



## **Las Vegas Soaring Club Membership Meeting Sept 24, 2022**

### **MINUTES OF RECORD**

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by the LVSC Flying Field by President Al Badoux and Treasurer Barry Mattison. Board members in attendance were four. A quorum of 21 members were present.

#### **Under Old Business discussion ensued the following:**

- Roadway signage near the main gate, which has been approved and budgeted for approx \$200.00, has been postponed due to the new bike path project along Charleston Blvd. We will re-visit the project in late September 2023.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:** Presented by Al Badoux

- From June 01, 2022 to Sept 01, 2022: we've had 13 new members sign up.
- From June 01, 2022 to Sept 01, 2022 we've lost 15 members. (No real reasons)
- From June 01, 2022 to Sept 01, 2022 we've processed twenty (22) renewals.
- According to Group Works, we have 129 members (down 1), 74 have signed in the past 30 days (Up four) and 07 never signed in (up 14). All improving to date. Names of all new members are:
- **Jaden Petras, Micheal Sullivan, Jason Creager, Randy Dorn, John-Paul Martinez, Leo Grillo, Mequire Grillo, Yariv Cohen, Ayrton Febbo, Paul Johnson, Francisco Toro, Jack Hoskins, Scott Morgan, Hank Lorans, Drummond Cash & James Winn.**

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

#### **Under New Business discussion ensued the following:**

- **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL AVIATION MODEL DAY:** A recent National Aviation Modelers Day was celebrated at the field that brought out over 25 pilots with various types of aircraft from gliders, planes, helicopters and drones. A Subway sandwich lunch was provided by the club and everyone seemed excited and had fun. A small rain storm blew in and chased 50% of the pilots away while the others waited and flew some more. Photos of the event were sent to the AMA so that they may include them in future issues of the AMA Magazine as well as many pics posted on the LVSC website.
- **BIKE PATH UPDATE:** 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.

- **RUNWAY VS WEATHER:** The runway has survived both recent horrific rains and winds – special thanks to the teams of members that labored to install the new material..
- **RADIO I.D. UPDATE:** Sept 16, 2022 was the deadline for manufactures, and all home-built aircraft, to have a unit installed that meets FAA requirements. This means the specific data it must emit and that it turns on automatically. FLASH: This has now been pushed back to Dec 16, 2022. Sept 2023 is still the deadline for ALL aircraft to have some sort of Radio ID device, except if flying in a Community Based FRIAS Air Field and we will be limited to 400 x 400 x 400. . This is still very a controversial topic. The FAA just released this list of drones that are FAA compliant and have or will have software updates: DJI M30T, DJI Mavic 3, DJI Avata, DJI Air 2S, DJI Mini 3 Pro, Wingtra One Gen 2, MD4-1000, MD4-3000. This is NOT the final list with more being approved. You may view the list at: FAA's Site: <https://uasdoc.faa.gov/listDocs>
- **LIPO SAFETY:** One of our very newest members, Mr. Jason Creager, has offered to make LIPO battery end caps for various types of plugs and is offering them for \$1.00 which will be donated to the club. These caps can prevent short circuits' and nasty fires. This is a win/win for both pilots and the club.. Jason stated he has EC-3 and XT-60 caps available and will have Deans soon.
- **MEAL TIME:** Today's meal is presented by our very own John Serrency. John plans the menu, buys the food, cooks the food, brings his trailer out to the field and makes sure we are all fed and happy. This meeting we are testing out the breakfast style Breakfast Burrito Bar menu rather than the burger & dog so please stop by for a breakfast style burrito and say "Hi" to John.. BTW, John is a Helicopter pilot and has a huge collection – ask him about it !!
- **FIELD USE / CLOSURE:** 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 the field in October.

I am speaking of D-Fend Solutions. They have asked to use the field for three hours on Thursday Oct 13 and Fri Oct 14 from 9am to noon. Reminders will go out 7 days and 2 days prior to the event via Group Works.

- **CRASH DEBRIS:** During the past several months there has been an increase in “crash debris” scattered around the spools. Please take the necessary steps to collect any trash or debris before you leave the field. One of the Board members of the Gun Club has become a member and an untidy field could become an issue.
- **LANDSCAPING:** Mike Dantonio will be contacting our annual landscaper to clear out brush and weeds around both the runway and winch line. The work typically takes place in Oct/Nov of each year. The club pays approx. \$500.00 for this work to be done which keeps the air field looking professional
- **SAFETY CHAIN:** The yellow plastic safety chain has been a success however the direct sunlight has taken a toll on the plastic making it brittle. It appears we may need to replace the chain annually. We also are collecting costs to replace the traffic cones with actual galvanized poles cemented into the ground. This is an open project at the moment.
- **Quick Drone Update:** Two men, 24 and 38 year of age, in Jan 2022, flew an unregistered drone over the Bengal's football game, during a TFR and posted it online. The DOJ charged both with 3 years in prison for flying during a TFR, using an unregistered drone and intentionally flying the mission, as it was posted online. As of now, the FAA has not yet charged them. Documents filed showed that flying with an unregistered drone can get ya three years and flying during a TFR is one year.

#### **Open Comments/Concerns/Complaints/Compliments:**

A question was raised that our sister club, Bennett Field, has obtained a special waiver to fly up to 2000' and if this is available for LVSC? The answer was the waiver was granted as Bennett Field is within Class B airspace and LVSC would not qualify.

A question was raised into widening the runway. Considering the rather major scope of this project, in addition to the cost for both materials and equipment, the consideration was dismissed.

**FYI:** Barry M Birthday !!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am following a motion and approval by Bill Richardson and Leonard Fowler.