

## **November 2018 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)**

**Meeting held November 13, 2018, 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.**

Thirteen members and one guest were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Dennis Clinton
- Bob Einhaus
- Al Fernandez
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Howard Rush
- Marilou Rush ( Guest)
- Wayne Terry

### **Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.**

- The financial report was presented by Steve Holt. The checking and savings balances were shared. The current paid membership stands at 35 persons for 2018 and 16 persons as of the end of the meeting for the 2019 year. Thanks to all for your rapid response to the annual call for membership dues.

### **Old Business:**

- Mike Potter hosted a discussion about where to hold the Annual Northwest Skyraiders Banquet. Marilou and Howard Rush volunteered to host the banquet at their home in Olympia, Wa. The club voted to approve that location and the date of Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Thanks to Howard and Marilou for their gracious offer.

### **New Business:**

- Mike Potter discussed the schedule for the rest of this year and next year. Of note were the Olympia Swap Meet just held on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming Northwest Skyraiders Swap Meet scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Denny's on Central in Kent from 9AM until 1PM with setup starting at 8AM. The Monroe Expo will be held on January 25, 26 and 27 per current released flyers. Someone noted the Friday may be cancelled and to keep looking for updated flyers reflecting a transition from three days to two. More to follow as we hear.
- Mike Potter noted that the Hobby Town store in Parkland, WA is closing up at the end of the year. They are still in business until then. This great hobby shop will be missed.

- There will ***not*** be a meeting in ***January*** due to the Northwest Skyriders Annual Banquet. We will hold a meeting in December where a slate of NWSR Officers will be proposed and voted on for the upcoming year.
- Dave Gardner and Steve Holt met with AMA representative Chad Budreau - AMA Interim Executive Director in Seattle for an informal meeting on October 25th. Chad was in town working with the Northwest Region of the FAA on UAS discussions.

Dave provided a synopsis of the topics discussed with Chad. AMA continues to work with the US Congress to help steer what laws are created and passed to reduce any issues with our sport as a result of those laws. The latest Congressional Laws concerning the FAA were discussed and how those laws could impact Control Line flying and all other types of hobby flying. We will stay in touch with AMA National to keep informed about the latest changes.

Two of the hot topics Chad was working with the FAA on included the 400 foot restriction for hobby flying and how skills testing would be conducted (and by whom) to meet the intent of the law just passed. Nobody seems to have an answer to the testing issue and inroads are being made into the 400 foot limitation. Also, Chad assured Dave and Steve that Control Line was not impacted by the law, at least for now. So, he encouraged us to continue operating as we have in the past.

Mike Potter asked for any other new business and adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**By Steve Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer**

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