



AMA CHARTER 534

Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2022

President Bruce Tharpe moved the regularly scheduled Board meeting and held it after the Winter Build Challenge event at the field. Bruce opened the meeting at 1:10 at Agate Skyways with all board members present except Art Kelly.

Old Business

Lawnmower/Tractor/Sprayer

Bruce confirmed that Dale McCuiston had accepted the older lawnmower/tractor and sprayer equipment the club donated. Dale subsequently donated the sprayer to the fire station next to our field. The chief is a club member and he offered to make it available back to the club should we ever need it.

Ron Dilday Celebration of Life Ceremony

Bruce confirmed that Dale McCuiston is taking full responsibility for coordinating the arrangements for that ceremony in May.

Youth Outreach Suggestion By Raoul/Summer Aviation Camp

Raoul Salem had sent an email to the club's flight instructors (and Board members) suggesting implementation of flight training for a couple of youth organizations locally. Rob Merriman responded to his email with an explanation of the current commitments being made through our summer aviation camp and plans to incorporate it into our air show.

Rob then updated the Board on progress for the youth camp June 15-18. Flyers have gone out last week to Central Point, Eagle Point and Medford school districts as well as a couple of home school groups, and the media were sent press releases that the registration will begin May 27, with details to be found on the Rogue Eagles website. There is capacity for 24 students and tuition is \$35. The program covers four days from 9:00-1:00 and will offer instruction on aerodynamics, power plants, navigation, communication, opportunities to experiment with FPG-9 gliders and rubber band powered planes (donated to our club by the AMA), a whole day at the Medford airport, a full day of flight sim and buddy box flying, and end with flight demonstrations and awards. The field will need to be closed to flying Friday, June 17, from 8:30-1:30, and Saturday, June 18, from 9:00-10:30. And there will be students using the pit areas Wednesday, June 15, from 9:00-1:00.

Road Dust Control

Scott Hudson reported that during conversations with the county confirming their offer to maintain our road in 2023 in exchange for allowing storage of rock, the county also offered to provide a one-time dust control for this year as well. He hopes to hear of a scheduled date in about three weeks.

Air Show Sponsorships

Scott Hudson confirmed that John Buford had agreed to work on soliciting sponsorships and donations for the air show in August (as he had done successfully in past years).

Bleacher Repairs

Eric Kirby reported that the wood planks for the bleacher seating repairs had been delivered to the field. Eric obtained estimates for paint (5 gallons) at around \$100 and hardware of about 200 carriage bolts and nuts. He asked for a motion to approve funds to complete the project. Jay commented that he thought there might be some paint stored in the Connex, and that he might have a source for discounted hardware. Rob Merriman made a motion to approve up to \$300 for the necessary materials to complete the project, with the understanding that Eric will follow up on Jay's suggestions to keep the cost lower. The motion was seconded by Jay and passed unanimously. Eric said he would be organizing a work party, probably in June.

Aviation Day Mall Show

Babe Caltibiano asked Rob if there had been any development on securing the mall location for Aviation Day in August. Rob reported that he had met with the new owners of the mall a couple weeks ago, showing photos from past events of what the setup looked like, and where it was situated. He had not heard back from them as yet.

New Business

Signage For Air Show

Eric asked if in the past there had ever been any signage put up around town for the air show. He commented that air shows he had been affiliated with had used that very successfully. Rob reported that he had contacted the train club who puts out signs every year for their train show at Thanksgiving. They put out about 20 small, simple reminders and do not ask the city for any special permission. The train club president said that they are careful to only put signs on public right-of-way, leave them out just over a week, and make an effort to pick everything up. Rob agreed that he thought it would help to increase public awareness as he still meets long-time residents who have not heard of the show. Eric will continue to research design and costs.

Security Camera

Bruce reported that Dale had informed him of a camera that had been installed on a shed by the fire station that gives Dale a view of all who come and go at the field.

New Chairs For The Field

Art had reported to Bruce that more money has been donated to the original \$100 donated by Larry Cogdell for new chairs. Bruce did not know the exact amount. There was a brief discussion about which type of chair to consider. Most agreed that the plastic chairs do not hold up well, and it was suggested that the folding metal chairs are easier to store. Bruce tabled the subject until there was a better idea of how much of a budget would be available to spend on the project.

Submitted by Rob Merriman