

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO

Date: June 13, 2017

Location: Denny's Restaurant, 122 Sunrise Ave., Roseville, CA

Guests/New Members: Bob Barbino, Richard Joy

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. President Mike Haston presided.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Motion to approve. Passed.

Thanks to John Sorenson The President thanked John Sorenson for getting all the lawn mowers working and for presiding over the previous meeting.

Unfinished Business

Hot Dog Machine The President stated that Randy Sizemore got the hot dog machine to work.

AMA Update The President stated that he has not received a definitive answer, he now doubts that AMA will grant us disaster relief for our storm-damaged shade covers.

FAA Update The FAA's registration requirement has been held to be illegal. Members can feel free to remove their FAA numbers from their planes. Might be a good idea to hold onto their Registration Cards.

Woodland/Davis Update The President stated that Woodland/Davis field is up and running, and that they are grateful to us for the use of our field.

Warbirds Over Roseville The President reported great turnout, lots of good comments, pilots liked our field. One incident marred the day: at an AMA sanctioned event, in the presence of the District 10 Area VP, one of our own members (not a participant) flew a plane despite the field being closed, took off from the helicopter area, and flew into the event's airspace. The President had a few choice words for said member. The event made \$337.

Float Fly John Sorenson reported: 42 entrants, better than any recent year. Safety was good except for one incident of bad pilot judgement. Event made \$599. However, John warned that he is not able to run an event of this size by himself, and will have to scale it back unless someone is willing to camp at the event and help.

Helicopter Pad The President referred to an email from Basil which states:

"About the Helipad. I want to get it done. We got \$500 to use to build it. After talking with Jesse we need \$2,000 to get the area nicely leveled and AB added and rolled out. I can chip in \$200. That leaves \$1,300. If we can take donations (if Jim Irey wants to collect) I'm sure we can make up that amount up quickly."

There was some discussion concerning the helipad. Motion by Doug Keller, seconded by Geordan White: Anyone interested in donating to the helipad should contact Basil directly. Motion passed. Motion by John Sorenson, seconded by Jim Hill: Move one of our gray mats to the proposed heli area to test out flying from that location and see if it works. Motion passed.

New Business

Horizon Hobby Convergence Question raised whether it is subject to rules for planes or for helicopters. Conclusion: doesn't matter. It's not allowed to hover over the runway in any case.

Fire Suppression Equipment President: All of our red fire extinguishers are discharged and have to be replaced. However, these extinguishers are only to put out, say, a burning plane. Need some kind of device that uses water to put out a grass fire. Discussion about possible strategies. Vice President urges members not to risk injury to themselves in case of a grass fire. First action should always be to call 911. Among various points made by members: (1) we have water stored in 5 and 2 ½ gallon bottles in the wooden shed. (2) We need a bucket of sand handy to put out any burning lipo. (3) There is a backpack sprayer at the field. (4) Any firefighting equipment has to be readily accessible meaning it can't be locked in the container and thus would be likely to be stolen. After discussion a Motion was duly passed directing the Safety Officer to purchase a fire extinguisher for each flight station and a few polaskis (a fire fighting hand tool consisting of an ax or adz head on a wooden handle used to dig a fireline.)

Field Improvement Committee Proposed by John Sorenson: President should put together a committee to make a master plan for future field improvements and major repairs. Not a good idea to address projects one at a time without regard to how they fit into the big picture. Need a few members who are willing to get together and make plans.

Loan paid off President announced that we are now debt-free.

Aeromodeler of The Year Trophy The President reported that the Board had considered a proposal to upgrade the Aeromodeler of The Year trophy, and recommended that the Trophy remain the same, but that each living past winner and all future winners receive a commemorative plaque. Motion by Doug Keller, second by Jim Irey: The Aeromodeler of The Year Trophy will remain the same but each living past winner and all future winners will receive a plaque to keep. Motion Passed.

Christmas Party President: Randy not doing it this year. Asked for anyone at the meeting who is willing to take full responsibility to put it on. No one volunteered. Will put it out to full membership. If no one will do it, we are not going to have the party.

Woodland/Davis Wings of Victory June 23-25. Camping available at their field. Members encouraged to participate.

Upcoming Events

Electric Fun Fly and National Model Aviation Day August 12, our field, John Hainlen in charge.

There will be a swap meet in conjunction. Fun events. Donations for Disabled American Veterans.

Monthly Swap Meet Motion by John Hainlen, second by John Sorenson: We will hold our monthly swap meet on the second Saturday of each month starting with July. Motion passed.

Electric Motor Safety President requested that until a formal rule is adopted, members do not plug in their motor batteries under the shade structures because of risk of accidental start up and plane injuring someone or causing damage. Secretary proposed comprehensive rules regarding electric model safety. Generally, members not in favor of adding more rules; feeling that existing rules are sufficient but need to be enforced. John Sorenson: Try to accomplish safety without writing rules that no one will enforce. Percent of people in club who are a danger is small, and we have to work with them. President: Agrees but members who won't follow rules are a concern and have to be dealt with even if that means expelling them. Jim Irey: Constitution already provides a member can be terminated for continual violation of safe practices. Most members seemed to agree: (1) We can't protect members from themselves. (2) We don't want to make new rules. (3) We should protect members from unsafe operators. (4) We have to enforce the rules we have.

Board Reports:

President Mike Haston. Thanks to all members who helped prepare the field for Warbird event. Very proud.

Vice President Randy Sizemore. Reminder, event is not over until all equipment is put back where it belongs.

Treasurer Gloria Irey. Absent. Her report was attached to last Board minutes.

Membership Jim Irey. 214 members.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson. Work party Wednesday at 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted
Jody Kahan
Secretary