



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, and Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Jamie Edwards, Brian Rhoads, and John Gerhardt.

Guests Present:

- IT Director Irv Singer, Membership Director Tony Quist, and Contest Director Brian O'Meara.

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:03 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The minutes of the January 2024 Board of Directors meeting was approved without change.
2. The Secretary indicated he had sent an e-mail last month requesting a new section in the SVF website for posting the Club meeting minutes and Board meeting minutes as there had not been a Slow Roll newsletter since October of 2024. The IT Director said he did not receive that e-mail, so the Secretary said he would be happy to resend it with the required documents attached. This will give Club members a fixed location to read the Club and Board meeting minutes until the Slow Roll can be published on a regular basis.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. The treasurer's submitted report shows the club operating funds are sufficient to cover the projected expenses for this year.
2. The Winter Warbirds event final accounting is not yet complete but is expected to yield an approximate profit of \$7000.
3. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony Quist reported that we currently have 220 adult members, and 23 junior members for 2025.
2. Tony asked if all Board members could be given access to the Treasurer's Google drive which includes a section for the membership data. Oliver had no objection to setting that up for the Board membership.

Safety Officer's Report: Ken Rhoads

1. There was nothing new to report to the Board in the way of Safety issues during the previous month.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. The upcoming Warbirds, Classics, and Scale Jets flyer is now on the first page of the Club website.

Field Maintenance: Brian Rhoads

1. Brian would like to have volunteers for a field cleanup session on Saturday, March 8th to prepare the field for the upcoming Warbirds, Classics, and Scale Jets event. Tasks will include cleaning dirt and

small gravel off the paved runway, cleaning the pit areas, and a few of the usual other field preparation items. Brian will provide a complete list of what needs to be done to President Frank

Old Business:

1. Frank advised the Board that the SVF Charter with the Academy of Model Aeronautics has been renewed, and the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County Flood Control District are both named insured on the AMA insurance policy. The Arizona Corporation Commission papers have also been updated and submitted.

New Business:

1. President Frank advised the Board that he had been in contact with Reliable Portable Bathrooms, a new company that provides J-Johns. Our current supplier, Waste Connections, has been slowly raising prices and it is increasingly difficult to get additional J-Johns when we need them as well as requests for repair, and refilling sanitizer in the existing regular handicapped accessible unit. Reliable would reduce our normal costs by \$20 and is more responsive to our requests. The Board was asked to authorize the President to contract with Reliable Portable Bathrooms. The motion was made, seconded and approved.
2. John Serio will be spraying the field for weeds on Friday during the rain for better absorption.
3. A member had requested we consider a project to install a 15-foot-wide section of astroturf on the north side of the runway. The Board tabled the discussion on this item for 1 month.
4. The Board considered the cost and durability of applying "Slime" to the rock roadway accessing the field. The cost would be somewhere north of \$6000, and the useful life of the treatment was questioned due to our fairly heavy vehicular traffic. President Frank had investigated the cost (about \$4000) of purchasing a restored water buffalo which can be pulled behind a vehicle, but it was noted that we would have to arrange for storage of such a unit at someone's house to prevent its theft. For now, the County FCD is working with us to water the rock roadway.
5. There was considerable discussion regarding preparations for the Warbirds, Classics, and Scale Jets event to be held March 13 – 16, 2025.
 - a. The first was a request to the Board to remove the chain link spectator fence and posts to the East of the ramada to allow placement of rented tents starting just north of the concrete parking barriers. This would accommodate setting the 20' x 40' tents aligned with the long edges running North & South, allowing more tents to be installed East of the ramada without the line of tents extending beyond the East end of the runway, while still affording passageway space between the tents and the safety fencing just South of the runway. The Board approved the request (with one dissenting vote) providing the fence materials would be stored in case the fence needed to be re-installed.
 - b. Next, the Contest Director, Brian O'Meara, noted he would need considerable SVF member's to help having two people man & collect parking donations at the second gate along the rock roadway into our field, as well as parking staff to have spectators park appropriately in the parking lot or utilize the secondary parking area South of the wash. Brian estimates it will take about 40 members to accomplish this over the course of the event. The second gate parking donation location needs a popup tent, chairs, & a cash box setup, as well as one person to be the designated parking director.
 - c. Registration will be manned by John Geyer & Mike Peck who will collect registration/dinner fees and sell shirts, hats, and pit passes.

- d. A board member asked if we could rent a second 4 cubic yard trash container, but the trash company only provide short-term rental of a larger 12 cubic yard roll-off trash container, that does not meet our needs. The decision was made to order the 4-yard container to be emptied daily.
- e. Brian O'Meara was advised that the Club had received authorization from the Deer Valley FAA tower for a ceiling altitude not to exceed 1000 feet AGL, but the tower must be called daily prior to commencement of flying model aircraft and at the end of the day when flying will cease. It was requested that the special 1000-foot ceiling not be advertised in advance, but be discussed at each pilot meeting and enforced.
- f. Brian O'Meara was asked to provide the full list of items that needed to be taken care of prior to and during the event to President Frank.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary