



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes November 11, 2019

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

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Phil Korth, Frank Hite, Jerry Case

17 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members:

Chuck Mallary (joined at end of last meeting)

Dave Flanagan (joined at end of last meeting)

Matt Preston (joined after the last meeting, moving to Green Valley in January)

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for October. Opening balance was \$6,132. Income was \$160 from two new members. Expenses were \$79.56 for new tractor blades. Closing balance was \$6,213.

Secretary's Report: Jerry read the minutes for the October 14, 2019 meeting.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Still in good shape. No rain damage. Still chopping weeds out of the runway. Cow hoof prints and cow pies appear occasionally on the runway.
 - **FICO:**
 - Field is in excellent shape. Jim T sprayed some weeds in the runway. In the pits we should kick growing weeds out of the ground.
 - Need a new large windsock over the shed. Gary will order a new one.
- **Safety:**
 - The AMA is working with the FAA regarding regulations. Very few drone incidents have been proven. AMA has a link to government relations on their website. Past waivers for the 400' ceiling for special events may be discontinued. AMA is trying to convince the FAA that the limit is not practical for gliders or trainees. The FAA is proposing a test for drone pilots. AMA wants long-standing members to qualify automatically. Our two fields are registered with the FAA and we don't need permission to fly in a controlled airspace. FAA is pushing for remote identification on our aircraft.
 - **Traffic Pattern:** If 2 or more planes are airborne, pilots must fly the traffic pattern to avoid collisions. If one plane, can fly any pattern. No take-off across the runway. Recommend



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launching gliders and other belly-landers from the end of the safety fence. Aerobatics can be flown in the center if other pilots take a break. Pilots of very large airplanes should be given their own airspace. Pilots wanting to fly formation or combat should ask for time in the airspace. Gliders can be launched over the fence but parallel to the fence.

- **Web Site Report:** Photos for October and November were posted. Club roster was updated on November 11.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 65 paid members. For some new members the Board extended dues payments made late in 2019 to 2020. Ken reminded the Board that a budget should be prepared in advance of setting dues for each year.
- **Local R/C Events:** Nov 30-Dec 1: Tucson Winter Scale Classic at the TRCC field.

New Business:

- **Hard surface runway:** Discussed an asphalt or fabric runway. Being on private property we can't put in the infrastructure. An artificial surface can be damaged by an accident or by trespassers.
- **Cap on club membership:** Ken proposed a By-Law amendment to allow the Board to put a limit on membership. Homes are being built across the street from the TRCC club field, which could result in an influx of applicants. We need to propose such a By-Law amendment for voting.
- **AMA and Club Dues:** Dues for 2020 are payable any time before December 31. New badges will be issued. We don't monitor AMA license expirations.
- **Nominations for club officers:** We are required to have certain officers by the AMA so that we can insure our flying field owners. We need to have officers available throughout the year. Six-month positions could be considered.
- **FICO Harvest:** If FICO is harvesting along our entry road avoid their operations.
- **Snakes:** Snake trails were spotted on the NW corner of the field.

Show and Tell:

- **Ken Fleshman:** Brought a museum-quality SE5a aircraft frame that had been displayed at La Posada and trashed. The frame was hardwood. He was looking for a builder to repair it.

Meeting Adjourned: 8 PM