SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: November 3, 2026

Number of Attendees: 9

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 the complaint letter of the previous month had been resolved with the Warren County Park District. SORA members were reminded to follow the rules set forth in our agreement with the park and to not have any unauthorized launches at Hisey Park.

We are still looking for a new launch site that will better fill our needs for mid-powered rockets. Aaron listed several sites that he had found, and Robb will investigate them further.

We have several launches at Hisey Park this month:

Saturday, November 7, the Trail Life Scouts will launch from 9-11am.

Sunday, November 8, SORA's monthly launch will move back to 1-4 pm.

Saturday, November 14, in conjunction with the Astronomy Club we will have a night launch. See the SORA website for details and the night launch rules. Note that all flashlights need to have red filters and that only A, B and C sized motors can be used. All rockets need to be flown at least once before being flown at the night launch.

Sunday, November 15, the Super Saturday group will have their launch.

Anyone willing to help with any of these launches should contact Robb.

We had a lengthy discussion about our upcoming night launch. Aaron displayed his 3D printed rockets made especially for the night launch and showed the miniature disposable lights with included batteries that he used inside them. He made six extra rockets for other members to use. Robb handed out printed copies of the Night Launch Rules.

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

We have a new member, Jonathan Hensley. Welcome Jonathan!

According to our by-laws we need to have an annual election for officers. Robb will post the by-laws on the SORA website, and we will discuss updating them, as needed, at the next meeting. We are trying to increase member participation in the operation of our club by adding more positions at our next election which will be at the January meeting. Nominations will be made at the December meeting. The following positions are available

and anyone interested in one should contact Robb White, Rick Forrester or Harold Connelly:

President – runs the meetings, contacts the park director, etc.

Vice-president – fills in for president when needed, other duties assigned by president.

Treasurer – handles all financial matters.

Secretary – takes minutes of meeting and posts to website.

Membership Director – supplies membership applications for new and returning members and maintains member spreadsheet.

Publicity Director – distributes SORA brochures to visitors and local hobby shops.

Website Director – maintains the SORA website.

Launch Coordinator – verifies launch dates and insures that our launch equipment is available at launches.

Education Director – coordinates with area schools and clubs whenever our assistance is needed for their launches.

Harold showed two of his polyhedral rockets made from cereal boxes and discussed their design and construction. They will be launched on Sunday.

Gary discussed the physical dimensions of Hisey Park and possible methods to locate errant rockets.

Robb mentioned a new, free rocket flight simulator, StratoForge NV, designed for high power rockets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.