

On May 13, 2017, Planet Aerospace completed one year after its registration. In last issue of PA News, we covered the activities up to end of February. In this issue we would have normally covered the activities up to end of June, however, a major event took place on June 10, 2017 and since the issue was not published till then we will cover the activities till June 10.

On June 10, 2017, the first general body meeting was conducted and you will find a detailed coverage of that in this issue.

Though the second year operation began on May 13, all the other administrative/statutory matters are tuned to financial year and the first financial year finished on March 31, 2017.

Many ongoing activities progressed during last three months and some new opportunities have shown promise. So friends read on...

The first General Body Meeting

It happened on June 10, 2017. We were worried about the attendance but you all have surprised us with your overwhelming response. Was it due to frequent reminders by Hathwar or your attachment and love for the organisation? But when we saw Srinath Gupta in the meeting, coming all the way from Ujjain, MP, to attend the GBM, it was certainly the later that brought you to the gathering. As the meeting progressed, response, suggestions, questions from different members further confirmed that you all care for the organisation and would like to contribute to it with your might and passion.

Proceedings

The meeting started in time, thanks to the organisers and members who came from long distances and still came in time defeating the Bengaluru traffic.

After a formal welcome, Rajangam, our president, made his opening remarks. Covering a brief run-through of ongoing and future activities of PA, he presented his vision of future.

Our Secretary, Hathwar, presented the Annual report for the year that ended on March 31, 2017. The report was detailed enough to give a clear picture of what we could achieve in the first year, in fact, in a period of about ten months. The members of general body were happy to note the progress made during the period

and passed the Annual Report unanimously.

AnandaMurthy, our treasurer read out account statement for FY16-17, internally audited by Velayudhan, our important admin/account expert. The accounts were passed with two questions. Srinath Gupta reminded that these internally audited accounts have to be certified by external auditors. The suggestion was immediately accepted for implementation. One query from Ramprasad about remuneration paid to members was clarified. Apart from entrance and membership fees the revenue side had only one entry...the money we received from Ramaiah University for the workshop we conducted in December 2016. We are confident that next year accounts will have many more entries in that column.

In the open forum, we had many suggestions and ideas on how to move further and build business for PA. Padmanabhan, Raghavan, Purohit, Chandrasekhar had many suggestions and even our other members from administration Umadevi and Sashikala asked pointed query on how admin members could contribute to the development of PA. This brain storming continued in an informal manner over a delicious lunch.

Satyamurthy presented a short but inspiring vision for next year in his usual exuberant style. This was followed by vote of thanks proposed by Reddy.

Highlights

- Planet Aerospace was approached by a major Industrial House to help them in building a proposal to build satellites in future. After many rounds of discussions and presentations, Planet Aerospace has been successful in getting a formal purchase order for the task. It is going to keep some of our members quite busy for another two months. This project has given a good start for FY17-18.
- With the experience of workshop conducted at Ramaiah University at our back, Planet Aerospace is designing a one/two day workshop on nano-satellites. This will be a proactive commercial venture in partnership with KHMD. This is likely to happen in the month of July.
- Alva's Institute of Engineering and Technology in Moodbidri, Karnataka has shown keen interest in developing the knowledge, skills and infrastructure to build a small satellite. Planet Aerospace is aggressively following this lead. We hope to see some positive developments in this in coming months.
- Another business opportunity for PA has emerged in the field of technology transfer for batteries used in space technology and their civil applications. This opportunity is in nascent stage and more about it will be known in near future.
- Our website www.planetaerospace.in is built and launched with the effort of Kannan and all your suggestions regarding this could be sent to him.



President addressing the first GBM



Gathering of enthusiastic members

Do you feel we should interact more often? at least on e-mail?

Just go ahead and do it.

How about creating a think-tank for Planet Aerospace?