



AMA Chapter 534

Minutes of the Online Board Meeting Sept. 24-29, 2020

President Scott Hudson Opened the meeting.

Board Members,

I know you've all been hit with a lot of emails lately and I apologize for that. That said, it's time for another online board meeting for September. As before, if all members could please sign in with a reply (reply all) as confirmation of reading the notes.

Unfinished Business:

* Control Line: As you know we are in the middle of our online vote for the motion presented by Jess earlier in the month. Handling business in this manner has been very time consuming, but I will say most of the member feedback has been positive in regards to how we've done it. Well I take it back... Since I started writing this (this morning) I have just received some feedback that there are some members who are disgruntled. A few who do not receive REACTS feel left out, which I understand. Just so we're all clear in case it comes up, we are sending ballots in the mail for those who do not receive REACTS so they will have an opportunity to vote. We are doing our best to reach everyone. But there's not much we can do about those who don't have computers or chose not to sign up on our email list. I would like to thank Bruce for all of his help with this as well!

* Swap meet: It's a go. Jess; anything you need help with?

* Runway repairs: I should be receiving an estimate in the next day or two from Rodriguez Sealcoating. This is who was recommended by Knife River. I will work on getting a second estimate for comparison.

New Business:

* Bruce brought up the idea of using the swap meet as a medium for helping our club members who are fire victims. I know of two confirmed members; Don Bronson and Pete Thayer. Anybody know of anyone else affected? Any thoughts? Ideas?

* Richard Schwegerl pulled me aside a couple weeks ago to talk about the access road. He suggested we have a work party to rake the gravel that has been pushed to the sides of the access road, and then drag it smooth. After that conversation I specifically paid attention to the shoulders on subsequent trips in and out of the field. Personally I did not notice that much material on the edge of the road. Maybe I need to get out of my truck and look closer. Not sure if it would warrant a work party. If anyone thinks it's worthwhile I'm all for it.

* Speaking of the road; Tucker Sno Cat has inquired about leaving one of their machines at the field again this year as they did last. It's only 4 days from Monday to Thursday. I know last year there was some concern of their machine leaving track marks on the road. I remember Sean telling me that once he mentioned it to the driver they were very accommodating and used the edges / shoulder area of the road after that. After talking with them today they said they didn't even need to come all of the way to field. Just the other side of the gate would be good with them. I would like to give them permission to use the area again and ask them ahead of time to be careful of the road or use a side area behind the gate. Anyone opposed to them using our facility again?

* Election Year: I would like to find out from each of you what your desires are for the upcoming election year. I feel each of you do an awesome job of handling your individual responsibilities. All of your dedication has made my job much easier and it's been very much appreciated. I'm also interested in hearing any suggestions for doing nominations remotely.

That's it from me. If anyone has any comments, questions, new or old business they would like to discuss, feel free to do so as always.

Please don't forget to "sign in" with a reply all. And if I missed anything, let me know :-)

Thank you all for your time, Scott

Sean Merish replied below Sept. 24

Thanks Scott - got it!

New Business:

I like Bruce's idea!

Access road: I agree with your observations; the smoother we make it, the faster people will drive ðŸ˜~

I have no problems with the Snowcat.

Election: I would like to keep the webmaster position, but want somebody new to fill my position on the board.

Stay safe,

Sean

Joe Geiger replied below Sept. 24

Rick Lindsay's daughter lost her home to the fire and was without insurance. He is working on getting her another place to live.

Some of the positive comments re: the CL field were left out. Negative comments were not sent to all and there was no opportunity to respond to them before they were published. That eliminated opportunity for "discussion".

The swap meet is running at the same time as the Fly-a-thon and open flying. If we add in relief or fund raising at the same time, it may not get as much attention as it deserves.

As long as the Sno-cats don't mess up our road and stay near the gate, I don't object

Scott Hudson replied below Aug. 24

So sorry to hear about Rick's daughter. I don't want to speak for Bruce, but I think he was referring to using the swap meet as a way for members to help replenish some of their RC losses from other members willing to help. As John Buford already offered.

Joe; ALL comments received were published. Nothing was withheld. I'm sure Bruce can back me up on that. I have tried very hard to be completely fair and neutral with this process. The only thing I can think of that you might be referring to was 2 different replies to an email thread posted by Raoul. One from you, and another by Rick Lindsey. One said "I agree" and the other was "well said". I'm sorry, but I didn't see those as comments received to be published.

None of the comments received, either for or against, were shared with any other members (other than Bruce who received them) prior to the REACT. There would have been no practical way of conducting back and forth discussion and responses via this online format. So the only fair and neutral way of handling this was to present them all (for and against), at the same time for review. It was simply a way for members to have their voice heard, by posting their opinion. If there would have been any questions asked (which there wasn't) they would have been forwarded to Jess to answer.

Also, please review my messages to the board prior to putting this whole process into motion. I detailed the steps that would be taken, in order, and shared with everyone the process so it could be discussed prior. If there would have been any concern for members not being able to have a back and forth debate, and if it would have been decided that that was needed, I would have tabled the whole process until we were able to meet as a group again. This was the only way I could come up with that would be fair for both sides. I would like the record to also reflect that I personally suggested to Jess that he wait until the club was doing business as usual. I would also like to point out that I have followed my original proposal for online voting to a T. Below are the steps I originally presented to the board for discussion on 8/22/20. And for the record, Jess replied "Works for me."

1. A motion is made along with a proposal of the project and sent to the entire membership as a REACT. I will also explain the process and what to expect as part of that REACT. The proposal should include the budget, and as much info as needed to minimize questions.

2. The original REACT with the motion and proposal will also ask for a second. Anyone could reply with a second if they choose.

3. A second REACT will be sent informing the membership of a motion second (if there is one) and allowing time for discussion. Of course this will be difficult, but if anyone replies with any questions, those questions should be forwarded to the individual who made the motion, in order to give them an opportunity to answer the questions. This would be via email, and not sent to the entire membership. I will also ask for replies with any arguments in favor, or against the motion.

4. The last REACT will call for a vote. Included in that REACT would be the original motion along with arguments in favor, and arguments opposed. This is where it's similar to the Oregon voter's pamphlet. The members can inform themselves and get a feel for the mood of the membership so to speak. These arguments in favor or opposed will have been received during the time allowed for discussion.

5. Members will vote via email. We can use the same format that we have used previously. Scott

Jess Walls replies below Aug. 25

Got it, thanks Scott and Bruce.

Swap meet could use a couple of volunteers to monitor masks and social distancing. Parking has not been an issue in the past, but maybe we should offer help for correct spacing? Not that they will park too closely, but some guys squander the available space.

No, I won't stop the swap meet if somebody takes their mask off, but don't tell everybody that! We want voluntary compliance, not fights or political drama. I personally will keep extra space between myself and a non masked person.

Do we want to set up a silent auction? Or have a real auction at the end to get rid of stuff? If so someone else will have to organize it. My CD plate will be full.

My 2 cents about the runway. Public highways get massaged by every vehicle that uses them, that flexing causes oils to rise to the surface and the rocks to get pushed down. Roads need sealing every 6-10 years. Our runway gets no exercise so we need to reseal much more frequently, looks like every 3 years max to me.

The cracks are disappointing. Those were supposed to have been dealt with during the last reseal. Either the contractor did a poor job or there is a fundamental problem with how the surface was originally put down. County Roads has the expertise to guide us, too bad they won't help.

I'm sorry there is not more support for our entrance road. Every member, and all guests, use that road and it is the introduction to our facility. I think letting it get washboard and dusty is a shame and reflects poorly on all of us. Lack of maintenance is not the right way to control speed. Actually, speed wouldn't be an issue if the road weren't dusty.

Snow Cat has my support.

My club officer involvement will depend a great deal on who the next club president will be. Nominations could be done outdoors at the field where we could meet with masks and adequate spacing? I'd suggest making the meeting brief. Dispense with the minutes, treasurer report, and show and tell. Just get done what needs to be done and get out. Include an agenda with the notification REACT. If we hustle and don't allow excessive commentary we should be able to be done in 30 minutes

CONCERNING URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON RUNWAY CRACKS

Scott Hudson / Runway Cracks Update Sept. 28

So I am hearing from both Jay and Joe that "this" ("Motion" by Sean Merish, seconded by Larry Codgell, to spend up to \$1600 in response to quote from Rodriguez Seal Coating = \$ 1588).... could fall under periodic maintenance that has been previously approved. Due to the unusual times we are dealing with in regards to taking care of regular business, I am willing to take their advice and move forward with the proposal we have received to repair (seal) the runway cracks at \$1588.

I will wait until tomorrow, Tuesday 9/29/20, to contact Rodriguez Sealcoat to schedule the work, allowing anyone (board members) to voice any concern with this process.

Thank you all! Scott

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Joe Geiger (Treasurer) replied Sept. 28

I don't think we had a vote last time crack sealing was done. If we have a board vote on the expenditure, then I think that we are restricted to \$300.

The alternative (not sealing) seems irresponsible as further damage will be the result.

A whole-club vote is just going to cause an unnecessary delay and put us in danger of winter damage.

I think that it is best to contract for the repairs and proceed to have them done. As treasurer, I'm willing to honor that contract as periodic maintenance.

Aug. 29-30 report: Eric Kirby

Opinion of most board members (by email correspondence) was to get the runway cracks sealed ASAP by Rodriquez Seal Coating.

President Scott Hudson felt it was in the club's best interest to get this done now without doing a club wide vote because of the time constraints.

Rodriquez has only a few more weeks of available crew to get the work done by mid -Oct. The board members mostly (2 or 3 board members did not reply) backed Scott on his suggestion and support him if there should be any complaints from other club members.

We could find no mention of how this "finance part" of the crack sealing was last handled back in June- Aug. 2017 in the club minutes.

There was a mention in the minutes around that time that the club voted 61-3 to OK the sealing.

Mintes submitted by Eric Kirby