



AMOS December 2021 Newsletter

Board Meeting Recap – 10am 12/4/2021 AMOS Field

Old Business

Safety Fence Modifications: Dave L reported there are essentially three options. 1. Leave it as is which unfortunately results in small planes crashing into the safety bar. 2. Move the safety bar into same line as fence polls which involves cutting all the polls and installing T joints in them and is still vulnerable to small planes crashing into the bar. 3. Turn all the bar mounts around to the safety bar is on the inside of the fence, which could leave the bar vulnerable to pilots resting their weight on it. The Board chose Option 3, and Dave said he will get to it in two or three weeks.

New Business

Bylaw Revision: Andrew W pointed out that the Bylaws presently state that adult dues are \$120. Jody K said he would revise this part to conform with the member approved 2022 increase to \$130.

Proposal for 3 More Shade Structures: Dave L proposed adding three new shade structures to the south of the existing line of new shade structures. This would require preparing the ground and removing the old A frames. Dave estimated the total cost at about \$10,000 and said that if the Club would pay \$1,500 he would pay the rest of the cost including any possible cost overruns. The Board postponed consideration of the \$1,500 expenditure, but Dave said it was urgent to begin ground preparation, which would include scraping and leveling four inches of dirt, leveling it and covering with AB, before the rains come. Basil Y made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by Andrew W, to allow Dave to proceed, at his own expense, to prepare the ground for the installation of three additional shade structures. **MOTION PASSED.**

Discussion, Cover handicap path with Astro turf: Proposal to cover the handicapped path with Astro turf was tabled in order to find out more about compliance with ADA.

Discussion, Change the Structure of the Training Program: Discussion of the pros and cons of changing the training program from a walk-in structure to an appointment structure. John S made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by Doug K, to keep the training program as is. **MOTION PASSED.**

Wall of Fame: John S made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by Jody K, that the “wall of fame” list of highest charitable donations should be put up only during events. **MOTION PASSED.**

AMA Jet Waivers: Dave L said that the AMA forms and procedures for Jet Waivers will be available in the frequency board.

Discussion, Board Meetings on Zoom: Doug K expressed concern that holding Board meetings on Zoom would prevent some members from observing the meetings. Dave L responded that a link would be available on the club’s website for any member who wished to do so to join the meeting. Andrew W was of the opinion that it would not be technically feasible to conduct a meeting with the full board and a representative number of observers. It was concluded to postpone a decision under after the test meeting on December 7.

Pattern Contest to be added to 2022 Event Schedule: Fred Light offered to organize and direct a pattern contest in 2022 and requested it be added to the schedule of events. John S made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by Dave L approve the proposal. **MOTION PASSED.**

2022 Budget, PayPal Fees: Jody K reported that the 2022 budget as previously presented did not contain enough of an allowance for PayPal fees on members renewing online. This will require a modification to allow up to \$1,000 when the budget is voted on at the January general meeting.

Officers’ Reports

Treasurer’s Report-Jody Kahan : If more than half the members renew by the end of December we will probably reach our goal of \$46,000 cash on hand at the end of the year. **Please see** the Treasurer’s monthly report at the end of these Minutes

Membership – Andrew Wilkins: 229 members. 24 members have renewed online.

Field Marshal – Dave Long: Dave reported that he is personally covering the entire cost of the Freeze Fly Pancake Breakfast New Years Morning. He asked all Board Members to help with food preparation and service. He said he is also working the schedule for 2022 events and avoiding conflicts with other clubs’ events. He will have the final dates by the end of this year and will have brochures for them ready to distribute.

Vice President- Doug Keller: Doug said farewell to the Board as this was his last meeting as Board Member. The Board thanks Doug for his generous and dedicated service to the club. Doug made a MOTION that AMOS continue to authorize John S, along with the president of the club, as the liaison between the club and MRF with respect to the club's lease. John S seconded the motion and the MOTION PASSED.

General Meeting Recap – 4-6pm 12/17/2021 AMOS

AMOS General Meeting and Christmas Party

Location - El Ta-patio Restaurant

This was a very festive Christmas Party / General Meeting. The meeting portion was mostly the passing of the president title and Gavel from Doug Reid to Dave Long and thanking everyone for a great year of volunteer work from board members to members that helped with all the club events and R/C flight training.

The Modeler of the year award was awarded to Randy Allen who helped train many new pilots at the AMOS Wednesday training sessions.

Dave Long the new president picked up the tab for the drinks and everyone had a smashing time!! Dinner was charged at a straight \$40 for every couple which made things easy.

Andrew Wilkins had a great Joke/poem that was really funny!! I had a written copy to publish but I had too many drinks and lost it!

Party Pics;





AMOS Event News



January 1 2022 – Freeze and Fly!!

This Freeze and Fly for 2022 really lived up to it's name. It was 32 deg in the morning and the whole field was packed when I got there to help with the Pancake breakfast at 9am. Cold doesn't stop anyone in this club only heat!!

Thanks to Dave Long who funded the breakfast and all the volunteers that helped cook and prepare the food for 50 – 75 hungry people that morning.



Product Review -

Li-ion Batteries now available in AA size at 1.5 volts

The superior chemistry Li-ion battery is now available in AA size to fit the many applications that use AA's. These were available in the past but were very costly and didn't fit right.

At the start of development there was a larger Li-ion size that was a 3.7 volt Battery the 18650 – a 6000mah that looked like a Super sized AA. They work great for flashlights and are affordable. The set I have last for ever in the flashlights after a charge.

The AA size followed with the same technology only using a tiny circuit inside that reduces the voltage from 3.7 volts down to 1.5volts.

These are available on Amazon and Ebay in battery and charger combinations. Average price is \$25 for four 3500mah batteries and a charger. They get cheaper - per battery, as you add batteries to the set. Sets with batteries lower in mah (capacity) are cheaper. The max capacity is 3500mah.

Putting out 1.5 volts they are great for applications that Nimh AA batteries can't power properly at 1.2 volts like VR hand controllers. In my VR controllers they last the same as set of Duracell Alkaline.

However the Nimh rechargeable are still the ½ the price at around \$1.50 per battery and \$6 per charger. The Hobby King AA Nimh LSD – Low discharge rechargeable batteries are the best I have used at \$2 each.



The Madman!

There is a senior citizen driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!" Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

The Genius!

One day Jimmy got home early from school and his mom asked, "Why are you home so early?" He answered, "Because I was the only one that answered a question in my class." She said, "Wow, my son is a genius. What was the question?" Jimmy replied, "The question was 'Who threw the trash can at the principal's head?'"

R.I.P



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