



## AMA CHARTER 534

### Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

President Bruce Tharpe opened the meeting at 7:03 PM

7 board members present

#### **Old Business**

1. Rob Merriman gave us an update on the club promotions at Al's Hobbies.

He tells us that there are now advertising posters and information concerning recommended flight packages to buy for beginners.

He gave us an update on the present Instructional Pilots Program and tells us that Larry Miller, Eric Kirby and Jess Walls have "Buddy Box" planes ready for training.

The present generation of "out of the box" beginner aircraft require a Wi-Fi set up for buddy box systems which would require updating the master transmitters also.

Recent observations at our field have shown that most beginner pilots are very successful using the "panic button" and other imbedded flight aids in keeping the aircraft from crashing.

The consensus right now is not to upgrade the master transmitters to Wi-Fi capable level and see how beginners fair with the store bought systems.

Rob also tells us that he is working on a Ground School syllabus for beginners that keeps them on the correct learning path about aerodynamics and basic control understanding.

2. Rob says the quote for new club T-Shirts is "On Ice" for the time being.

John Gaines has club hats ordered from Guy Laine.

#### **New Business:**

1. Eric Kirby made a presentation about holding a NWSAM ( North West Scale Aero Modeler ) qualifying event at our field next summer .

After discussion Eric said he would gather more information on expenses, obligations, and profit making possibilities for the club.

Eric made a motion to form an organizing committee and make a formal presentation at the next general meeting. Motion was approved unanimous.

2. Discussion about replacing the windsock at the field .

Jay Strickland made a motion to purchase 3 wind socks and have a few in storage / \$30 for 3 windsocks.

Scott offered to get pricing. Motion was approved unanimous.

3. Bruce talked about the "yearly club awards situation" and how to get feedback on deserving candidates if we are not having a X-Mas Dinner this year.

Rob Merriman made a Motion to bring this up at the Nov. General Meeting and then conduct an email request for voting on nominations. Motion was approved unanimous.

4. Jay made a motion to include a "Pylon Racing " perpetual awards trophy from now on with yearly winners inscribed on it. Motion was approved unanimous.

5. Clark Wolf tells us that he has a full size glider / 24 ft wingspan that he acquired and wanted to know if the club would be interested in having it installed near the front gate by Antelope Rd.

After discussion Jay offered to run this idea by Steve the county parks man to get approval if the club is interested.

Clark says he will cover all costs involved in the installation. The bord OK'd temporary storage of the glider at the field until further notice.

6. Bruce brought up the question about how the club should handle future "Celebration of Life" situations for recent members who have passed.

After much discussion it was agreed that the club should handle each situation depending on the dynamics involved and not set up any formal structure to deal with celebrations.

7. Jay addressed the recent "Timberline Co. " drone practicing request at our field using our back area towards the Agate reservoir.

It is assumed that this is a commercial venture run by a company that puts our club unnecessarily at risk.

More discussion needed when contact person Art Kelly is present at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Submitted by Eric Kirby