



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-president John Geyer, and Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Kenny Rhoads, Fred Wright, Wayne Layne, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Dan Bott, 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: Mike Peck

1. The minutes of the January 2026 Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver could not attend, but submitted a written report of the end-of-month balance in the treasury and noted the club's operating funds are sufficient to cover the projected expenses for next year.
2. Oliver had been contacted by Dean Simms of Plug and Play, a company involved with Arizona Tech Week, who are looking for a site to have drone demonstrations as part of the Tech Week event on the afternoon of Wednesday April 8th, or the morning of Thursday April 9th, or the morning of Friday April 10th. Oliver asked the Board if they would be willing to allow such demonstrations to occur at the SVF flying site. Numerous questions came from Board members about what restrictions they would have to abide by in our FRIA area, how many participants would attend, and the big issue of would our members be willing to give up a morning or afternoon use of the field. The general feeling was that this would be good community involvement PR for the club, and the morning of Thursday April 9th would be the best date. The Board agreed to have a special Zoom meeting to discuss this directly with Dean.
3. John Gerhardt has given Oliver his cash and numbers for the Winter Warbirds event, and Oliver is waiting for everything to be properly reflected on the bank account so that he can run a final report for the Board. This will be sent by separate email to the Board members.
4. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that 223 adult members have renewed their dues, and there are 27 junior members. That leaves 37 of the 2025 members that are unpaid at this date.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny stated there were no safety issues to address during the past month.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. Irv has updated the website with the sign-up link for the upcoming Scale Aviation Airshow.

Field Maintenance:

1. We still need to make a pedestrian path from the far South parking area to the field so that we can park spectators South of the wash and give them a way to walk to the field without interfacing with car traffic.

Old Business:

1. Winter Warbirds 14 has been completed. John Gerhardt estimates total income at about \$8000. The Board thanks all SVF members that contributed their time, work, and attendance at the event.
2. We are still looking for a member to be the editor of the newsletter, and to encourage someone to volunteer, the newsletter will only be published quarterly instead of monthly.
3. The birthdate required field has been removed from the SVF membership renewal and new member application on the website.

New Business:

1. We are looking at a way to have both new members and renewals list their FAA number in a field on our website applications. Our FRIA agreement with the FAA requires that the club maintain a listing of members names and their FAA number in our records, and must present that listing to authorized FAA officials, or their designee. Presently, we need to have members submit their FAA number to President Frank so that a list can be started. This will be discussed as an agenda item at the next Club meeting.
2. Preparations for the Scale Aviation Airshow starting on March 18, 2026, are underway. President Frank has ordered 4 J-johns and 2 wash stations , the 4-yard dumpster will be emptied daily, the Deer Valley Airport tower will be notified and VIP pit passes will be made available to any tower operators and their family members that wish to attend. There will also be some Academy of Model Aeronautics dignitaries who will get VIP pit passes as well. The propane tank needs to be refilled.
3. The 8'x 4' replacement entry sign for the gate identifying the Club has been ordered and we are awaiting installation. We have also ordered an additional "No Dust" sign and it is also awaiting installation on the left side of the entry to our gravel access road where it meets Jomax Road.
4. The solar project for providing electricity to receptables under the ramada is nearly complete. Three more solar panels need to be mounted on the roof of the container, and President Frank will need some able-bodied help in getting them up there. We also need a separate switch for the lighting under the ramada so that the lights do not run continuously, draining the batteries. Switch type TBD. A member asked if we now need to lock the generator shed since the circuit breaker box, inverter, switch panel, etc., are now in there. The Board consensus was not to lock the shed since these items are very difficult to remove and steal.
5. The Board discussed the need to identify the SVF radio-control flying site with highly visible sign that people could see when driving on Cave Creek Road. The suggestion was to purchase and install a 15-foot high "feather sign" on a pole for about \$200. It was moved, seconded and approved to acquire one.
6. A Board member has been in contact with a member of Fox Channel 10 TV that does an "I can do that" segment for television. There is interest from the individual at the TV station in seeing if he can learn to fly an r/c model in one day. John Gerhardt will get involved with that and see if Horizon Hobbies may be willing to sponsor the equipment needed. We are talking about learning to fly a trainer, not a sophisticated scale warbird or jet model. The Board concurred as this would also be great PR for the SVF and the hobby.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary