



## **AMA CHARTER 534**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

May 26, 2022

President Bruce Tharpe opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center with all board members present except Jerry Stinson and Babe Caltibiano.

#### **Old Business**

##### ***Initial Reviews of Float Fly***

The general consensus was that the Float Fly went well. The weather was good and there were no incidents involving plane crashes or interactions with fishermen. Initial estimates were that the event took in over \$700, including the raffle, which featured planes from the Ron Dilday estate. Art had not received the final accounting.

##### ***Aviation Camp Update***

Rob informed everyone that the Central Point and Eagle Point school districts, along with the private Christian schools and charter schools had all been notified of the camp, as well as all media outlets. Registration was due to open beginning Friday, May 27, so there was no indication yet as to the response.

##### ***Status of the Senior Center***

Rob had contacted the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (the new owners of the Senior Center) who indicated that they were still in escrow with the City of Central Point for the sale of the building. RVCOG indicated that they had no intention of charging any rent to the Rogue Eagles until the escrow closed in 30-90 days, and at that time they expected to renew any rental agreements at the same level as they were before.

##### ***New Chairs For The Field***

Art and Babe had searched for chairs that were durable, had no fabric (that might break down), no metal that might rust, and were not folding (as they were uncomfortable and potentially weak). The ones they found and purchased are plastic, rated to 350 lbs., had high backs, were high enough to make it easier to get out of, and were easy to stack. The cost was \$300 for seven, which was exactly the amount raised. Art suggested that members be encouraged to bring them in out of the sun as much as possible when not in use so as to prolong their life. Art is working with Eric to create a stencil to paint them, identifying them as club property.

##### ***Runway Seal Coating***

Scott reported that the seal coating is a summer project (as it needs to be done when cracks have already opened up). He had spoken with a contractor he had contacted previously who indicated he would honor his estimate from 2 years ago of \$8,865, which included \$1,588 for the cleaning and repair of cracks, and the painting of outlines (excluding the center stripe). This contractor pointed out that his method was to squeegee the material over the entire surface, and not spray it, which apparently the previous contractor had done and it left some areas with a thinner coating. The projected life of this repair is 3-4 years and it has been at least four

years since we had it done. Scott was going to get two other quotes as a vote of the membership will ultimately be required. The surface area of our runway is 36,000 sq. ft.

### ***All Scale Event Recap***

John reported that he had 8 participants this year bringing in \$160 in registration fees, but with the cost of trophies he went negative \$65. However, he raised \$50 in food and another \$220 in a raffle (once again prizes from the Ron Dilday estate) for a net of \$430 for the club.

### ***Model Aviation Day***

Rob gave the update that the Mall management had responded to our request for use of their facility on August 13 for Model Aviation Day. As was previously discussed, the event was primarily to promote our air show while also providing opportunities to interact with potential new members. The Mall's proposal was for \$350 for the day (Saturday), and they require a certificate of insurance which Jay thought would cost about \$35. Art reminded everyone that the club had negative cash flow for the month and with the prospect of the runway sealing expense this summer, questioned the value of that expense. Rob said he was very disappointed at the Mall's proposal as he had hoped they would view our presence as another way to bring traffic to them (particularly as they have so many vacant businesses as a result of COVID). However, he could not think of another option that provided both a secure environment, free from the elements, and the prospect of good traffic and easy parking. After discussion it was agreed to decline the Mall proposal and if anything, have more to possibly spend on direct advertising for the air show.

## **New Business**

### ***New Donation***

Scott reported that he had been in contact with someone he had known who is a former fighter pilot and scale glider pilot, as well as RC enthusiast, who needed to clear out his storage unit of his collection of model RC planes and wanted to donate them to our club. They are mostly jet foamies, ARFS, and still new in the box. Scott was concerned about not inundating our club with too many offerings at once (this diluting their value) and was going to give thought to the best way to release them to members for purchase or auction.

### ***Request For Designated Glider Access***

Jess Walls had emailed The Board with a request that consideration be given to designating a special time for glider flying at the field. He cited an incident that involved a near collision as an example of potential conflicts with regular powered aircraft while gliders were attempting to land. After some discussion it was agreed that there was concern about beginning to designate specific days and/or times for various types of aircraft as this could prove a slippery slope of precedent. Bruce showed the latest draft of the proposed flight zone map that he and Eric had been working on and he reminded the Board that if approved, it would designate an area for gliders to the southwest beyond the access road. It was also suggested that glider pilots could encourage others to come to the field on days that are normally less busy, and informally have a time to gather as a group. Everyone agreed that good, clear communication was the best solution for sharing the airspace.

Submitted by Rob Merriman