



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2025

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, John Gerhardt, Kenny Rhoads, Fred Wright, Jim Sprecker, Dan Bott, Tony Quist, and Irv Singer

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:01 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The minutes of the September 2025 Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.
2. The October club meeting minutes are out for Board review & comment.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver reported the end-of-month balance in the treasury and noted 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. The renewal section for 2026 membership is open on the website.
2. Tony advised that we already have 12 members that have renewed for 2026, and 3 new members that have joined the SVF this month.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Nothing has changed since Kenny's report at the SVF club meeting.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. The September club and Board meeting minutes are posted to the website.
2. Irv will take a careful look at the website to determine what sections may need an update.
3. Irv is also looking at what needs to be submitted to the Academy of Model Aeronautics to get financial support for our project to provide solar generated electricity at the workstations under the ramada.

Field Maintenance:

1. Kenny Rhoads reported for Brian that the West side fence has been removed as planned and approved. A Board member stated he recalled the removed fencing would be reinstalled on the East side of the ramada to extend the existing fence further East. Kenny replied that President Frank wanted to price getting new fencing for the East side because the age and condition of the removed fencing would make the extension unsightly. Kenny stated the removed fencing would be rolled and stored South of the old car parking barriers. Another member objected to this idea because things get left there out of sight and

out of mind, like the removed & rolled fencing that is already there. Kenny stated we are still looking to have a scrap hauler pick those items up for recycling, but we have not been able to schedule that yet. The concern is valid as we have historically left discarded items between the old parking barriers and the wash for extended periods of time, and this has led to unknown members adding their own household discards to the area. Members may recall the number of discarded vehicle tires. This is an open action item.

Old Business:

1. President Frank reported that the updated SVF By-Laws have been approved and posted to the website. This action item is complete.
2. Our generator is back online and functions correctly, the shade cover is installed over the battery charging station, and the shade screens have been installed at the helicopter area. These action items are all complete.
3. The membership has been encouraged to support Greg Stone who is running for the Academy of Model Aeronautics presidency. This action item is complete.

New Business:

1. Preparations are underway for Winter Warbirds 14, to be held on January 29-31, 2026. John Gerhardt, the event CD, advised that we will probably need to rent at least 3 more J-Johns and two wash stations. We will need the trash container to be emptied each day of the event as we are likely to have 100 pilots attending.
2. The Board discussed Cole Cunningham's proposal to upgrade our weather station with modern equipment connected to the internet by Wi-Fi. Cole needs his ham radio equipment back, which has made weather conditions at the field available on the web for about 14 years. Cole estimates that the new equipment will cost about \$500 - \$600 and there will be a monthly sim fee of \$10. Some of the members lobbied to include a mobile hotspot when we make the upgrade. No vote was required until final cost is determined and presented. This is an open action item.
3. Jim Sprecker and Arthur Gambino are planning a swap meet at the field on Saturday, December 6th, in conjunction with our December club meeting. Sellers will pay a \$15 entry fee which will include one (1) breakfast and if they need a table, an additional \$10 table rent. We have about four tables, and the One Eighth Air Force will let us rent out their tables in the OEAF trailer.
4. John Serio is planning to perform the weed and grass removal which is part of his contract with the club. Date to be determined.
5. President Frank presented a detailed list of equipment and estimated the cost of the solar electric project to be about \$4000 if we use AGM batteries. Some members thought that Lithium-Ion batteries were a better choice as they can be deep-cycled and are said to last longer. If we want to do the project, President Frank will perform the installation himself. The Board was not asked to vote on approval, this is an open item at this time.
6. One of the members proposed that the club buy enough quarter-minus rock to feather out the asphalt drop-off at the West end of the runway, stating a lot of members break props trying to taxi back onto the runway after rolling off. It was noted that we built that up the last time the field was dragged by pulling dirt up to the level of the runway, and we could do that again without purchasing rock and stabilizing product. This was approved and the item is closed.
7. It is the correct time of year to schedule the crack seal and oil sealcoat of the runway, the pit area, and the gravel area South of the ramada. Frank reviewed the cost two years ago for the runway and pits with the Board members and will get some current bids for approval. This is an open action item.

8. John Geyer stated he had a lot of positive feedback after the club meeting regarding the show & tell that he did and his suggestion that other interests schedule their show & tell as well. He was also asked if the website could include a section where members could talk to each other to coordinate flying at the field. Irv Singer agreed to see if there can be a forum-style section on the SVF website for members to communicate with each other.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary