



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes May 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:00 P.M.

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Jim Heuer, Jim Knudson, Jerry Case.

18 members attended.

**Guests:** -- None.

### **New Members:**

David Weeks (rejoined after several years' absence)  
Bob Brown (not present)

**Treasurer's Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for April, 2015. Income was \$506 from new member dues and sales of donated RC items. Expenses were \$65 for safety fencing. The month-end operating balance was \$4,956.

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for April 13, 2015.

### **Old business**

- **Flying fields –**

#### **Twin Buttes:**

- Wildcat Exterminating applied the second weed treatment to the runway and pit area.
- Work parties on April 18 and May 6 removed rocks and dead weeds from the runway and south end of the pit area. The participants were thanked for their effort.
- Jim Trimbell suggested that sand fill could be applied to the south end of the pit area to smooth out the rocky surface.

#### **FICO:**

- In spite of the cost of replacing fly traps, we will continue to do it.
- A work party on April 25 removed dead weeds from the runway, and widened the landing area. Workers were thanked for their participation.
- A rattle snake was seen near one of the fly trap posts by Dave Johnson. It did not rattle. Anyone servicing the fly traps should take a companion to watch for snakes.

- **Safety issues** – None.



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- **Web site report** – Photos were added for late April and early May. A newspaper article about the Pima County Bond Election was posted. Two future club static displays were announced. The club roster was updated.
- **AMA News** – The AMA awarded flying site development grants to 33 clubs in 2015. We should consider applying for a grant by March 1, 2016 if we proceed with plans to build a new field.
- **Membership report** – The count is 97 following the addition of two new members.
- **Area flying events** – None locally. Gary Johnson reported that the TRCC war bird fly-in on April 18-19 was good, but there was no activity for the swap meet.
- **Pima County Bond Issue** – The Pima County Board of Supervisors approved sending an \$815M bond package to the voters for the November 3 election. The package was divided into 7 propositions. “Model Airplane Parks” is part of Proposition 428, “Parks and Recreation Facilities.” Five of the Tucson area R/C clubs prepared a statement supporting Prop 428 which will be included in the ballot.
- **Static Display at Desert Hills Lutheran Church** – Jerry presented the plan and maps for the May 28 static display. Several meeting attendees volunteered to bring their planes. Others will be solicited at the field.

### New Business:

- **Planning for a New Flying Field** - Jim Heuer lead a discussion about a new flying field near the county wastewater treatment plant . We hope that it will be constructed by the county with bond funds.

These are some of the discussion points:

The Tucson Radio Control Club has a lease arrangement with the city of Tucson for the next 3 years only. They have a member paid runway fund for a new field.

If the bond issue fails, could we lease the land from the county?

We will need to site the new field in the center of the county’s buffer zone to avoid power lines.

Barbed wire fencing, 7000’ of it, will be needed to protect the flying area.

Things to think about:



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Do we want a hard surfaced runway?

Should we construct a club house?

Should we assess club members to build a fund for field improvements? How much?

How do we deal with members who don't want to pay?

Should we get legal representation for dealing with the county?

We should avoid a 501(c)(3) classification.

Would the county donate the land for R/C use like soccer fields?

We need to ensure that our club controls the use of the new field.

### Show & Tell

- Ron Simonds brought an electric Park Zone S2 Sport Cub with Hobby Zone floats. He plans to take it with him on his trip to Alaska

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:59 PM**