



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2025

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Brian Rhoads, Dan Bott, and John Gerhardt.

Guests Present:

- IT Director Irv Singer, and Membership Director Tony Quist.

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:02 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The minutes of the February 2024 Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver reported essentially the same amounts in the treasury as he had presented at the Club meeting on Saturday but added the income amount from the Warbirds & Classics event and the reduction for the check to the Morgan Adams Foundation.. The Club's operating funds are sufficient to cover the projected expenses for this year.
2. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony Quist reported that we currently have 230 adult members, and 21 junior members for 2025. About 7 new members joined last month.

Safety Officer's Report: Ken Rhoads

1. Ken stated there was nothing new to report to the Board on Safety issues during the previous month.
2. A Board member brought up an issue regarding a member's taxiing in the pit area and it was noted that there had also been a problem with the same member at Warbirds & Classics regarding following proper safety instructions. The Safety Officer and others will continue to work with the member to reinforce proper safety procedures at the field.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. Irv will be posting a District 10 article on the SVF to the website.

Field Maintenance: Brian Rhoads

1. Brian was momentarily unavailable to give his report, and the Secretary raised a concern that the old helicopter ramada wood was still out in the desert Southwest of the parking lot. In addition, someone had dumped 2 wooden pallets East of the 4-yard waste container just South the old parking barrier logs, and we also had the concrete encrusted fence pole stubs from the last fence removal to get rid of. The Board was reminded that the Maricopa Flood Control District had always considered the SVF to be

good stewards of the land, and we should ensure that it continues by cleaning up the waste material South of the field. Brian Rhoads knows a waste hauling contractor that can be contacted to clean up and remove these items of concern. The Board approved up to \$500 for this cleanup project, and if the contractor requires more funds, Brian was requested to get an estimate for the amount and bring that to the Board for approval.

Old Business:

1. The Warbirds & Classics and Scale Jet event had a profit of \$17,035, and after the SVF issued a \$3000 check to the Margan Adams Foundation for cancer kids, the SVF had net proceeds of \$14,035 for the treasury.
2. The Board approved project that Andrew Baker of Honeywell requested regarding installation of hydrogen tanks to fuel Honeywell's drones will not be completed for about two months.

New Business:

1. Ballots for the election of Officers and Board members will go out on Saturday, April 26th and the computer voting will run for one week ending Friday evening, May 2nd. Results will be reported to the Club during the May 3, 2025 meeting. The Vice-president raised a point of order that some of the candidates' names the Nominating Committee had obtained had been left off the list for Board members that was presented at the Club meeting. These included Kenny Rhoads, Rick Marshall, Craig Lahlum, and Howard Kennedy. It was subsequently determined that given the number of candidates for Board of Directors, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Lahlum voluntarily withdrew from consideration.
2. The revised ballot will include all four incumbent Officers running unopposed, and the candidates for the 6 Board of Director positions will be as follows:

Brian Rhoads (incumbent)	Jim Sprecker (incumbent)
Tony Quist	Todd Inskip
Ben Gowell	Kenny Rhoads
Rick Marshall	Irv Singer
Mike Dolan	Wayne Layne
Andrew Baker	Fred Wright
Brian Bailey	
3. The Board considered an e-mail request from Samatha Russell, the Interdisciplinary Capstone Director in the College of Engineering and Technology at Grand Canyon University, asking if the college could become an SVF member so that her students would not require individual memberships to test drones involved in a project for GCU. President Frank contacted Ms. Russell to advise that because each student would have to be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and also have separate membership in the Sun Valley Fliers as well as FAA licensing for drones, a GCU group membership with the SVF was not feasible. Ms. Russell understood and her students wishing to participate in the drone testing project will join the AMA and SVF as required.
4. Our Academy of Model Aeronautics insurance documents have been sent to the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and the Maricopa Flood Control District.
5. The gate to the field on Jomax road had been broken by COP employees that was locked in, and it was repaired at no expense to the SVF. President Frank is ordering a sign to be mounted on the inside of gate advising anyone who gets inadvertently locked in to call him rather than tearing down the gate.
6. The Board received a request from members to remove the chain link spectator fence on the West side of the ramada to benefit tent placement during events. It was further requested to use the chain link to extend the spectator fencing on the East side of the ramada to the "No Dust" sign. The Board concurred

with the project contingent upon placing 8 to 12 new concrete parking barriers in line with the existing barriers to prevent spectators from parking North of this new barrier line on the East side of the ramada. It was further decided to have a contractor anchor the new barriers with rebar in the two holes provided in each barrier. It was moved, seconded, and approved to proceed with this project.

7. The Board of Directors approved changing the combination/lock to the entry gate and determined what the new combination number will be. The new combination number will be emailed to all SVF members in good standing. In addition, President Frank will interlock the new lock with the old combination lock to allow members to get used to the new lock & combination.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary