Central New Jersey Area Rocketry Society
A non-profit affiliated Chapter (#698) of
The National Association of Rocketry

Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Wall H.S. Athletic Field Complex
1400hrs

Attendees: President Brian Schenkenberger
Secretary Eric Becher

I. OFFICERS REPORTS

a. Treasurer - Tom Brieva (submitted by email)
   a. For the year 2026 to date we collected $846 in dues.
   b. We spent $923.56 on supplies to improve/repair/expand our launch pads, supplies for controller upgrades, public address systems for launches, and to participate in Wall Kids Day. Also included in our spending is $30 in bank service fees.
   c. Our long-time bank Kearny Bank began charging fees for our accounts. I looked for a new bank that would not charge such fees and give us better services while continuing to fight Kearny. I was eventually successful in both stopping fees for Kearny and setting up a new account at Wells Fargo. Right now we have both accounts with no fees and I will eventually consolidate the accounts.
   d. Our club balance is $1238.53 at Kearny, $2174 at Wells Fargo, and $30 in recently collected cash dues to be deposited for a total of $3442.53.

b. Secretary – Eric Becher
   a. Membership
      i. Paid memberships at various levels are at 44, down from 48 in 2025. This is likely due to bad weather in the first few months of the year. We have seen growth in prior years, so this year was a leveling off.
      ii. In 2022 there were 7 members with NAR/TRA certifications (all L2). This year there were at least 19 active fliers with certifications at various levels:
          6 L1's
          12 L2's
          1 L3
      This shows a great growth in knowledge, experience, and expertise, as well as ambition.

iii. Members may renew for 2027 starting in December. Forms online and available at launches. Payment mailed to Treasurer or handed in at launches (cash or check only).

b. Launch Data
   i. Current Data shows an average of 64.7 motors burned per launch, on 61.5 flights.
   ii. While February and April were cancelled due to weather, we held 4 launch days in March, mainly to help ARC teams. Each averaged 57 launches, more than half from non-ARC Team fliers.
   iii. Currently on track for over 800 motors burned for the year, on par with previous years. After the December launch I will publish the launch statistics for the year.

c. Outreach events in 2026 were as follows:
   i. September - CENJARS attended Wall Kid's Day America
   ii. August – Millstone Scouts build night and fly the next day
   iii. May – Assisted with the Arbor Elementary School in Piscataway launch after Joe Z did a build with the class.
   iv. May – Shore Regional H.S. rocketry demonstration
   v. March – ARC launches over 4 weekends, plus individual ARC flights witnessed by Charlie and Eric
   vi. December we usually attend Wall's tree lighting to display & promote CENJARS.
   vii. Assisted Eric with Ocean Township I.S. rocket club launches over several dates.

c. President – Brian Schenkenberger
   1. Welcomed all and conducted nomination and election of officers.
   2. Thanked Joe Kopena of Rocketship Games for attending most launches and helping to keep members supplied with engines, kits, and parts. We are lucky to have such a vendor attending CENJARS launches.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

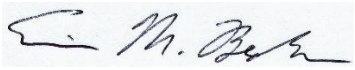
a. Introduction of current officers
b. Nomination of candidates to fill positions – Neil Brown was nominated to serve as Vice President. All other current officers nominated to serve another term. No other nominations.
c. Show of hands approving each officer – many hands up for each (20 or more)
d. Opposed – none
e. Approved slate of officers as follows:

President Brian Schenkenberger
Vice President Neil Brown
Secretary Eric Becher
Treasurer Tom Brieva
Equipment Manager Charlie Kirlew

III. CLOSING COMMENTS

a. Thanks once again to all officers:
    1. President Brian for conducting Club business with NAR and schools, answering emails, and maintaining website.
    2. Eric for launch reports and launch statistics.
    3. Tom for maintaining treasury.
    4. Jim for helping at launches
    5. Charlie for helping to maintain equipment.

IV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 1420.



Eric M. Becher, Secretary