

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: October 14, 2026

Number of Attendees: 8

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Robb White. The meeting was held at the Lebanon Public Library.

Robb stated that Adam Cornette, Director of Operations for the Warren County Park District, had received a letter of complaint pertaining to SORA's recent launch. The letter contained many false statements about SORA and rocketry in general. In response, Robb and other club officers drafted and sent a letter to Mr. Cornette explaining SORA's launch activities and safety procedures in detail. Mr. Cornette replied that our letter was "Fantastic" and that they were "Proud to partner with" us.

As stated at previous meetings, we are still looking for another launch site, especially for mid-power rockets. Gary mentioned that if we continue using Hisey for mid-power launches, we could set up a system of spotters located around the field to aid in tracking rockets during launches.

Robb brought up the possibility of a joint activity with the Astronomy Club with an evening/night launch followed by star gazing.

Rick stated that the club's bank account was \$2280. The last deposit was \$48 from dues and merchandise purchases. Expenditures included \$209 at eRockets for educator packs and \$164 for six-foot stainless steel launch rods of various diameters. He also bought the tool-of-the-month, a kitchen scale with dual pans for weighing two items simultaneously and giving the total weight. This would be good for weighing a rocket and its motor separately.

We watched a video by Tim Van Milligan of Apogee Components explaining the use of rail buttons and launch lugs and when to use each. A discussion by club members followed.

Harold reminded everyone that it was time to renew SORA membership. Still \$5.

According to our bylaws we need to have an annual election of officers, and we should begin finding nominees for office. Harold stated that he would not be running for re-election as secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.