

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO**

Date: October 17, 2020

Location: AMOS Field

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. President Doug Reid presided.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** On **Motion** made and seconded the Minutes of the previous General Meeting were **Approved**.

**Review of Post COVID 19 Field Guidelines:** It was concluded to make no change. As long as members are present at the field the gate will be latched but not locked. The last member to leave locks the gate, as always.

**Field Projects:**

- **Extension of Parking Lot/Gravel :** The extension of the south parking area and re-gravelling of the main parking area have been completed. The President thanked the team that accomplished this.

**Report of the Budget Committee:** The Budget Committee consisted of Dave Long, Les Klear, Doug Reid, Karen Correll, and Rob Ryerson. The Committee met on October 15 and prepared proposed budgets for 2021 based on assumed 2021 dues of \$120/year and \$80/year. The By-Laws require the budget to be presented to the general membership at the November General Meeting and in the November Newsletter. The vote on the proposed budget takes place in January.

**Dues for 2021:** The President stated that the Board proposed reducing 2021 dues to \$80, partially out of concern that the COVID pandemic had hurt many members financially. The Treasurer stated that the Budget Committee projected that with dues at \$80 the club would meet expenses plus generate a surplus of \$4,325. However, several members (including members represented by proxy) objected to reducing the dues and argued for building a larger surplus to meet future field improvement needs or possible future field relocation needs. There was then a general discussion about ways to allow members having financial hardship to pay reduced fees in 2021. Based on the general opposition to reducing dues, the President concluded that the members would vote at the November meeting on continuing the dues at \$120 for 2021 and possibly authorizing a one-year reduction to \$80 for members with economic hardship. The club will email proxy forms to all members for this vote.

**Election of Officers:** Nominations remain open for all Board positions. Proxy ballots will be emailed to all members prior to the election, which will take place at the November general meeting.

**Shirts & Hats Online Store Open:** Owen O'Maley has created a website for ordering AMOS logo clothes, including hats, shirts, jackets, and sweatshirts. Orders will be processed in batches only. Orders will be delivered at the field on a day to be announced for each batch. Members wishing to purchase apparel are directed to [www.smarterimages.com/AMOS](http://www.smarterimages.com/AMOS)

**Web Site Upgrades:** The President reported that the Board has voted to accept a proposal to begin paying Ian Shere for running our website. In return, Ian would significantly upgrade the website and give us a discount from his usual professional rates. Details of the method of payment still have to be worked out. Upgrades to the website would make it possible to use the website to vote, to buy equipment, and to sign up for events. A **MOTION** by John S., seconded by Tom A, to authorize the Board to hire Ian to upgrade the website to current standards and proficiency and to pay \$770/year for his services **PASSED**.

**Upcoming Field Projects:** Dave C reported that petromat will be laid in the food area on October 31. Dave Long will be painting the storage container at his own expense. The two waterproof shade awnings will be left up over the winter. Consequently, the two A-frames underneath them can be taken down. Two of the non-waterproof shade awnings will be left up as a test to see if they can withstand the winter. The rest will be taken down for the time being. Two A-frames will be left in place until we know whether the shade awnings can withstand the winter. The A-Frames at the southern end of the pits will be left up but their coverings will be taken down for the winter.

**Board Reports:**

- **Vice President Doug Keller:** Doug proposed holding the November Board Meeting be at the field on Saturday November 7 at 10:00 AM and the November General Meeting at the field on Saturday November 14 at 10:00 am. Approved.

- **Treasurer Rob Ryerson:** The September Treasurer's report was included in the minutes of the October Board meeting.
- **Field Officer Dave Correll:** Dave L has volunteered to hang sun shades from the awning supports in order to block the late afternoon sun. They would like to get members opinions as to how low the shades should hang.
- **Membership Officer Andrew Wilkins:** We currently have 238 members, but 10 have not renewed their AMA.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 10:55

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Kahan, Secretary