



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 7, 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, Ben Gowell, Jim Sprecker, and Wayne Layne

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 August 2026 Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. The Secretary's report was moved to accept, 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. The established minimum desirable balance to be in the treasury after completion of the entry road project will be met.
2. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the club has 242 adult members and 27 junior members for 2026. This will be the final count for 2026 as we will start the renewal process next month.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny, but President Frank stated the Deer Valley Tower supervisor had contacted him by phone at 8:45 AM to report the pilot of a full-size airplane had observed two r/c model aircraft at 2500 feet above sea level with smoke on. Frank discussed this with the Tower supervisor and stated he would take corrective action with the club members involved who were flying turbine powered models. Frank talked with both members and told them not to use smoke above 200 feet AGL and not to exceed our 400-foot AGL ceiling.
2. Kaleb and 1 other junior member have been left at the field alone to continue flying. There are inherent safety risks to flying r/c model airplanes and we need to send a letter to all junior members parents about not leaving their children at the field alone, and explaining the Club will not be responsible for harm that may come to a junior member if left unattended by their parents.

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 drone zone is now "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.

Old Business:

1. Arthur has submitted a conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field. The sign would be laser cut, and the costs are limited to cost of steel for the sign plus attachment hardware. Chris will address the costs, but this will be covered under new business.
2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF has been received by Ben Gowell. Ben will be contacting schools within about 5 miles of the field to see if we can connect with students and their parents about r/c flying.
3. The funds for the Ground Stabilized Asphalt layer to the entry road has been approved by the Board, and the project has been a huge success in eliminating the dust generated by vehicular traffic.
4. The club has agreed to accept Brian and Bonnie O'Meara's generous offer of the two stainless steel BBQ grills. We are awaiting their return from Colorado to finalize the transfer.
5. President Frank is still working with Claire Miller, supervisor at the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department to develop a new use agreement with the city for our flying site.

New Business:

1. American Asphalt has completed the GSA entry road project over a three-day period. The millings have been compacted by rolling and our members are very happy with the results. President Frank has installed two speed bumps at the end of the roadway where it meets the parking lot to remind members to slow down in the parking lot area to avoid kicking up dust. We received approximately \$22,000 in member donations to help fund the project, and the donors will remain anonymous.
2. Lorenzo, our contractor with American Asphalt did a sample hand-sprayed tack seal on the 20-foot-long section of road where the water runoff recently had cut into the roadway. Lorenzo is willing to tack seal the entire roadway, mechanically supplied from a truck in a much heavier coat for \$6,111. This would require a vote from the Board today, and members have already pledged about \$3,000 in support of the tack seal addition. After discussion on the benefits of having the road tack sealed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the tack seal project and to schedule it ASAP.
3. President Frank has ordered 3 j-johns and 1 wash station for the Jet Rally event. Tony Quist indicated he needed volunteers to work the event, and President Frank will send an all-member email requesting help. The Jet Rally will be held Oct. 22-24, 2026.
4. Chris Cores has volunteered to pay the entire cost of the SVF field entry sign if the club would obtain a contractor to pour footings for the framework and if the Club wants the brick work fascia around the posts to have that done as well. Thank you, Chris!
5. Board members have proposed a future Family day at the field with free food for family members and activities such as balloons for the kids, face painting, maybe nail services for the girls, etc. The board would have to vote to allocate maybe \$2000 for all the activities. A Saturday date was proposed, perhaps Nov. 21st. It was suggested to invite Deer Valley Tower personnel as well. A better estimate of the costs is needed, but the Board liked the idea. TBD.
6. Jim Sprecker recently attended an event at the Chino Valley flying site and observed that the Chino club raffles off an electric ARF airplane in lieu of a 50/50 raffle to raise money at the meeting. Jim was unsure how much they raised to offset the \$400+ cost of such a model, but thought the Board should consider it as an alternative idea and try it out once to see if it would be successful at the SVF. Ben Gowell has a model airplane he would donate, and the decision was left for a meeting during cooler weather with better attendance.

7. Brian and Bonnie O'Meara have sent an email to the Club asking if anyone has volunteered to CD a warbird & classics event in lieu of the event they have run in March. They indicated if no one wanted to run such an event, Clay & Debbie Sherrow have expressed an interest in conducting a One-Eighth style event on the usual March dates, but at the TIMPA field near Tucson. President Frank indicated no one has volunteered, but he will ask Arthur & Ben Gowell if they had any interest; otherwise TIMPA can have the date.
8. The next in-person club meeting at the field is scheduled for September 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary