



## **Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2026**

### **Club Officers Present:**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

- Charlie Beverson, Kenny Rhoads, Wayne Layne, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Fred Wright, Jim Sprecker, Irv Singer, and Ben Gowell

**Guests Present:** None

### **Open: President Frank Moskowitz**

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:03 PM, and he welcomed our new Board of Director members Irv Singer and Ben Gowell. There was a quorum present.

### **Secretary's Report: Mike Peck**

1. The minutes of the April 6, 2026, Board of Directors meeting have a correction requested by Ron Deppert that has been incorporated into those minutes. The corrected minutes were approved by the Board.
2. The April Club meeting and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the website.

### **Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen**

1. Oliver submitted a 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. The Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow had a profit of \$13,375.77 for the Club, however, there is still an outstanding charge of about \$200 for J-Johns and wash stations to deduct from this when the bill is received. The Board previously approved a \$5,000 donation to the Morgan Adams Children's Cancer Foundation, which has been made, however, we have not yet received & will request documentation from Morgan Adams for that donation.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

### **Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist**

1. Tony reported that 231 adult members and 28 junior members are in good standing for 2026.
2. This includes a new adult member that has paid his dues, but we are waiting for him to fill out his application form so that we have all his details for membership.

### **Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads**

1. Kenny stated he has had nothing to report on in the way of safety issues during the past month.

### **Information Technology Report: Irv Singer**

1. Irv reported at the Club meeting that the photo gallery is growing, the Weather Bug has been moved to the main page, and he is working on a new "contact us" section that cannot be scrubbed by hacker robots for Board Members names/email addresses.
2. There was a question as to whether our field camera feeds could be made accessible on the website, but it was noted this is likely is not a good idea as anyone could access them and it would disclose

their numbers and locations. Irv asked if maybe there is a way to put a "virtual lock" on the link to the camera feeds so only members could activate it; analogous to our lock on the main gate. President Frank will look into the idea,

#### **Field Maintenance:**

1. John Serio has applied weed pre-emergent treatment to the field. President Frank has had other private companies quote the treatment and the costs are nearly identical. John is a member and does a good job with the application twice a year for about \$2700.

#### **Old Business:**

1. The cleanout of our storage containers has been completed thanks to Charlie Beverson and John Geyer. Storage space is now adequate, and there will be no additional efforts to purchase another container. This item is closed.
2. The Board previously 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 for approval prior to purchase.
3. The certified/return receipt letter discussed last month was mailed to a former member by President Frank, but we have not received the return receipt acknowledgement. There was speculation as to why, and what further steps might be necessary.

#### **New Business:**

1. President Frank informed the Board that our new newsletter editor, Brian Bailie is going to try to publish the Slow Roll monthly instead of quarterly. Thank you Brian, this will be a great asset for the membership as newsletters are the lifeblood of a club.
2. The Simply Voting online voting program has worked well again. 89 of our 221 members voted in the election, which is about 40% participation, and is what we expected based on voting history.
3. Fred Wright reported on the two signs that had been requested by members Ron Deppert and Arthur Gambino.
  - a. Ron Deppert's request was for a round all-metal sign containing a weathered SVF logo featuring a flying dark-colored jet above dark-colored mountains with an orange/yellow weathered look background. The sign was proposed to be hung, centered under the Sun Valley Flyers name, on the rusty steel framework located on the left side of the roadway near the old gate at the entrance to our field. Fast Signs quoted a price of \$1372 for this sign.
  - b. Arthur Gambino's request was for a 10' wide x 3.5' high rectangular sign to be mounted as high as possible to the support uprights on the East end of the ramada, where it would also serve to provide shade to the farthest East worktable under the ramada. This sign featured an orange half sun shape above low dark blue mountains on a dark blue background with text that states "Welcome SVF Sun Valley Fliers Radio Control Flying Club" and includes the field latitude and longitude numbers. Fast Signs quoted a price of \$723 for this single faced sign.

Fast Signs had counseled the rectangular sign would be subject to fading with a year or two in the proposed colors. Members discussed the quoted sign materials, the expected longevity of the colors in the Arizona sun, the value for either of these signs to the membership, as well as minor details such as the minimal cost for mounting hardware and mounting the signs with Club member help. Fred stated he was willing to work with Arthur regarding better colors to last longer in our sun-fading environment and to propose back side wording if the Board wanted to approve that sign. A motion was made and seconded to disapprove Mr. Deppert's sign and

conceptually approve Mr. Gambino's sign subject to another Board vote on the new colors. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 1 no.

4. A Board member expressed his concern about junior members who are sometimes left at the field after all other members have gone home. Some of the juniors fly electric models and some fly nitro powered models; either of which could cause injury to the junior members through prop strikes or in other ways. The concern is would the Club be liable for leaving these young members at the field with no method of immediate transportation in the event of a medical emergency. The Club Standing Rules and Field Rules do not address this issue. President Frank will research if the AMA has anything on this, and if not, the Board may need to develop something and educate junior member parents on our concerns.
5. A Board member asked if the SVF loses the flying site for any reason, does our agreement with any governing agency require the Club to remove all improvements? There is nothing in our current agreement that requires that.
6. A Board member stated that we had members abandoning old LIPO batteries at the field again. We have published information in more than one Board and Club meeting minutes that we are not accepting old LIPOs for recycling/disposal, and that members should take care of this themselves at the Home Depot, Lowes, or other battery outlets that provide recycling. President Frank will look into the cost of a sign for the kitchen area where most of these batteries are being left.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Peck  
SVF Secretary