



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2026

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

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

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:04 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mike will join the meeting later, but the June Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. The Secretary's report was motioned, seconded, and approved

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. A member requested information on exactly what the monthly recurring costs consisted of, and it was explained.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the club has 237 adult members and 28 junior members for 2026.
2. The Nightworks UAV company has signed up all pilot personnel for SVF & AMA membership to fly UAVs by arrangement at the club field. Another UAV company was checking out our field for operations and were told that each of the pilots needs both Club and AMA membership to fly at our site.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny; he is out of town, but a Board member cautioned everyone to be aware that we do have snakes out on the field. A 7-foot snake was seen getting under the kitchen slab; no one was sure of what type of snake it was.

Information Technology Report:

1. Irv is out of town, no report this month.

Field Maintenance:

1. John Serio was paid for completed weed pre-emergent treatment to the field.

Old Business:

1. The Board was shown a conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field. There is still additional work needed before the sign could be laser cut, and the changes to the artwork were discussed. Costs are limited to cost of steel for the sign, as Chris Cores will cut it for nothing, and there is also some cost to improve the structural integrity of the posts.
2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF was approved by the AMA but has not been received from Horizon Hobbies yet. The AMA was contacted and says the problem is with Horizon Hobbies who are experiencing out-of-stock and shipment issues.
3. We are still awaiting cost estimates for the additional asphalt taxiways on both ends of the field. Lorenzo needs to know how we want to terminate the taxiways at flight stations 1 & 6. The Board decided to have to have Lorenzo quote having the taxiway butt up to the edge of the flight stations as opposed to creating additional asphalt to feather into the pit area.
4. President Frank is in discussion with Brian Bailie about the Club's social media presence on the web.

New Business:

1. Vice-President John brought up an issue with the noise some of our members airplanes generate considering the restarted construction for housing that is going on South of the dike and suggested that we need to consider how and when in the future we need to regulate prop and engine exhaust noise to remain good neighbors with the people who will ultimately be homeowners just to the South of our field. President Frank stated he has been in touch with the contractor for that project and the model homes for the development will not be finished for viewing until the third quarter of 2027. Another member suggested we need to start now in planning for the eventual occupancy of neighbors and reminded the Board of what has happened in Europe with many lost flying sites and very restrictive sound regulations on motors. He noted that even the Cave Creek Airport had to modify their noise abatement policies and flight areas due to neighbor noise complaints. This started a very long discussion that included noisy airplanes also have irritated other club members, the need to determine accurate measured data on the decibel level at our flying site boundary, the decibel level at the future new home area on the other side of the dike, and the AMA guidelines for measuring noise generated by airplanes at the field. We also need to determine what County and City have in terms of noise ordinances at our property lines. President Frank will take some sound measurements at our property boundaries, as well as at the housing development site to see what we are dealing with. It was decided not to try to immediately impose a decibel level at the field, but to discuss what will need to be done in the future at club meetings, and to discuss with and sensitize some of our members with noisy airplanes to seek ways to quiet their models to avoid problems in the future.
2. Walt Tessier has donated two Timbre airplanes and two radios to the SVF for use with new members that may not have equipment to try and fly. The radios will be checked out to make sure they can be buddy boxed and the Timbres checked for airworthiness by Vice-President John. Ben Gowell also has some trainer-type aircraft that can be used for new student pilots.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary