



AMA Charter 534

Minutes of the Online Board Meeting Feb. 8-20, 2021

From Pres. Bruce Tharpe / Mon, Feb 8

Hi Guys,

'Bout time for a board meeting, dontcha think? I apologize for missing one in January. We've got some issues to discuss now, see below. Not sure yet if we're going to stick to the old fourth-Thursday-every-month schedule, or just do this as needed. I'm open to thoughts on this...

Old Business/NONE

New Business:

Field Spraying. Thanks to Scott Hudson for looking into this. Scott wrote (in an email), I heard back from Greg at Greenway Spray. He said the cost would be the same this year as it was last. The invoice and map are attached from last year. The application was done in February last year. Do you want to treat this similar to the runway repair, in that it was voted on and approved, and therefore is an ongoing expense, or do you think it should be voted on annually?" So that's the question. Is this an ongoing expense that can be approved by the board, or do we have to go through the whole club voting process?

New Event Proposal. From Jess Walls:

I'd like to add a glider fun fly May 1st, 2nd, or 9th. Field closed except for gliders and powered sailplanes. " In a follow-up email, Jess added, " The idea was actually Jerry's" He came to me because I'm more of a glider guy than he is.

The date is a problem. April is busy and June is even busier. July is getting too hot. August is too hot and too smokey. How about April 3rd or 4th? Either day is OK with me.

We shouldn't tie up the field both days this first time. If we get a bunch of people (over 20?) then maybe next year we can do 2 days. Maybe have events and winch launches, etc. that would be fun!

Rockets impact our calendar more than any other single type of event. Maybe we should discourage them from taking a Saturday out of our busiest time of the year? At least for events they are not compatible with.

Since our calendar is shared with other clubs, doesn't that automatically make it invitational? An AMA sanction only helps if the event is a rule book type, right? But we could advertise it in the magazine if it is popular this year. Shouldn't this be sent to all Board members? Who decides what event calendar goes to the Board for approval by the membership?"

There's been a bit of discussion already, so now let's make it official. What are your thoughts on adding events to our calendar, what do you think of Jess's idea and proposed date?/

So let's continue the procedure of checking in (hit "reply all") so we know you've seen this email. Of course, add your opinions on the topics, and feel free to bring up any other business, old or new, to discuss

Art Kelly Responded Below / Feb 8

I prefer having a targeted date on my calendar. If it turns out that we don't have a meeting we can cancel. Fourth Thursday works for me. I'd also like to add an agenda item - Financial Picture.

Rob Merriman Replied Below / Mon, Feb 8,

Although I'm not an official member yet, I agree with Art having the fourth Thursday is easier to calendar. Also, I welcome a vote to make me a Board Member At -BSHF

and I have an item to propose:

I would like to suggest the club lays out chalk striping to designate Pfficial parking spots in front of the covered work area. This will maximize the number of vehicles that can have closer access to loading and unloading. I suggest using chalk!

Rob

Scott Hudson Replied Below / Feb 8

Signing in, with all read.

Field Spraying: Personally I feel this should be an annual expense. Whether it's done professionally or by club members, it does need to be done on an annual basis. As previously discussed when approved, our members aren't getting any younger, and frankly shouldn't be asked to handle dangerous chemicals. In hind site, I wish I would have included wording in the original proposal that would have made it's ongoing necessity more clear. If we were meeting as a club it would be easy to bring up and talk about. But considering the struggles of getting business done, I would think the majority of membership would trust the board to make the right decisions on their behalf. All that said, I support having it done as an ongoing expense. If there is any negative feedback or member concern, it can be noted and brought up again next year. My 2 cents.

New Event Proposal: Until we can meet again in a general meeting, I feel the board should discuss and approve any new additions to the event calendar. As I've mentioned already to some of you, I would support a single day sail plane event. But I'm biased as I've recently started getting more into sail planes, so that should be considered with my opinion. I think May is too busy with something going on most weekends. April is definitely better, with only two current events scheduled, one of which is a single day event (Winter Build Challenge), as the sail plane day would be (so the entire weekend isn't closed). I would say April 2nd or 3rd would be better than May as discussed. Personally I would say the 3rd, but only because I'm scheduled to cover at work on the 2nd, and would love to participate :-). Selfish I know... So either Sat or Sun 2nd or 3rd I would support.

I'm not sure if I agree that rockets impact our calendar more than anything else, as was stated. Most weekend we coexist just fine and even hold our pylon races on same dates as rockets. But I do feel as though they have benefited from our original generosity. Some have suggested that we ask the entire rocket group to become members, rather than just a key individual or two. The possible unforeseen consequence to that is them having as much right to be there any or all days they choose.

Bruce Tharpe Responded Below / Thur, Feb 11

Eric Kirby has volunteered to take on the job of Membership Coordinator from Jess Walls. This is in addition to his co-Secretary job. Thank you Eric, but remember you still get just one vote on board matters!

Rob M would like to be a Member at Large. Unless something changes, we're still going to wait until the first general meeting to nominate and elect our three Members at Large.

There's been plenty of time to comment on our two agenda items, but the number of comments has been pretty thin. What we need are motions so we can vote. To refresh your memory, the agenda items are:

1. Field spraying
2. Proposed glider event.

Eric Kirby Responded Below / Thu, Feb 11,

OK...

1. I make a motion to continue with the field spraying this Spring as Scott mentioned earlier and to be decided by the board, not the general membership considering the communication difficulties we are presently experiencing.
2. I make a motion to put Jess' idea of a glider event / April 3 or 4 on the calendar.
3. I make a motion to mark the parking spaces in front of the covered work area as noted previously by Rob Merriman.

Rob's quote: "I would like to suggest the club lays out chalk striping to designate official parking spots in front of the covered work area. This will maximize the number of vehicles that can have closer access to loading and unloading. I suggest using chalk !"

After discussion with Rob this past week, we realized that chalk wouldn't last long and that spray painting the lines a few times a year would probably be a better idea.

Jay Strickland responded below / Feb. 12

I feel like I missed some of this discussion. As far as spraying the field, that was a general membership vote that was later construed to be an ongoing field maintenance item (which I agree with) I think if you say it is a motion and board decision, you are changing our Const./Bylaws spending rules.

As for the glider event, I would like a little more info such as: What kind of event (Fly in, competition, etc)? Is the field to be closed for other flying? What day(s)? Is there a CD?

As far as painting the parking spaces, I like the idea. Spray painting the 3/4 minus will last a while but needs to be done workmanlike or it will look hokey. We can get a little striping cart (for spray cans) and make it look decent as well as having the ability to stripe straight lines for other things

Scott Hudson responded below / Feb.12

Thank you Eric for stepping up with membership coordinator!

1. I tend to agree with Jay in regards to the field spray. I feel it's a similar situation to the runway repair (crack sealing) that was done last year. We (the board) wanted to all be in agreement, and discussed it, and each board member gave their support, but there wasn't a motion that required a formal vote which based on price would have had to be voted on by the general membership. That said; I think I was the only one who replied to Bruce with my support so I understand why he brought it up and asked for a motion/vote. Maybe if we could all reply to Bruce's original question of whether the field spray is considered an annual maintenance expense, or should be voted on annually by the membership. I stated that I consider it an annual maintenance expense, but will mention it again for clarity.

2. I second the motion for the glider event on one of the two days mentioned on the weekend of April 3 / 4 (prefer the 4th), with the understanding that more discussion and clarification may be needed prior to a vote.

3. Do we need to include in the motion for striping a method and possible budget? I know that sounds silly for something so simple, but thought I'd ask before making a second.

Scott

Eric Kirby responded to Jay's comments below / Feb. 12

Jay...All good points....

However as you are aware of , without a general meeting, doing business "as usual" is extremely difficult and time consuming.

Scott has reminded us of the situation from last year in his reply below.

I agree that we consider this an "annual maintenance expense". Again, in the future, if there are some members who disagree and have a better alternative suggestion we can revisit the issue and reverse course.

Under the circumstances I feel that if the board can agree with this "annual" description we can move forward in the interest of the club and cover each other backs and get the spraying scheduled.

Eric

Jay Strickland / Replied Below Feb 14,

Eric, et al, It sounds as though you misunderstood my e-mail. My opinion is that after Two years of scheduled spraying it is an established "Normal expenditure" for field maintenance to get this done. My point was that we treat it as such and not a stand alone event that we are motioning and voting on. Since the Board is allowed to authorize up to \$300 over any normal operating expense, until the spraying goes way up in price we just agree on scheduling it. I did make my feelings on this known in a reply to Bruce. Since I was inadvertently left off the Board e-mail string, it only went to Bruce. My bad.

As far as the striping, we can get a decent striping cart (spray can type) and paint for less than \$100. If the Board wants to go this way, I will volunteer to do the striping.

Bruce Tharpe replied below on Feb 14,

1. Okay, guess I goofed up asking for a motion on the field spraying, sorry. I would feel more confident about approving it if there was some written documentation saying that we should treat it as a field maintenance item. I looked through some of the minutes from this time last year and didn't find anything. Has it really been two years? I thought last year was the first time we ever paid for outside spraying. Anyhow, Jay and Scott seem to remember it this way, and generally agree that the Board can treat it as a normal expenditure for field maintenance. Anybody else want to chime in with a "thumbs up"? I don't think anybody actually opposes having the field sprayed.

2. We have a conditional second on the glider event. We can discuss for a couple days, then I will most likely call for a vote on Tuesday.

3. I agree that the stripes are a good idea, and I agree with the spray paint/stripping idea. Can somebody research a striping cart, provide a link with prices (Rob?), In my opinion, this may be a small project, but it needs to be thought through completely and presented with at least a few details.

Bruce

LARRY COGDELL replied below/ Sun, Feb 14,

I am in for the spraying as normal field maintenance, a one day glider event and paint strips.
Larry C

Bruce Tharpe replied below / Tue, Feb 16

Board members,

The spraying issue is a done deal. There seemed to be a consensus to just get it done. It's being scheduled right now, hopefully for a day/time that is not during our peak usage. More to follow...

We need to vote on adding the glider event to the schedule. To refresh your memory, here is Eric's motion:

*I make a motion *to put Jess' idea of a glider event / April 3 or 4 on the calendar.

Seconded by Scott. So let's make this quick - vote by email; I plan to end voting by tomorrow (Wed 2/17/21) at noon.

Group replies to Bruce's request for Vote on Glider Event below :::

Scott Hudson
Tue, Feb 16,
to Bruce, Art, me, Jay, Larry

Yes, to either one of the 2 days mentioned.

Scott

Jay Strickland
Tue, Feb 16,

Yes to ONE of the two days, April 3 or 4

Art Kelly
Tue, Feb 16,
Glider event, Yes.

Eric Kirby
Tue, Feb 16,
Bruce... Any chance of the parking line painting to be considered along with this ?

Bruce Tharpe
Tue, Feb 16,
Well, this is a vote on the new glider event. I know you made a motion on the stripes, but it hasn't been seconded. The discussion has turned toward buying a pa

LARRY COGDELL
Feb 16, 2021, 2:57 PM
I will second the motion to stripe using paint and buying the little wheeled applicator. As I recall, I think Jay said it was around \$100. Larry C Sent from my

Eric Kirby
Feb 16,
vote YES on the glider event
On one of those two days, April 3rd or 4th.

Bruce Tharpe / Wed, Feb 17, 12:32 PM

The new glider event is approved. I will contact Jess and Sean to let them know.

Striping the parking area next to the picnic/setup shade area has been motioned and seconded, so it's time to discuss it further and I'll call for a vote soon.

EW TOPIC BELOW !!!!

Treasurer Reports

Art Kelly / Wed. Feb. 17

Gentlemen,

My apologies for the delay in getting this out. I had intended to distribute it a couple of days ago but I found that I am a member of that portion of the population who got popped by the second dose of the vaccine. Attached are reports of information that I'll be tracking from month to month.

The first report presents income/expense and membership trendlines from the last several years. Several notes:

1. Member Dues are dropping year over year.
2. Total Revenues have had cycles but are dropping
3. Total Expenses dropped in 2018 but have climbed last two years.
4. Membership is dropping and this year's renewal rate is discouraging. There has been a tendency to not push renewals until the flying season picks up. This makes it very difficult to do any revenue/expense planning. I recommend that we adopt a policy that dues must be paid by end January or members will be dropped from the roles.

The second report displays performance through January against a benchmark of last year's income and expenses. We are anticipating a spraying expense of \$2500 +/- . That's barely covered by our current dues renewals. While it's true that we have adequate funds in the major expense account the picture doesn't project any possibility of replenishing the account unless revenues are increased or expenses reduced.

This is worthy of additional discussion.

Art

2 Attachments (One was unreadable / EK)

Scott Hudson / Attachments Wed, Feb 17, 2021

Hi Art, This is good info. It's nice to see the trends. I do wonder about the total paying members that your chart shows. These member numbers didn't look like what I've been seeing the past couple years, so I went back and reviewed rosters on or around the same dates as mentioned. For example; 12/2020 shows 98 paying members in your pdf. While looking at our roster on around that date (November 20) I see 155 members, with 23 who didn't renew, and 4 lifetime. So according to the roster there would have been 128 paid memberships in 2020.

Similar for 2019. The roster shows 166 members with 149 paid for the year vs 119. I guess I don't expect the roster to be 100% accurate, but always assumed the member numbers and renewals were close.

Scott PS. I wasn't able to open the second attachment and didn't recognize the file extension

Bruce Tharpe replies Feb. 18 to Jay's quotes on Striping machine price \$137 / 4 wheel machine with 4 cans of spray Incl.

Thanks Jay, I'll call for an official vote on the striping project very soon. I stand corrected on the membership dues cutoff date. Call it a grace period if you wish, but I guess technically you are a member in good standing until Jan 31.

Eric, that yellow background thing (on the Roster XL file) isn't written into law. Once you take over you can have the non-payers grouped into their own part of the spreadsheet or whatever works for you. But like Jay said, it's helpful to see at glance who's paid and who hasn't

Art Kelly replied Feb. 18

I think members need to see that we are all in this together. We need to have all dues paid by 1/31 to enable a viable financial plan for the year.

VOTE ON PAINT STRIPER:

Bruce Tharpe replied below Feb. 19, 2021

OK, we have a motion with a price limit, a second, and a plan of action....

Amended Motion from Eric Kirby: "I make a revised motion to buy a new 4 wheel paint striper as described by Jay in the value up to \$150."

Seconded by Jay S

Bruce Tharpe VOTE ON PAINT STRIPER:

Well that was easy. Motion passed (unanimously / EK)

The remaining topics still floating around out there:

1. Camera at Fire Station. Was told the "fire marshalls" had visited our field and wanted to know who was in charge. I've called the chief three times with no luck. Left message to call me if there's any questions I can answer. So this is unresolved, but I'll keep working on it. I've been in contact with Calvin, and he's willing to help.

2. Treasurer Concerns: Thank you Art. We've all seen the charts and info provided by Art. Not sure where to go with this other than to treat it as food for thought.

So consider this Board Meeting adjourned and we will meet again next month. See ya!