

# AMOS Executive Board Meeting – March 2, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1:30 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.

**There were no Motions made at this meeting, except the Motion to Adjourn at the end of the meeting.**

**Doug Keller:** Acting President

Doug opened the meeting by complimenting Steve Snider on the content, format and accuracy of the Secretary's minutes and Basil Yousif for the content format and accuracy of the Treasurer's Reports. Doug also thanked Fred Light for recording the last General meeting minutes and passing them on to Steve. The Board liked the format of the Secretary's report with the comprehensive information, since we do not have a Newsletter.

**Several Topics were discussed at this meeting and these minutes review those discussions.**

**Sno-Ball Raffle:**

The first raffle of the year drew a winner and yielded \$52.00 to the winner. There is a \$25.00 carry over each month to start the "kitty" for the next raffle. \$22.00 was given to Basil to add to the club's general fund. **It would be a good idea to buy your tickets early at the next meeting to eliminate the confusion at the end of the meeting.** Also, the more tickets sold, the better the "prize."

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was attached to the AMOS meeting notice. Jerry Dodge said that it is a requirement that Basil sign his name at the bottom of his report as it is a corporate record. Basil agreed.

The additional charge to keep the extra Porta Potty ordered for the War Birst Event is \$20.00. The Board approved the extra fee to be able to keep the extra Porta Potty for the whole month.

**Field Maintenance:**

The Field Maintenance budget passed for 2011 is \$600. This amount is fixed as are all budgeted amounts for 2011.

**The main items for consideration for critical field maintenance repair and overall Safety are:**

1.) **Drainage**, (estimated repair to be \$245. to \$325., based on Jim Irej's initial cost estimate from the Home Depot, including discounts). Repairs cannot be done until April/May due to wetness of the property. Mike Haston and Jim Irej will do a further study on the exact costs to complete the drainage problem project. This investigation will include looking at all avenues of "donated materials" as well as

the most reasonable location to purchase the materials and pricing for all purchased materials. Ralph Tarrant invited the Maintenance Crew to come to his house and inspect the "Swale" that he has used for drainage on his property that does the job at a very low cost. The materials that Ralph uses produce a gentle dip that an airplane can be taxied over it and no one would trip over it and we would not have any puddles.

2.) **Another major area of concern is Safety.** Doug Keller, Ralph Tarrant, Steve Snider and others stressed the need to put up a "Safety Fence" to separate the spectators from the pilot areas. The fencing would act as a "barrier" as well as helping to keep "out of control" airplanes from endangering pilots and spectators. Also, with the fencing in place, all engines would be started on the runway side of the fencing. The Start Up stations would be located in the above safety areas in the safest position to prevent accidents. Signs would be placed appropriately to indicate "Do not start engines in the pit area." Several options for fencing were discussed, including "Chain Link" fencing and "Orange Plastic" fencing. The Chain Link would be very expensive. The concern about the Orange Plastic is its durability, but because of the relative lower cost, could be installed sooner than chain link.

Steve Snider and Ralph Tarrant discussed the orange fencing that was originally put up at the Red Baron's field at the Merf site. 4 to 5 foot posts were put into buckets filled with concrete (not permanent), cables were stretched across the bottom and top and the orange fencing attached to the posts with plastic ties. The fence was durable (occasional areas needed replaced), protected the pilots and spectators and did very little damage when an errant plane ran into it. And the total cost was reasonable. The Field Maintenance crew will check with Don Schwartz and others to see what materials are available for donation and what needs to be purchased. This should be an "urgent" project.

Mike Haston indicated that he will use yellow tape to separate the spectators from the flyers for the War Bird Event. Ralph Tarrant suggested that "Orange Plastic Fencing" be used rather than yellow tape for increased spectator and pilot safety. The Maintenance crew will investigate the costs of various materials and act appropriately,

3.) **Doug brought up the "mowers" and "tractors"** that the club will use for "yard maintenance" and the storage of same. John Sorenson and Don Schwartz will investigate any additional needs and report to the Board and club.

### **Constitution and By-Laws:**

John Sorenson, Doug Keller, Jim Hill, Fred Light, Jerry Dodge and Steve Snider have been working on restructuring of the Constitution and By-Laws. John will review the work to date at the next General meeting.

### **Club "Swapmeet"**

Doug Keller brought up the topic of "Club Swap Meets." Several members have suggested that the AMOS Club hold Swap Meets on a periodic basis. There are already plans for a Swap Meet at the Presidents Fun Fly and the Electric Event, but there are requests for more. It was suggested that the

**Saturday following the General Meeting** would be a good time for a Swap Meet so everyone can plan ahead and know the exact date. Jim Irey will send out an email each month, after the General Meeting, reminding everyone of the exact date and time of the Swap Meet, **which will be for AMOS members only.**

#### **Secretary Report:**

**AMOS Club Charter.** Steve Snider has completed and mailed the AMOS AMA Charter to the AMA. The Charter information included 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 was also completed and sent to the State of California.

The AMOS Club received a \$5,000 Building Fund Grant in 2010. Steve suggests that we compile the total costs of completing all the Safety Fences and submit a project request for another Grant in early 2012. Mike Haston's Maintenance crew will investigate the costs and if feasible, we can start the fencing project as early as possible. **John will get the Club's opinion and any suggestions on this.**

#### **Membership Report:** Fred Light

There are currently 123 members in the AMOS Flying Club, with additional membership requests coming in weekly. Fred is confident that the Club will achieve the 150 membership goal for 2011. Everyone in the Club should approach any spectators at the field and tell them about the Club and encourage them to come to the Training nights if they are new and to join the Club if they are veteran pilots. Also encourage new people to come to the General meeting and "check us out."

#### **Safety Report:**

Some observations of errant flying and field conduct,

- 1.) Out of control and overflying the pilot structures. Unfortunately, this can happen occasionally, but is extremely dangerous. Pilots should do everything possible to keep their airplanes on the Fiddymet side of the runway. **To be BLUNT....FLY OUT FRONT!**
- 2.) Flying airplanes low and over the runway.
- 3.) Hovering large aircraft directly over the runway preventing takeoffs and landings of other aircraft. If you are going to do 3D – Do it on the other side of the runway.
- 4.) Kids with scooters tearing up the ADA paths and taxiways.
- 5.) Taxing up to Pilot tables.
- 6.) Guests who are not members, flying repeatedly.
- 7.) Guests should not be the last people to leave the field. Guests should always be with a member.

Since the Club is now on a new membership schedule to meet the 2011 necessary budget requirements, the Board will suggest to the membership that **Guests** can fly a maximum of **3** times **WITH a Sponsoring Member**, at the pre-determined fee of \$5.00 per visit. **The Board will ask for a Motion on this recommendation at the next General meeting.**

**Committee Chairman Report: Jim Hill**

The War Bird Event has been Sanctioned and Jim has started the paperwork on getting the Sanction for the IMAA Event in August. Jim will do the printing for the War Bird Event for the cost of the paper and ink.

**Field Marshall Report: Mike Haston**

The field drainage problem is the number one concern at this time. The Maintenance crew under the direction of Mike, is working on a solution. Mike had a schematic of the layout for the War Bird Event, showing where tents, tables, barbecues, fencing, prizes, impound table, Porta Pottys, auto parking, Motorhome parking, shade structures, etc. would be positioned. The War Bird Event is being well planned and will be an exciting Event. Mike asked that any member that has a shade structure, **PLEASE BRING IT TO THE EVENT** and let Mike know in advance.

Mike brought up the idea of having a few "Hobby" vendors at the War Bird Event. **This idea will be presented to the membership at the General meeting** for further input and approval. If a "Vendor's Fee" is charged, what would be an appropriate amount? A flat fee or a percentage of sales or a donation, or nothing at all?

**Good of the Club and Miscellaneous:**

See discussed above.

**Motion:** to Adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm, by Steve Snider and seconded by Ralph Tarrant. Motion carried.

**Reminder:**

**The General Meeting will be held on Tuesday (03/08/11), starting at 7:00 pm. Come to the meeting and be a part of the team.**

**The Sno-Ball Raffle will again "Be Alive." See Rich Nowatzki at the meeting for tickets. Buy EARLY and beat the crowd!**

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club