



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

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz and Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Kenny Rhoads, Wayne Layne, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, and Dan Bott.

Guests Present: Irv Singer, IT Manager

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:05 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The minutes of the February 9, 2026, Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver could not attend but submitted a written report on 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. John Gerhardt was thanked by President Frank for his work in continuing to host the Winter Warbirds event, and Oliver's report noted that the net income to the Club from this event was \$8,149.76.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that 252 members, including juniors, have renewed for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny stated he had not received any reports of safety issues during the past month.
2. A Board member commented that he had heard from several Club members that a lot of pilots are flying without spotters during the week. Those Club members are not comfortable enough to address the issue themselves with the pilots flying outside of our rules. President Frank will send out an e-mail to all members encouraging them to speak to other members who are not following our safety rules when at the field.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. Irv has also posted new pictures to the gallery section of the Club website from Winter Warbirds as well as a ten-minute video from the event, courtesy of Oliver Heinen.
2. Irv has also added information to the website on the perks that volunteers working in the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow.
3. A picture of our newest junior member with his solo certificate was also added to the website.

Field Maintenance:

1. We have weeds that need to be removed from the field and President Frank will contact John Serio about getting it done.

Old Business:

1. We have a member, Brian Bailie, who has expressed an interest in becoming the newsletter editor and President Frank will meet with Brian this Thursday to hand over Bob Purdy's programs, files, and whatever else Brian needs. The plan is to publish the Slow Roll quarterly instead of monthly; at least to start off.
2. Oliver is the contact for Dean Simms regarding the use of our field for Arizona Tech Week drone/electronics demonstrations. We have not heard of any further plans at this time, but should get additional information on that soon.
3. The new sign at the entrance to the field has been installed.
4. The Board has approved the SVF feather sign for the side of Jomax Road. President Frank will send us images of what is planned to be on the feather sign.

New Business:

1. Preparations for the Arizona 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 has been texted, and VIP pit passes will be made available to any tower operators and their family members that wish to attend. Wayne Layne will contact the tower by phone daily with start and stop times. There will also be some Academy of Model Aeronautics dignitaries who will get VIP pit passes as well. The propane tanks have been refilled. We have some volunteers to work on the event but still need more.
2. The solar project for providing electricity to receptacles under the ramada is complete. President Frank has added timing for when the solar power will automatically turn on and off and has installed a separate 60-minute timer on the ramada lights. Frank also provided a picture from our field camera showing some of our members utilizing the field on Sunday night where some of those members were not cleaning up their trash. Frank has talked to one of those members about reminding everyone to be responsible and clean up after themselves.
3. Tony Quist was able to get the same dates set for the Sun Valley Jets event for 2026. The sanction application has been sent in, but it has not been approved yet. Anyone who needs additional information should contact Tony directly.
4. Ken Rhoads has added a pedestrian walkway so that people who park in the South lot can easily walk to the main parking lot and field. Two parallel logs line the walkway area.
5. We discussed the need to collect Club members' FAA numbers last month, and perhaps to include a required field in the annual renewal section of the website to collect members' FAA numbers as a condition of renewing membership. President Frank noted we had not voted on that issue and was unsure as to whether we should require new members to have and submit their FAA number to join the Club. Two Board members were strongly in favor of requiring both new and renewing Club members to provide their FAA numbers to the Club. They reminded the Board that FAA registration is not optional, and that our FRIA agreement with the FAA plainly states the SVF must provide a list of all members' FAA numbers to any authorized FAA representative upon request. It was motioned, seconded, and approved (with one abstention) to require both new and renewing Club members to provide their FAA number to the Club. This continues to be an action item to discuss at the next membership meeting.

6. John Gerhardt attended the Arizona Model Pilots Association Greenfest electric event and was asked if the SVF membership would like to attend and fly at a scheduled Open House at the AMPS field. This would probably include some kind of food being served, perhaps dinner. This should also be an item on the agenda for the next membership meeting.
7. John has also been contacted & asked if the SVF would like to sponsor a trophy for the upcoming Wings over Chino scale event in Chino, CA. They would also be willing to sponsor a trophy for an SVF event. The Board approved the sponsorship request.
8. Fred Wright was unable to attend the Board meeting but sent an email asking for consideration of putting some kind of sealer on our dusty gravel entrance road. He indicated that we could ask for member donations to fund the roadway seal and he would personally be willing to contribute to this fund. President Frank noted that we have discussed this previously and investigated the application of a product called ‘Gorilla Snot’; however there was a question as to how long this over \$10,000 product application would last with our moderately heavy use of the roadway. Jim Sprecker said that Colorado used ammonium sulfate to treat their dirt roads and perhaps we should look into that. President Frank said he would talk to Lorenzo to see what their company would recommend (short of pavement), and to the County to see what they would approve.
9. Dan Bott reminded the Board that the President of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Greg Stone, and the AMA Foundation chairman, James “Bud” Lane, will attend the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow this month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary