

# AMOS Executive Board Meeting – February 2, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm by Vice President – Doug Keller

Present: Doug Keller, Steve Snider, Basil Yousif, Fred Light, Mike Haston, Jerry Dodge, Ralph Tarrant (acting Safety Officer), Jim Hill, Jim Irej and Rich Nowatzki.

War Bird Event: Mike Haston in Charge.

Doug Keller opened the meeting with a discussion on the War Bird Flying Event. Doug stated that Mike Haston is in charge of the War Bird Event. Mike will work with the Committee Chairman (Jim Hill) regarding the details. Doug said that Mike is authorized to spend \$300.00 on the Event. Jim Hill is responsible for getting out the flyers to the various clubs. John Hainlen will act as the CD for this Event and will send the proper documentation to the AMA.

A discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the War Bird Event, including the number of days, the prizes and trophies, outside donations for prizes, the raffle, the food, the need for an additional Porta Potty and the necessary fees that need to be charged for the Event to be successful and self supporting.

At the February General Meeting, Doug will address the changes that have occurred in the Event planning and upgrading of the War Bird Event, including the Motion passed at the January General Meeting regarding the \$10.00 fee for a One Day Event. Jim Hill and Mike Haston will get the updated specifics of the War Bird Event to Doug Keller before the February General meeting and Doug and Jim Hill will present the updated information to the membership.

Doug Keller will call for a Motion at the February General Meeting, to withdraw the Motion passed at the January General Meeting regarding the \$10.00 entry fee for a one-day Event.

Motion: by Jim Hill and seconded by Mike Haston, that the membership accept and support the revised War Bird Event package as recommended by the Board, including number of days for the Event and total costs for the 2-day Event of \$20.00. Motion carried. This recommendation will be presented at the February General meeting.

The War Bird Event should be fun, bring in a lot of non-members to visit our field, get the year started on a strong note for the AMOS Club Members and bring in a lot of currently non-flying spectators that may be future members. Thanks to Mike Haston for his volunteering to take on the task to put on this Event and start the year strong for the AMOS Flying Club!

Doug will bring up the topic of the AMOS Club Events at the next membership meeting with the intent to get a Motion to accept the 2011 scheduled Events as we have them planned and listed. What, when, where and costs.

Membership Report: Fred Light

We currently have 119 paid members for 2011. 6 members did not continue their membership for 2011 for various personal reasons. Fred is getting about 2-3 new membership applications per week.

Fred Avila has requested that the \$100.00 he donated to the Club be transferred to pay for his 2011 dues. This has been approved.

Bob Pepper sent in his dues renewal check in November. Check was received by Fred and forwarded to the Treasurer. The deposit was verified. The membership has been issued and the stop payment fee will be handled by the Club. This solution was approved by the Board.

Fred Light referred to Section 4 of the By-Laws that pertains to payment of the Field Construction Fee. Section 4 states that "Field Construction fees shall be paid (1) time by each Open Type Member." The fee is \$150.00. The issue is that if a member leaves the Club for any period of time, is that member required to pay the Field Construction fee again or does (1) time mean "lifetime"?

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

AMOS member, Harvey Goral passed away this fall and flowers and a card from the membership were presented to Jane, his widow, by our Secretary, Steve Snider. There are several large size electric airplanes and an additional inventory of airplane parts and battery chargers at Jane's home. Steve will organize a time for the membership to view the flying equipment which will be for sale at Jane's house. This will be sometime in March. More information to follow later.

Motion: by Jerry Dodge and seconded by Mike Haston, that the cost of flowers and card be paid for by the Club. Motion carried.

AMOS Club Charter. Steve Snider is in the process of completing the AMA Charter for the Club. Steve is the official "Contact Person" for the AMOS Flying Club and Steve's US mail address, email address and phone number are registered with the AMA for all communications. The Charter information includes key officers and all new members of the AMOS flying Club as well as all the activities that the Club is involved in. The AMA has a total list of all members in good standing (dues paid) for 2011. Insurance information is also being completed and sent to the State of California.

There is a program supported by the AMA called "The AMA Leader Club" Awards. The Awards are a "Certificate" from AMA Headquarters, jacket pins for a "Gold", "Silver" or "Bronze" Award and Published recognition in Model Aviation. Steve is keeping track of the AMOS Club accomplishments and we are near the "bronze" level. Required achievements are: 1) AMA Chartered Club for a minimum of five years, 2) Club has developed and posted Safety and Operational Rules at its flying site, 3) Club has filed a copy of Safety and Operational Rules at AMA Headquarters, 4) Club conducts a review of the AMA Safety Code at a Club meeting at least once a year, 5) Flying field has separate areas for fliers and spectators, clearly marked as such, 6) Club is open to all AMA members and is not limited to a certain number. There are a total of 14 goals and the Club needs to achieve 5 of the required goals listed above and 3 Electives from the remaining 8. As the Club moves forward to accomplish these goals, they will be

reported to the AMA and we will try to achieve the necessary requirements for a Bronze Award by this summer.

Treasurer Report: Basil Yousif

There were a few expenses that are listed in Basil's Treasurer's report, including the flowers to Jane Gorrell and the replacement First Aid supplies.

Motion: by Jim Hill and seconded by Jerry Dodge, that the expenses listed by Basil in his Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

Clarification on Club check writing. Doug Keller stated that no blank checks are ever written. Any and all checks are written only for a specific expense and require the approval of the Board.

Safety Report:

A few flyers have been observed taxiing their airplanes all the way up the taxi ramp and right into the covered pilot area next to the picnic tables. All airplanes engines should be killed about halfway up the taxi strip and NEVER be running in the pilots areas. Thanks for everyone's cooperation for this Safety factor.

Basil Yousif shared a picture of his wrist that was lacerated (17 stitches) from a propeller a few weeks ago. Basil's airplane engine started backwards and his airplane proceeded to go in reverse off of the starting stand. Instinctively, Basil grabbed for the airplane and unfortunately stuck his hand into the prop. Basil says that he will now use the cords fastened to the starting stand or use a bungee cord to keep his airplane secure if that ever happens again. A good idea for all of us! Basil, we need a copy of that picture to put in the Frequency Box!

Good of the Club and Miscellaneous:

John Sorenson and several selected club members wrote a letter to Thunder Valley Casino, following up to a letter sent to the Casino last summer, inquiring if Thunder Valley had an interest in donating money or supporting the AMOS Flying Club now that they had finished construction on their Hotel. Thunder Valley has not yet responded to the letter. It is possible that other corporations in the area might be interested in becoming a sponsor of the Club. The goal is to get sponsorship money to help pay off the loans.

Soaring: The question was asked by a member regarding use of a "Hi-Start" apparatus for launching a Glider. The Club's rules allow for Gliders to fly at our field. It was suggested that the South end of the field (South of the Control Line area) would be best to launch a Glider using a "Hi-Start."

Doug said that John Sorenson was asked if the Club had a pilot that would be able to fly a radio controlled airplane carrying a movie camera for the purpose of taking commercial pictures. John informed the person that the AMA and our insurance does not allow the commercial use of our equipment and declined the person's request.

Doug Keller brought up the situation that the CDF (Calif. Dept. of Fire) does do training in some of the nearby fields (example, across from the runway) and this could conflict with an Event that we may have planned and could also present a safety issue for the CDF. Doug said that John Sorenson will talk with the CDF and Merf site to coordinate our Events with the CDF so that any conflicts can be eliminated and all safety issues can be addressed. This will resolve any potential future problems.

Motion: to Adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm, by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Jim Hill. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club

Reminder:

The General Meeting will be held on Tuesday (02/08/11, starting at 7:00 pm

The Sno-Ball Raffle will again "Be Alive." See Rich Nowatzki at the meeting for tickets.