

Minutes from 2008 MTMA Section Meeting

Twinsburg Public Library

January 12, 2008

1. Reviewed and approved minutes of the January, 2007 meeting.
2. Mark Recktenwald gave a membership report on the change in membership. We had 21 paid member families, corresponding to about 35 members. This was an increase of 75% from 12 families and 18 members in 2006.
3. Mark Recktenwald then reported on the Yahoo group and web site's activity. There were 114 Yahoo group member (<10% gain), with some duplicates and 12 bouncing. Participation was up 60%, with 141 messages in 2007 compared to 88 in 2006. This was the most since 2003. Stored File use was 45% of 100 MB allocation. Stored Photo use was 12% of 100 MB allocation. Regarding the web site for 2007, there were 170 unique visitors/month generating 106MB/month. The allocated bandwidth is 25.6 GB/month. We are currently using 150 MB of the allocated 512 MB disk space. Stored videos resulted in 3% of the individual element "Hits", but were responsible for 68% of the bandwidth used. A new "Gallery" feature was added in August. It is not linked on the web page, but announced in the Yahoo group. Requires new login, but much more robust than Yahoo group Files and Photos. Allows comments and viewing of files at full resolution. Can stream videos. Information at message 1602, <http://mtma.x3fusion.com/gallery/>
4. Then Mark Recktenwald gave the Treasurers report (former secretary Jim Hartman was not able to attend) The MTMA had a total income of \$267, \$105 derived from member dues, \$151 from range fees and \$11 from donations. Total expense was \$63.40, which included the Section Renewal Fee and Site Owner Insurance and web site hosting. Last years balance was at \$381.06. This was the most ever in the treasury. Anticipated expenses in 2008 (in addition to those from 2007 which will repeat) include glow sticks for the Night Launch and HPR GSE. It was felt that the club needs a reliable HPR controller for the away pads. A newsletter could be published. After much discussion, we decided that membership dues for the MTMA would be \$5 for all members and that launch fees would be reduced to \$1 for members. And a launch fee of \$5 was agreed upon for nonmembers launch fee.
5. We then held officer nominations and elections
 - o Bruce S. Levison was nominated by Mark Recktenwald for the office of President and he accepted. He ran unopposed and was voted President of the MTMA.
 - o Mark Recktenwald was nominated for the office of Vice President/Advisor by Bruce S. Levison. He ran unopposed and was voted Vice President/Advisor of the MTMA.
 - o Ben Levison was nominated by Dan Cutlip for the office of Treasurer and he respectfully declined. Dan Cutlip was nominated by Mark Recktenwald for the office of Treasurer and he accepted. He ran unopposed and was voted Treasurer of the MTMA.
 - o Mike Nowak was nominated by Ted Schaetzle for the office of Secretary and he accepted. He ran unopposed and was voted Secretary of the MTMA.

6. We then went over some safety concerns with the group. We agreed to set up a Range Safety Officer program. We decided to buy RSO Vests and to make a RSO tally sheet for the event. We decided that for major launches that rack pad should be split between far and away. G and above motors had to be launcher from the away cell. It was also decided that we would try to use launch cards for each launch in 2008 rather than the notebook.
7. Bruce S. Levison then introduced the Take and Fly program for NARAM. The club decided that the easiest most economic way to do this was to make different versions of the Estes Viking kit. We then set a corresponding date, February 10th, to build the kits.
8. We discussed our current launch sites the Summit county Fair grounds and Pichan's farm. A tentative schedule will be submitted to the Summit County Agricultural Society for use of the SCFG. A 9th Anniversary Launch was scheduled at Pichan's on May 17, and the annual Night Launch was scheduled at Pichan's on Saturday, July 5.
9. We then asked our members if they had found any new fields. Andrew Kleinhenz was going to ask his neighbors about using their land.
10. A launch schedule was distributed, Mark Recktenwald mentioned we could cover any unfinished business at the February meeting, and then the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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MTMA Secretary