

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO

Date: March 14, 2017

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

Guests: Dianne Erickson

New Members: None

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

Approval of Minutes Minutes of 01/10/2017 general meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business

AMA Disaster Fund President Mike Haston: Has not heard back from AMA on request for disaster relief for damage to shade structures. Does not expect to hear before March 31. Maximum benefit \$500.

AMA Leader Club President Mike Haston: AMOS has been awarded AMA Leader Club Gold Status. This status gives club higher priority for disaster relief (among other benefits.) Club has received a certificate and brass plaque (presented to meeting.) Group photo with certificate and plaque to be sent to AMA. Leader Club pins distributed to members. To maintain gold status, club has to continue to conduct training, put on public relations, and donate to AMA.

Loan Payment President Mike Haston: Club paid \$13,000 against its \$16,000 of debt, leaving only \$3,000 of debt. Definitely will be paid off by next year. Some members suggest it could be paid off by the end of this year. Some discussion of building a fund for major field improvements.

Mike Kohler (proposed for Associate Member) Jim Irey: Mike has been a member since club began. Because of health problems and failing eyesight will not fly anymore, but would like to stay connected to club. An Associate Member is entitled to all benefits of membership except flying and voting and is not required to be an AMA member or pay AMOS dues. Motion by Jim to make Mike Kohler an associate member with the words "associate member" to be added to his membership card passed by voice vote.

New Business:

AMA Update President Mike Haston: DJI, the world's largest drone manufacturer, is teaming up with AMA to create a drone safety program. Mike also encourages AMOS members to become AMA leader members.

Fred Quartier Rememberd. Long time member and prior safety officer has passed away. A celebration of his life will be held in May, date to be announced.

Student training begins 4:00 PM Wednesday, March 15.

### Upcoming Events

RC Country Swap Meet April 15 President Mike Haston: Tracy Crump won't be able to put on event this year. Most of the Board want to go ahead with it. Need volunteers. Will sell coffee and donuts starting about midnight, sell hotdogs starting about 8:30 AM. Also will be promoting AMOS and our training program. Plan to hand out training pamphlet and AMOS stickers.

Stargazing April 27 Lincoln Hills Stargazing Club will be setting up their telescopes on the west side of the field starting 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All members are invited to come and have a look. Telescopes will be aimed at near objects in our solar system as well as objects beyond our galaxy.

Helicopter Fun Fly May 13 Basil Yousif: Flyers coming from Sacramento Valley Rotary Wings and Lincoln Heli Flyers. There will be a lot of 3D.

Float Fly May 17-21, Camp Far West John Sorenson is running this event. He needs a cook.

### Board Reports:

President Mike Haston. Lots of mowing last Thursday. Started with four working lawn mowers, down to two at the end of the day. Need to finish mowing, knock down before grass gets too tall. Hopefully won't have to rent a brush hog. Randy Sizemore suggests carrying fire extinguishers on board while mowing after grass gets dry.

Vice President Randy Sizemore. District X coordinator Forrest Barton proposing series of club team fun flies among Mather, SAM, Lodi, and AMOS. Contact Randy if you are interested in participating.

Secretary Jody Kahan. Up to date on minutes and A.G. filing.

Treasurer Gloria Irey. Absent. Copies of Treasurer's reports were attached to 3/7/17 Board Minutes. Mike Haston reported in Gloria's place. Might be able to pay off remaining loan balance by November. Total cash on hand currently \$4,071.99.

Membership Jim Irey. 194 members presently. Four more say they will renew but have not sent in checks yet.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson. Shade covers ready to be reinstalled. Discussion followed whether to reinstall where they are now or reorient for wind protection. Jim Irey wants to inspect before committing to placement.

Safety/Training Van Berg Made up a flyer for training and posted at Hobbytown and Fast Track. Will bring to RC Country Swap Meet.

Contest Coordinator/Public Relations Geordan White. Absent

Newsletter Basil Yousif. On hold for now until he can set up his office.

Past President John Sorenson. Absent

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jody Kahan

Secretary