



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2026

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Irv Singer, Fred Wright, and Ben Gowell

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:00 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The July 2026 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 the approximate annual revenue the club receives from membership renewals and Oliver provided that information.
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 241 adult members and 28 junior members for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny; he is out of town.

Information Technology Report:

1. Irv has put some new pictures in the Gallery section of the website and if anyone has any additional new photos please send them to him.
2. The link on the website to the FAA will be made "live" so that all SVF members can easily click on it and sign up for their Small UAS Registration Number and certificate as required by both the FAA and the SVF.

Field Maintenance:

1. See new business regarding the field access road.

Old Business:

1. A conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field is still being finalized by Art for approval by the Board. The sign would be laser cut, and the costs are limited to

cost of steel for the sign, as Chris Cores will cut it for nothing. There will also be some cost to improve the structural integrity of the posts that the sign would be attached to.

2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF was approved by the AMA and Horizon Hobbies are expecting to ship the kit within a week.
3. The proposed project for additional asphalt taxiway paving on the South edge of the runway has been determined to be unnecessary by a majority of Board members.
4. President Frank is in discussion with Brian Bailie about the Club's social media presence on the web.
5. President Frank has measured the amount of model airplane noise that can be heard South of the dike where new housing construction is underway. The maximum reading Frank has obtained on his sound meter is 40 decibels. Vice-President John Geyer is still checking the louder model airplanes at the field to see if they are or are not compliant with the AMA recommended readings of 90 dB or less at 9 feet. It has been 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.

New Business:

1. American Asphalt has given us a \$21,000 quote on the entry road project for providing a 10' wide, 2" thick layer of rolled GSA (ground stabilizing asphalt) from the pavement at Jomax road to the entryway to our parking area. There was a question as to whether the proposed 10' width was wide enough to prevent breakdown of the edges of the rolled GSA when cars going in opposite directions must move over to pass each other, and if American Asphalt assures us no breakdown will occur. Treasurer Oliver Heinen thought the club should maintain a balance of funds in the treasury that would cover all known annual expenses and sufficient funds to repair damage that may occur to our improvements due to storms, vandalism, or unforeseen other events.
2. President Frank has been in contact with the Flood Control District to see if they had any funding that could help with the cost for dust control purposes. Unfortunately, the County stated they cannot provide any financial assistance, but they did tell Frank that there was no permit required for the work, as they considered this to be maintenance of the existing roadway. The County did say they may be able to provide some no-cost labor and equipment to spread the GSA as operator training for their newer employees from the piles where it would be dropped to the desired 10' width. Board members were concerned that American Asphalt would not be responsible for the quality of the finished project if we had the County provide labor and equipment. The Board asked Frank to thank the County, but we would fund all the work.
3. President Frank said he thought that there would be quite a few members that would be willing to donate funds for the project so that the club treasury would not have to bear the entire cost. He proposed drafting a letter to all SVF members to see how many would be willing to contribute donations to the project and determine how much could be raised for the project. The Board approved drafting the letter and withheld approval of the project until we see what amount of donation pledges are obtained. Once funding is known, the Board will consider approval by e-mail.
4. Brian and Bonnie O'Meara have asked the Board if we would like to accept the two relatively new stainless steel barbeque grills that were used in the past to cook steak at the Arizona Scale Warbird, Classics, and Jet Fly in events. Brian and Bonnie are retiring from CD/contest hosting activities & are no longer going to put this event on for the SVF and the One Eighth Air Force. They indicated that the club could keep the grills, or sell them, as the SVF wishes. The Board accepted their donation with many thanks and additionally thanked them for the years of service to the SVF in hosting the Spring Scale Fly-In and for the thousands of dollars their event has contributed to the club.

5. President Frank has been working with Claire Miller, the supervisor of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation/North who advised Frank the SVF's use agreement with the city was overdue for renewal. Ms. Miller said she would handle getting together the required documentation to sign and to get a new agreement approved.
6. The club has been contacted by a commercial security drone company called Knightwerx to see if we would approve them using our field for their private use to host some of their partners with private demos for a period of three days. The club would not be able to use the field during that time. Although Knightwerx has pilot members in the SVF, we cannot shut down the field for three days, and the Board disapproved their request.
7. A Board member brought up that some paragliders have established a runway off the Cave Creek Parkway and were launching/landing there. At present they are not in conflict with our operation, but we need to be aware they are there, as these are man-carrying aircraft.
8. Ben Gowell asked for information about what is contained in the AMA approved Starter Kit as he will be working with student youngsters. Ben wants to contact schools within about 5 miles of the field to see if we can connect with students and their parents about r/c flying. He wanted input from the Board on student ages we think are appropriate for this endeavor. The consensus of opinion was 12 years old or younger before the kids are committed to social media on their cell phones. Ben will also reach out to Boy Scouts/CAP cadets. Ben suggested a Saturday at the field be set aside for youth instruction along with a free lunch/drinks/or snacks, etc. The Board fully supported the idea of a day at the field once we determine a level of interest from youth and their parents. Frank suggested Ben check out the reading material/guidance with the kit and start off slow to get his feet wet successfully. Ben was thanked for taking this on.
9. Tony Quist will contact Frank to discuss the SVF Jet event Oct 22-24, 2026.
10. The next in-person club meeting at the field is scheduled for September 5, 2026.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary