



AMA CHARTER 534

Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 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

Aviation Day at the Mall

Rob reported what he had already emailed to the Board, that the mall's original proposal for holding the Aviation Day event there would cost \$350 (plus insurance). However, when Rob declined their offer they came back with a counter offer of \$250, which they said was what they charged the last time we had the event there. There was a brief discussion but the clear consensus was that the effort to set up, and the fact that the mall has so many vacant businesses, did not warrant the cost.

Air Show Signage

Eric brought up the past suggestion that in lieu of paying the mall for the Aviation Day promotion, we could spend some money on small signs to post at high traffic intersections advertising the air show (Rob had suggested the idea based on what the Train Club does for their annual show). Eric had checked with Callie graphics and we could have 10 done for \$100, but it would take a month to get them produced. John mentioned that there should also be some large banners in the Connex, but those were used at our field on the day of the show. Art suggested posting signs at ball fields like the ones by the speedway in White city and what used to be Cellular Park. Scott made a motion to approve ordering 10 signs, John seconded and without further discussion the motion passed.

Runway Re-sealing

Scott reported on his progress at obtaining two more bids for re-sealing the runway. He found it difficult to get anyone to respond; one contractor never did, and the second one, after weeks of no response, finally came up with a bid of \$8,100 (that would include sealing cracks, the asphalt coating and striping). The original bid of \$8,865 from Rodriguez was the recommendation of Knife River a couple years ago, and he did honor the estimate he had given then. Scott did verify that it has been 5 years since it was done last. Scott said that based on the lack of motivation of the other contractors he had reached out to, he would recommend going with Rodriguez, even though he was more expensive. All the board members agreed. Scott clarified that now it will have to be voted on by the membership with a 30 day window until final approval, and that this will be done by online vote as has been done in the past.

Aviation Camp

Art reported that our youth Aviation Camp had concluded successfully with 18 students attending. We received roughly \$600 in tuition and after expenses the club should net about \$500 (as an aside the IMAC event brought

in \$292 and the Float Fly \$500). Art shared that several parents had expressed their pleasure about the camp and the excitement of their kids and he reiterated that he felt this was a great thing for the club in terms of goodwill to the community and positive exposure for the club, not to mention the revenue. Rob thanked the club for the number of volunteers it took to make the event a success and was particularly pleased that this year we were able to get all 18 students through both a 15 minute pre-flight experience on the flight simulator, followed by a 15 minute window with a training pilot on a buddy box. There were no mid air collisions and no mechanical issues. Not surprisingly, that was cited on most of the evaluation forms as the highlight of the camp by the students.

Bruce's Health

Bruce updated everyone that his ongoing health issues still have still not been diagnosed and expressed concern as to whether everyone felt he should remain as president. A brief discussion revealed there was unanimous support for Bruce continuing as president.

2022 Air Show

John confirmed that he will not be able to CD the air show this year after all. He said he had spoken with Rich Josephson and Rich was still willing to help with organization. John also reported that he had yet to obtain the AMA sanction and had passed the paperwork to Rich, and commented that he was concerned about the number of regular air show pilots that were no longer with the club. A lengthy discussion followed regarding concern over the amount of time remaining to put on the event and uncertainty as to whether it could be done. Art suggested having it over just one day (instead of two), but others felt it was too much work for just one day. One suggestion was to include more public contact with the pilots after they had flown (as had been done at other air shows), and that in the past there had been a break in the middle to do that. Rob stressed that time was too short to wait for the next general meeting and said he would contact Rich to confirm the extent of his commitment. Eric also reminded the group that in the past when John Buford was soliciting donations, he was asked for copies of the advertising collateral to demonstrate the marketing that was taking place. He would need time to get that finalized to complete the donation process.

New Business

Flight Starting Tables

Art mentioned that he had seen some of the screws in the wooden starting tables coming out and presenting potential hazards and suggested we look at going over them to make the necessary repairs.

Submitted by Rob Merriman