRA Section #049 Prefect: Keith Packard – **54 votes**

The Secretary then wished to thank all who voted this year and reported that poll items are currently in review by the BOD.

Veronica Gifts

Paul Bogdanich presented to Veronica OROC's annual group collection, as well as a signed card thanking her for all of her outstanding service throughout the year.

OROC 2016 Raffle

Erik McKee administered the 2016 raffle of which he organized this year. Special thanks to Robert Braibish for heading up ticket sales and drawing tickets, Brian Clark for assisting with ticket sales at the meeting, Rob Appleton and Ed Harrison for helping with prize hauling and distribution. If you wish to find out who won a particular item, please contact Robert Braibish at cpovercg@rocketmail.com.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wa@wilsonalness.com.