



Las Vegas Soaring Club Membership Meeting December 10, 2022

MINUTES OF RECORD

Meeting was called to order at 8:36am by the LVSC Flying Field by President Al Badoux and Treasurer Barry Mattison. Board members in attendance were Barry Mattison, David Knapp and Neal Welch. A quorum of 16 members were present.

Under Old Business discussion ensued the following:

- Initially, the purchase of two new signs which would be mounted on a gate post with each sign opposed in direction allowing traffic in both directions to see them was postponed in anticipation of the bike path project in Sept 2023. The initial budget was set to approx. \$200.00. Just recently I noticed how washed out our single sign on the gate is today. Can we vote to move forward with the two new signs? Membership voted unanimously to move forward with this sign project. Al Badoux has scheduled Friday, December 16, 2022 to discuss sign vendors and verbiage with Barry Mattison.

MEMBERSHIP: Presented by Al Badoux

- From Sept 01, 2022 to Dec 03, 2022: we've had 11 new members sign up.
- From Sept 01, 2022 to Dec 03, 2022 we've lost 16 members.
- From Sept 01, 2022 to Dec 03, 2022 we've processed eleven renewals.
- According to Group Works, we have 121 members (I show 133), 68 have signed in the past 30 days and 14 never signed in.
- Interesting Fact: According to Facebook, the LVSC website stats show 88.7 of viewers are men and 11% women. Of these views the each were in the following cities:
- Las Vegas – 93 / Henderson – 25 / Enterprise-12 / NLV – 10 / Spring Valley – 9 / LA – 6 / Reno – 6 / Pahrump – 5 / San Diego – 5 / Whitney NV – 5 - This shows our membership reach...
- Names of all new members are: Scott Morgan, Hank Lorans, James Winn, Cash Drummond, Greg Phelps, Chris Ellison, Kevin Fong, Louis GrasseMichae,I Folkman, Michael Walborn, Scott Doney, Andrey Golovan, Tracy Huff, Charles Wilson Jr, Adam Svajda, Kim Keone, Dave Bottita, Edgar Hernandez, Wilson Calvo, Fran Ledoux, Al Badoux, Scott Wells..

FINANCIAL REPORT: Presented by Barry Mattison. (See Att Spreadsheet)

Under New Business discussion ensued the following:

- **BOARD CHANGES: (Info)** The Board of Directors has had two recent updates this quarter. Our previous Vice President, Sandy Tiedeman, has stepped down due to personal medical concerns. Effective November 01, 2022 Mr. David Knapp agreed, and was voted in, to be our new Vice President.. The second update involves our previous facilities Manager, David Knapp, stepping out to become the VP leaving a spot open. Effective November 23, 2022, Mr. Neal Welch has volunteered to be our Facilities Manager and we've already put him to work with a few projects.. Please help me welcome both to their new positions.
 - **PORTA POTTY USE AT GUN CLUB: (Info).** I spoke to the Gun club President, Wally Pinjuv and confirmed that LVSC members may use the porta potty located at the entrance behind the security building. LVSC members should identify themselves as LVSC members and explain your purpose there. LVSC members may not take self-guided tours of the range and MUST not exceed 10mph to reduce dust while driving on the range property.
 - **SPOOL COVERING: (Info)** On November 19, 2022 Barry Mattison, David Knapp and I purchased a roll of indoor/outdoor carpeting and recovered the spool tops. We left two that were still in good condition. Barry came back a few nights later and covered the remaining spools to finish the project. Total cost came to approx. \$250.00. Special thanks to Barry and David..
 - **WINCH LANDSCAPING: (Info)** Our Winch area has an annual maintenance program that requires a local Landscaper to come out and remove brush, dead bodies, debris and old branches along the winch line. Our Safety Manager, Mike Dantonio, arranged for this to be done, met with the Landscaper and paid the \$500.00 fee. Special thanks to Mike, who also is the guy who blows off the field as needed..
 - **AMA Vs FRIA APPLICATIONS: (Info)**
As of October 24, 2022, the FRIA application process has been opened by the FAA and the AMA, on behalf of all clubs, has applied for FRIA status. The AMA submitted their applications to the FAA for all Community Based Organization recognitions as outlined in the "Advisory Circular 91-57C". This has already been approved by the FAA and the AMA is now contacting all CBO field Presidents to complete an on-line request. Our application has been submitted as of last week.
- RADIO ID: (Info)** Originally Sept 16, 2022 was the deadline for all RC Aircraft manufactures, and all home-built aircraft, to have a Radio ID unit installed that meet FAA requirements. **FLASH:** This has now been pushed back to Dec 16, 2022. **FLASH FLASH:** I have not seen, nor heard of any manufactures building these devices into aircraft, nor anyone producing them for consumer sales. DJI has sent online updates that apparently have equipped "some" drones with the ID system.

- **BIKE PATH UPDATE/REPEAT: (Info)** On July 23, 2022 a number of the Board Members and myself met with, Mr. Josh Travers, the Assistant Field Manager for BLM, Southern Nevada District at the airfield to discuss plans regarding the multi-million-dollar Red Rock Canyon Bicycle Path. I must first express thanks and appreciation to Josh for meeting with us and must say he, and the BLM team, are very interested in our concerns, which we voiced to him this morning. Josh provided some diagrams and projected illustrations (*see the pass around*) of where the path is intended to be. The best way to describe this would be simply as if we were driving over a railroad crossing. There will be embankments on both sides for water run-off, stop signs in addition to painted caution lines on the ground will be in place to warn bicyclists of crossing vehicle traffic (us). The bike path will begin 10-12 feet out from the edge of Charleston Blvd - the emergency dirt pull-off will remain, then will be the bike path, estimated to be 12' wide, followed by (we requested) enough room for a vehicle to stop/park to lock/unlock the gate without impeding bicycle traffic. In the event the engineers believe our gate may need to be relocated further down, they, at their cost, will relocate the gate – which is fine. BLM also has a team of DOT engineers working on water drainage at our driveway which may involve underground drainage tubes – again all at their cost. After physically surveying and discussing this huge project with Josh, myself and the Board believe LVSC Members will not endure any negative complications, but rather may see benefits. This three-phase project involves a pedestrian bridge down by the water basin where a large parking facility will be placed. I believe that intersection will also be converted by a four-way traffic-controlled light. Construction for us won't start for approx. another year giving both BLM and LVSC plenty of time to discuss future modifications/concerns. As always, as more info becomes available, we will share with you and any concerns or questions are welcome.
- **FIELD USE / CLOSURE: (Notice)** A Private Company contracted by the Government, which have used our field for testing and demonstrations for the past two years, has asked to use our field in December. I am speaking of D-Fend Solutions. They have asked to use the field for three hours on December 13, 2022 from 1pm to 3pm Reminders will go out 7 days and 2 days prior to the event via Group Works and I will be present to monitor the use.
- **RUNWAY SAFETY: (Info)**

 1. Remind pilots the **red line is a safety line and pilots must stand behind it while flying.** Now that I have plenty of paint, I will focus on doing a better job of painting the line.
 2. Pilots must always call out, with authority, when walking to and from the runway. Safety first!
 3. Pilots will always give gliders right of way.
 4. Pilots must stand/sit behind the red line and must be able to hear other pilots call out maneuvers (IE: Low Passes, Landing or Take Off's).
 5. Pilots are also asked not to cross the runway for short take off's.
- **USE OF TAXI WAY AS PARKING: (Info)** The practice of parking aircraft on taxi ways has begun to increase. All pilots are reminded that the two taxi ways are for active departure and returns and aircraft and left on taxi ways create a danger to other pilots and may result in unnecessary damage to aircrafts.

- SAFETY BARRIER: (Info)** In order for our club to remain within the “Gold Standard” status with the AMA, every field must have specific items in place. One such item is a safety barrier for spectators. This barrier protects non-members from entering unauthorized areas but also protects your aircraft and items left on spools. We experimented with traffic cones and plastic shins and do not believe they served the purpose. The cones tilted and the chains became brittle being exposed to the sunshine. We are currently collecting bids to have a 4’ tall chain link fence that will run from the glider area to the heli pad with numerous access/exit points. Jason Creager suggested the following vendor:

 1. Mikayla Jackson (Admin Mngr) at Divine Fence. They quoted \$3149.00 (702-730-8500) mikayla@divinefence.com
 2. Tiberti Fence Co: Would not return any calls.
 3. Budget Fencing: Gave rough estimate at \$7000.00. (ah, no)
- COOLER WEATHER / EVENTS: (Info)**

 - *Glider Day – Stay aloft longest / land and stop behind a line /
 - *Fixed Wing Day – Pop the balloon / land and stop behind a line /
 - *Helicopter Day – Leap Frog Boxes / Hover Over Box / Sideway drift over runway

Mike Dantonio suggested a Glider Day on January 01, 2023 as this is a Nationally recognized Glider Day. The membership all agreed this day may not be best suited but rather consider the following weekend. Al Badoux posted a reminder in the calendar to re-visit this with Mike on December 21, 2022.
- MAIN GATE LOCK & CODE: (Info & Notice)** I just posted a notice, with photos, on Groupworks pertaining to individuals leaving the main gate unlocked when leaving. During today’s meeting it was suggested that when locking the gate, to first enter the code, push in the U-hasp then roll the code. The membership also voted, and agreed, we will change the physical lock, and combo, on January 01, 2023 (or close to, based on Holiday schedules)and the new code will be distributed via Groupworks.

Open Comments/Concerns/Complaints/Compliments:

- A member asked if we might consider hosting a swap meet such as Bennett field just had last month. Upon suggestion of some senior members, the best time for us to host one will be the end of March or start of April 2023. (Al Badoux has made a calendar reminder for March 15, 2023..
- Numerous members approached and asked if we could consider filling in the large drop off from Charleston Blvd to our driveway. Apparently we have developed a large enough drop that makes pulling off at a safe speed dangerous for smaller vehicles and those carrying larger scale aircraft. Al Badoux spoke to Neal Welch about this asking if this would be something a small work task group with shovels could accomplish or do we need a tractor. Neal suggested we ask the Gun Club if they could back fill this in for us. (Al Badoux is attempting to meet with Wally (Gun Club Pres) to discuss this in addition to our barrier fence project) within the next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18am following a motion and approval by Barry Mattison and Neal Welch.