

CMSM Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 13th, 2012

The meeting started at 6:42pm.

Attendance: The attendance sheet was passed out and 12 members were present, including a returning member whom we hadn't seen in a while.

Treasurer's Report: The club account currently has a balance of \$1100. There are currently 14 paid members (only paid members can vote for club offices). Additional information was provided. The club received \$185 from the sale of raffle tickets, and \$338 in registration fees from the TigerCon 2012 Model Contest. Both of these amounts are included in the balance reported.

Successful Event – TigerCon 2012 Model Contest: The TigerCon chairman, Colin Smialek, reported on the results of the model contest. Although there were somewhat fewer models, there were more entrants and attendees. The vendors this year had larger selections and the majority expressed that they were happier with this year's event. The Make-n-Take was considered a definite success. Youth attending built 5 Hummers and 8 BlackBirds. The club received many compliments regarding the organization of the Contest and the judging. Of special note were the large number of compliments received regarding the Greeting Table. A film crew from the local KMIZ television station also attended and interviewed a few club members. A segment on TigerCon appeared on the evening news that night, and is also available online at the station's web site.

Further discussion was held regarding next year's event for 2013. Next year's TigerCon will definitely be held on November 9th, 2013. It is likely that it will be held again at the Parkade Plaza, although noted that the room used for the model display and judging is a room which the Plaza would like to rent to a tenant. If the room is rented before next year's event, then the club is not sure where in Parkade Plaza the model display area would be placed. There is a possibility it may have to be held in the hallways.

It was also noted that the Farmer's Market was also being held at the Parkade Plaza. Foot traffic through the Plaza, on their way to the Market, was noted during the event. On several occasions families on the way to the Market would see one member split off for a while to look at the models. Additionally there were some occasions where a child member of the family took interest in the Make-n-Take, and a parent would then sit with the child while building one of the available snap-kit models. The Club members renewed discussions regarding combining the TigerCon Contest with another event. This had been discussed at previous meetings. Several possible organizations/events to combine with were

discussed. It was hoped that this would increase attendance and draw in cross-over interest in the scale modeling hobby.

Model Collection Sale: It was reported to the club that a gentleman the club members know is getting out of the hobby for “life happens” reasons. He has a large collection (around 138 models) of predominantly 1/72nd scale aircraft. Colan has the list of models available and members are welcome to contact him to view the list. There is also a glass shelf unit for displaying finished models which is for sale. The list will also be available at the club meetings for viewing.

Election of Club Officers for 2013 : Sufficient paid club members were in attendance to hold elections for Club Officers for the 2013 year. A new position was proposed to the members. The new position’s title was Public Outreach Officer. The purpose of this position would be to concentrate on introducing the hobby and the CMSM club to the community at large. The vote to create this new position was unanimous in favor. The club officers election was then held.

Results of the club officers election :

President	- ??
Treasurer	- Scott Adams
Secretary	- T.Mike Curry
TigerCon Coordinator	- Colin Smialek
Public Outreach Officer	- Brian Lloyd
Head Judge	- Rusty Ratliff
Club Meeting Skill Topic Coordinator	- Jack Andrewson

In an unusual turn of events, none of the available attending members present were able to accept nomination for the position of Club President. It was noted that the positions of club President, Treasurer, and Secretary require being a paid club member and having an IPMS membership. Election of the club President was postponed to the January meeting.

Skill Topic For January : After discussion, it was decided that T.Mike Curry will present a “how-to” for club members on using the club’s FaceBook page, Google web site, PicassaWeb, GMail, and YouTube channel. The focus will ~not~ be on how to view these, but rather on how club members can add or contribute content to them. All members are welcome and encouraged to contribute content to the

Club's online presence. The purpose of the FaceBook and web site pages is to increase public awareness and interest in the scale modeling hobby, the CMSM club, and the IPMS.

Improving the Club Meetings : Discussion was held regarding how the club can improve the monthly meeting so that more members show up. It was noted that a number of people came to the meetings over the course of the year, but then did not return, or returned only rarely. Only a core group of approximately ten people attend the meetings regularly. A few ideas were presented, including perhaps having a monthly raffle. The members present decided to cogitate on the matter and resume the discussion at the January meeting.

Skill Topic -- Works-in-Progress : For the December meeting, members were invited to bring their latest "work-in-progress" to show other club members. Five members brought their current works-in-progress to show the members and discuss their model.

Adjournment: Chairs and tables were put away and the meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.