

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO

Date: January 4, 2015

Location: Round Table Pizza, 375 Lincoln Blvd., Lincoln, CA

Guests Present:

Fred Light

Doug Keller

Debbie Haston

Board members absent: Hilton Sorkazian

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

Training Handouts. Safety/Training Officer Marvin Bennett reported that he has begun research for a series of handouts to be given to student-pilots dealing with such subjects as safety, club rules, and basic information on RC flying. He will discuss the subject with our training pilots and continue to research available resources. He expects this project to take several months and he will report back to the Board. Several comments and suggestions were made including the following:

John Sorenson: Safety posters are already on site.

Randy Sizemore: A video explaining our training program could be put on the web site.

John Sorenson: Keep it simple. Concentrate on what the training program can do for the new pilot, not what the new pilot has to do. We have a successful training program. Any changes should be slow and gradual.

Topics to include: How to inspect plane, how to trim plane, get to know transmitter.

Randy Sizemore: Have both beginning and advanced training for those who want it.

Also Marvin will work up an inventory of the club's planes.

Memorial Plaques. President Mike Haston suggested having plaques at the field to commemorate everyone who was a founding members of the club and continued to be a member until death. Apparently, only Jerry Dodge and Art Holder are included in this category. After discussion, it was concluded that many other members had made significant contributions to the development of the club and that it would be somewhat arbitrary to honor only these two members. A discussion then followed about whether to hand out letters of appreciation to members providing significant services to the club, which was also rejected. However, since Jesse had specifically requested written acknowledgement of the services he had provided, it was concluded he could have this.

FAA Registration. Concluded it is premature to take action on FAA registration and to wait for further guidance from AMA.

Christmas Party 2016. The President suggested that since attendance at the 2015 Christmas dinner was unacceptably low the club could instead combine a party with its December 2016 general meeting. After discussion this suggestion was rejected. Concluded to leave open the possibility of a 2016 Christmas dinner provided someone volunteers to organize it (at lower cost) and subject to discussion at the general meeting.

AMOS Club Flag. The club has two flag poles available. The taller one will fly the 6' X 4' US flag which the club now has. The shorter one could carry a club flag. The president said he knows someone who could make the flag and will find out what it would cost.

EVENTS - 2016 CALENDAR: Helicopter event moved to Saturday May 7 to avoid a conflict with another event. President's fun fly set for Saturday August 27. All other events remain as previously set.

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

BOARD REPORTS:

President - Mike Haston: Nothing

Vice President - Randy Sizemore: Nothing

Secretary - Jody Kahan: Minutes of previous General Meeting completed.

Treasurer - Gloria Irey: Financial Statements were sent to all Board Members. 2015 Revenues were higher than expected and expenses were lower. Membership renewal for 2016 are down by about 10 so far. Proposed to pay off one outstanding loan of \$6,000 plus interest, leaving the club with only one other outstanding loan of \$20,000. On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously it was resolved to pay off the \$6,000 loan plus interest. Also, on motion made, seconded and passed unanimously it was resolved that the lender of the \$20,000 loan can elect to receive interest due at this time, capitalize the interest due, or receive in part and capitalize in part.

Safety/Training - Marvin Bennett: Nothing to add to discussion referenced above.

Membership - Jim Irey: Club had 233 members as of 12/31/2015 of which, unfortunately, four were deceased. 130 renewals for 2016 have been received. Renewals are coming in at the rate of about three per day.

Committee Chairperson - Hilton Sorkazian: Absent

Newsletter - Basil Yousif: Newsletter will be going out in a few days. John Sorenson to send Basil the group picture from the Freeze and Fly for inclusion.

Field Marshal - Glen Gibson: Problem with one smoker, identity unknown, leaving cigarette butts at south end of parking lot.

Past President - John Sorenson: Nothing

Miscellaneous: Jim Irey getting price quote on three more shade covers. Fred Light not doing Lottery any more.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.