



EOSS Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 9, 2018
Centennial, CO

Call to Order: Rob called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. There were 7 present with 5 attending via Zoom Meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes for November 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's reports: Rob reported that all bills are paid and all accounts receivable have been collected for the last year. Rob has been working on new pricing sheets that should be ready for the February meeting. He will pass the new schedule on to Jim before the next meeting. Mark has been reimbursed for the cost of building new beacon. We are still waiting on invoices from Doug and Steve for the beacons they have assembled. Rob added that he is having some issues with the accounting software and maybe moving back to using a spread sheet for the accounting. John KCOL inquired about club dues. Dues are due in January and can be paid via a PayPal link on the web site. Treasures report has been accepted.

Tech Committee: No tech committee report this month.

Launch Team: Larry said he has enough balloons to get us through March. He will check his current inventory and the schedule when posted to come up when an order list to get us through the next eight months. Larry announced that he has a new pickup that he is getting ready to equip with radios. He mentioned that he still has a couple cylinders of gas in his garage.

Ground Station: Nick said that he will be transitioning to tracking are discussions are ongoing to name the new lead for the ground station.

Track and Recovery: Marty said that we had a great flight last November and everything worked out OK. We are looking forward to Nick's new Track Point 1.4. They have been testing it and everything looks solid. We will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the new Track Point at a restaurant somewhere. Marty announced that we have a couple new tracker that will be joining the group. Rob asked about setting up a DF session to sharpen our skills. Marty will look at this and provide a date at the next meeting.

FAA Waiver: Rob said that Russ has sent waiver request to the FAA. Randy thought that it has been approved. Rob will follow up at the next meeting.

Upcoming Flights: Jim reviewed upcoming flights which have been posted on the web site. There are a couple points that still need resolved. COSGC is growing beyond what EOSS may be able to provide support for. Bernadette would like to add a flight to the March 17th flights because they can't get all payloads on the April 7th flight if we have to fly 4 exempt balloons. Jim brought up that Tom's job is changing and he may not be able to participate at the same level as last year. Jeff offered to help out with Ball Aerospace communications if needed. Jim and Tom have been working with the C-Base students and plan to meet with them in January to mentor them in flight coordination.

Web Host: Web site has been moved to Green Geeks web hosting. We have unlimited storage and unlimited memory. The cost is \$142.00 each year for three years that will double after three years. There were a couple problems with the old Drupal which were fixed by upgrading. We did purchase a security certificate and need to see if it will work with Randy's stuff. Anybody who would like to help out with the web site please contact Marty.

GPSL: Nick will start to query those who want to attend sometime in February. He will then begin looking for motels. This is a longer trip and will require motels along the route.

Net Frequency: The 147.225 repeater is off the air. Rob will let the controllers of the 449.225 that will accept their offer to use their frequency for preflight nets. Marty will make the change on the web site.

2018 EOSS Officers Elections: Marty and Nick will head up the election committee. Marty and Mark have discovered web based election services and will investigate their use for this year's election. Marty will open nominations to the membership via email. Elections will begin online ending at 7:15 PM the evening of February's meeting.

Membership Services: Marty made a case to add Chairman of Membership Committee. This person would maintain a database of membership contact information, mail out welcome letters, verify dues, etc. Randy volunteered for this challenge. Rob will send current membership information to Randy. Thanks Randy.

EOSS Operations Manual: Randy has been gradually working on an EOSS operations manual and is looking for notes on any and all operations by EOSS members. Many of the procedures documented on the EOSS web pages need to be updated as well. He would rather be overwhelmed than not have enough data.

Meeting adjourned at 09:00 PM

Minutes prepared by David Lanning, Secretary.