



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, John Gerhardt, Kenny Rhoads, Fred Wright, 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 6:03 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report:

1. There was no report as the Secretary was absent.
2. The minutes of the October 2025 Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.

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. John Gerhardt clarified Oliver's concerns about financial additions that were associated with Winter Warbirds but were not specifically identified for record keeping purposes.
3. Tony Quist clarified Oliver's concerns about entries on the renewal section of the website that were associated with swap meet registrations that had not been closed.
4. Oliver noted that his SVF debit card had been "spoofed" by unknown parties. The unauthorized charges have been reversed, and Oliver has a new debit card. If any Board member is contacted about unpaid charges to the old card, they should contact Oliver.
5. 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, and we have 80 members that have renewed their membership, plus 5 lifetime members that Tony updated for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. No report for this month as there have been no reported issues.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. The October club and Board meeting minutes are posted to the website.
2. Irv is working on the backside of the website to align things to support updates. He is still working on developing a working section for members to sell model items on.
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 old helicopter ramada had been taken apart and removed by a junk hauler. Oliver noted that the services had been paid for. A member of the Board asked if this included the items that were in the wash south of the parking lot, but no one knew the answer; TBD.

Old Business:

1. A member had 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 but see new business, item #2.
2. Preparations are underway for Winter Warbirds 14 to be held on January 29-31, 2026 and President Frank has ordered 3 additional J-Johns and a wash station. Frank will send an all-member email asking for signups for work to be done by SVF members at the event soon.
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. So far, 4 people have signed up to sell their items.
4. 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 installation is still viable, but on hold with date TBD. The Board was not asked to vote on approval, this is an open item at this time.
5. The fence extension on the West side of the ramada is still waiting for an estimate from American Fencing. Kenny Rhoad recommended that it includes two openable gates and their location will be coordinated with Frank.
6. The weather station upgrade has been completed and included a replacement anemometer with a total cost of \$329.89. The same link as before will access it's information. This item is closed.

New Business:

1. President Frank was able to secure a bid from American Asphalt Paving and Sealcoat, Inc. through his son in law, Avi, to seal the runway cracks reseal the asphalt runway and pit area and restripe the runway. This was compared with a bid from Saxon Paving and two from Holbrook Asphalt Company. American had the lower price, treatment with a new product, and included a second coat to fully seal the small cracks and preserve the treated surfaces for a longer period of time than conventional oil-based sealcoat material. The final cost estimate presented by American was \$14,514. The Board moved, seconded, and approved the use of American Asphalt Paving and Sealcoat as the contractor for our asphalt repair project. The work was expected to take two to three days and members recommended Tuesday and Wednesday as the least busy days at the field. The actual dates are TBD following discussion with the successful contractor.
2. Jim Sprecker has suggested that we contract to cut 1 inch off the North side length of the runway and fill it is with enough quarter-minus gravel to extend out about 1.5 feet North of the new edge. Jim has heard complaints from members who run off the edge of the runway and break their props trying to get back on the runway. The Board was less than enthusiastic about saw cutting the edge of the runway, citing the potential for creating more problems with the stability of the runway, but since Jim has invited a contractor to provide a bid for the work, the Board decided to wait until we see the contractor's proposal and also get advice from the paving contractor, American Asphalt. The item is tabled.

3. Tony Quist reminded Frank that the Board needed to review and discuss the new rules that Maricopa County Flood Control District has pertaining to no longer keeping the main gate locked on weekends while members were at the field. While the gate must always be kept closed and locked on weekdays, we are allowed to keep the gate open and unlocked on Saturday and Sunday, but only while our members are using the field. The last member to leave either on Saturday or Sunday must close and relock the gate. Frank agreed that we could give the County's new rules a test, he will order a sign to remind members that the last member out on Saturday and the last member out on Sunday must close and lock the gate. If we notice that this procedure is not working, we will have to go back to always locking up the gate.
4. Kenny Rhoads pointed out it would be good to have a field cleanup day. There is some tall grass & weeds that need to be cut perhaps with a rented bushmaster or heavy-duty mower. It would be nice to get that done before the runway project.
5. We need to alert members that they need to quit leaving their cigarette butts on the ground and stop overflowing fuel tanks on the asphalt surfaces at the flying site. The fuel overflow is particularly a problem with turbine fuel. Members should be reminded to bring their own catch can or overflow bottle and *use them*, dumping the overflow only in the dirt area of the parking lot. President Frank will include this information in an email to members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary