



AMA CHARTER 534

Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

President Bruce Tharpe opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center with all board members present except Jay Strickland.

Old Business

Vote On Runway Maintenance

Bruce reviewed that a notice of an upcoming vote for approval of the runway re-sealing expenditure was sent to the membership on July 5, and suggested that an official call for vote be sent July 29, closing on August 7. That would fulfill the requirement in our by-laws for a 30 day notification, and keep things moving forward so that the repairs can be scheduled if approved. Everyone agreed and Bruce said he would send the REACT as has been done in the past.

Air Show Update

Rob explained that he would like to designate a media day at the field for the purpose of promoting the air show and giving the television media an opportunity to shoot some video to augment any stories they might run. He suggested that the upcoming Thursday, August 4, would be a day when there would already be a lot of activity and not require any additional coordination.

Rob showed a draft press release and asked for clarification as to the availability of food and drinks. Scott and Babe indicated that they had had no success in confirming a food truck as of yet.

Rob also asked for clarification as to past practice regarding door prizes (as opposed to raffle items). Scott and Bruce indicated that historically door prizes were t-shirts and hats donated by Parr lumber and that club t's and hats were made available for sale. It was decided not to mention door prizes at all this year.

Scott commented that he had been in contact with Calvin Emigh regarding the club PA system that is in the Connex, and it was determined that the system we have is unreliable so he is looking into the PA rental that has been done for past air shows.

Eric brought a sample of the signage that the board approved as advertising for the air show. He had graphics made by Callie Graphics and fixed them to 2 X 4 posts. He and Rob will work on about 10 locations at high traffic intersections and will put them up on Friday, August 12.

Eric also updated everyone on the repairs made to the bleacher seating...there has been a lot of work fixing loose boards, sanding and prepping the wood and priming. He will be organizing another work party to put on the color coat of paint. Eric encouraged the board to consider regular maintenance efforts on the bleachers to avoid having to spend large sums when they have been neglected.

Treasurer Update

Art commented that without getting into detail, his projection for year end was that should the runway repairs be approved, the club would end the year with a net loss of \$4,500. The designated fund for field repairs does have a \$12,000 balance, but he wanted to point out that such an expense is difficult to recover from dues alone. He hoped the board would discuss in more detail possible ways to increase revenue going forward. Scott commented that since it has been five years since the last runway sealing, there should be sufficient time to rebuild the maintenance fund for the next future repair.

New Business

Noise Abatement

Eric reported an incident at the field where a member was flying a plane without a muffler that was extremely loud. Our by-laws do include restrictions on the decibel level of noise, and Eric inquired as to how that could be monitored. It was suggested that Jay has a decibel meter and several thoughts were put forward as to the recommended way to measure the volume levels (the distance from the plane, height of the plane, etc.). The by-laws also call for a couple of members to express their concern to the member in violation, and Eric said he would pursue that.

Flights Near The Farmhouse

Scott reported that we had a visit from the wife of our neighbors at the farmhouse, notifying us that there had been a fly-over of their house. She was not angry, but wanted the club to know. Scott and Sean arranged that same day to visit their house and perform some fly-bys so as to better assess the impact our planes might be having. Sean stayed at their house while on the phone with Scott, who communicated with Jerry while he flew a plane over their property. At that time the husband said he was indifferent about any inconvenience and informed Scott that the wife was moving out due to a divorce and would not be affected. Later, a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the field stating the potential actions that could be taken against those who violate the privacy of citizens while flying unmanned aerial aircraft. Scott wanted the board to know that the visit by the neighbor, and the response made by Sean and Scott to visit with them, all took place before the notice appeared on the bulletin board, and had no idea what the intent of the notice was. Scott volunteered to meet with the husband again in anticipation of the air show to give him notice and alleviate any concerns.

Submitted by Rob Merriman