



AMA CHARTER 534

Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023

President Jay Strickland opened the meeting at 7:05 at the Senior Center with all members present except Eric Kirby, Larry Miller, Doug McKee and Clark Wolf.

Old Business

Reading of Minutes

Rob read the minutes from the general meeting on September 12, 2023. Jay made a correction that the FRIA approval the club was just granted is for 48 months, not 3 years as stated in the minutes.

Glider Project

Jay reported that he has broken ground on the foundation for the glider/monument that the club will be erecting at the entrance to the field. His plan is to ultimately pour Three 18" by 18" pads to support the glider. The frame for the support is completed.

Christmas Party

Jay reported that he was finally able to speak with Twin Creeks about hosting our annual Christmas party and was informed they are booked solid. Some other suggestions were made as to other venues that might be worth researching. Jay has already put in a request to Twin Creeks to reserve a spot for Christmas 2024.

Concrete Improvements

Jay reported he will be in the process of obtaining bids to pour concrete pads for five flight stations. Plus the connecting walkway.

T Shirt & Hat Orders

Rob reported that club members ordered 35 shirts and 12 hats leaving the club to purchase 25 shirts in order to qualify for the target minimum order. Though the club authorized him to spend up to \$500 for club inventory to get to the minimum, the actual expense will be \$315. Those 25 shirts will be available for purchase and will be large and extra-large in either Olive or Charcoal.

Pattern Contest

Scot reported that the pattern contest last weekend did have some rain that caused a couple contestants to go home early, but the event did go on with 11 competing. Two contestants were from the Los Angeles area and one was from the Bay area. Both Districts 8 & 7 were represented and District 8 won by just two points. Scott Hudson (Advanced) and Sean Mersh (FAI) were both champions.

Shelving For The Conex

Jay reported that the shelving he was hoping to get at Bi Mart on sale for the conex re-organization was no longer on sale. He was told it would come on sale again soon. The clean-up and organization party is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 at 9:00, and Clark Wolf will be leading that effort.

Soldering Demo For Next General Meeting

Jay confirmed that Rich Josephson is planning on doing a demonstration on soldering for the October general meeting. He asked Rob to send a REACT to that effect and suggested that we ask for suggestions on other topics of interest that members would like to see covered at future meetings.

New Business

Annual Awards

Jay asked what the club should do regarding the annual awards if there is no Christmas party. There was discussion about last year's process which took nominations at the November meeting and an election was held at the January meeting (which should have a high attendance due to members attending in order to pay their dues and get the discounted amount). It was agreed that we would do the same this year if we cannot find a venue for the dinner.

Suggestion For General Meetings

Rob shared a couple of suggestions made by a member to improve our meetings; 1) to return to using the PA system in order to help everyone hear, and 2) to have the club officers sit at a head table so newer members can see who the officers are. Everyone agreed those were good suggestions and to implement them at the next meeting.

Interest Bearing CD's For Club Money

Art reported that with interest rates rising he felt it was time to consider putting some of the club's money at Rogue Credit Union into 6 month CD's at over 4%. He suggested \$2,500 but after discussion the Board endorsed the amount of "Rolling" \$5,000 as appropriate. Art is checking on the details.

Sail Plane Communication

Scott reported that a member had shared concern with him regarding the need for better communication between sail plane pilots and others regarding launches and landings. It was acknowledged that given the distance between flight stations it can be difficult to hear, but that all pilots should look for some confirmation of any communications from other pilots and vice versa. Rob will send a REACT to that effect and it was suggested that perhaps a monthly safety topic, shared via REACTs, would be appropriate.

Control Line Plane Donation

Jess Walls brought a plane that he had been given (which he had refurbished) and was donating to the club for the swap meet on October 7.

New Member Growth

Rob commented on Art's September report indicating that our club's membership is approaching its highest since 2017. With two new members joining in the last week we are at 137, tied with 2017.

Submitted by Rob Merriman