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AMA CHAPTER #1600

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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	<u>Membership</u>		
Steve Gladstone		480-452-8744	12/23

	<u>Safety</u>		
Gary Switala		480-201-2373	12/23



THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIELD SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH @ 9AM
THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO FLYING DURING THE CLUB MEETING.

The board meeting will precede the club meeting at 8:30 AM at the field.

Please Call Out Low Flying Full Size Aircraft to Members who are Flying!

Club Meeting:

September 9, 2023 Meeting Started at 9:02

Guests: 1-Abigail

Reading of the minutes from the last Club meeting – Matt V. Motion to pass.

Report:

Membership: Steve Gladstone not present at meeting

Safety: Gary S. – Fire extinguishers-we did have a fire, everyone should have a small extinguisher. Would have plenty to address a fire quickly. Suggested to have one at all times. Older style vs. new, pull safety pin first to so it works. Extinguisher is in lock box. Gate code opens it. If used, need to replace. Same for same. Russ advise only on edge of not in fuel. Club is going to provide some collapsible shovels in lock box to use on fires. Stay upwind.

Sound: No current issues.

Field Maintenance: Weeds and field grading mentioned. More to come under old business discussion.

Events: EF-1 Race AMA field, 9/17 Question about Sunday races. Steve put up good points that it is not an issue. People come from all over the valley and many have become members.

Old Business: Arizona Model Aviators club now operating under FAA approved FRIA. We can continue flying with no issues. No Remote ID needed. September 16 is the current deadline but expected to be pushed out. Tony described a little more info. Still need to have FAA registration. Please make sure you are current. Send out an email about what members should be doing suggested. AMA does send out info so we will forward to membership.

Club Dues Change – from \$100 per year to \$150, new guidelines on handling the \$100 Initiation fee. This will also change Family, Junior and Associate membership. Members expressed many opinions on dues increase, concerns about those on fixed income. Reiterated that original increase was going to be \$250 but based on feedback from membership and input on alternatives to runway resurfacing the lower number by \$100 was arrived at and voted on by the Board.

Feedback from members and info on HA5 to seal runway. Better process and reduction in costs. Discussion of only spending so much per year: Misc. cap \$5,000. Reduced size of dumpster and increased pickup to weekly. Open to discussion-\$37,300 is estimate for runway/pit area sealing. Gary provided example of material usage. Questions about product and warranty discussed. Argument of replacement vs. maintenance.

Questions about porta potty costs, addressed our agreements with Maricopa County.

Discussion on maint. costs. Tony M, previous maintenance coordinator provided a great reflection of updating the field and the existing workplan that was used and is still valid.

Russ S. brought up about trash being handled by member. We need to address later.

Grant requests brought up, have been done in the past but did not go forward after last denial. May address in future and volunteers appreciated to help write grants.

Address the initiation fee change. Process to keep cadence. Question about event parking fees. Gary addressed contract with county.

Questions about future events. It was brought up about having an IMAC event. Welcome to bring up at events at board meeting. Ended on discussion stating the annual dues are \$150 as voted by the Board.

Break: Break at 1015a. Back at 1026a

Old business continues...

Bylaws changes: Copy of bylaws changes has been sent out to member earlier in the summer. Discussion moved to October- Will be discussed at both board and general meeting. Link to suggested changes being added to club website.

New Business: Based on the long discussion of old business, new business was passed to October meeting

Raffle: Abigail-Airplane

Jim M.-Wrench set

Dave R.-Fuel

Tom-tools

John M.-Solder station

Gary P.-Case

Bill R.-80mm fan

Roger-Case

Gary S.-Plane

Milo- 70mm fan

Gene-DVD's

Meet Adjourned @ 10:45 AM

Board Meeting:

Board meeting started at 8:25a

Board Meeting Guests and other non-board members

Present-Gary P, John M, Matt V, Jim C, Shannon G, Bob R, Tony M, Oly R.

Some guests in the vicinity

Secretary: Reading of the minutes from the last Board meeting-Skipped

Committee Reports:

Discussion on revised numbers-continued need to track better, budget going forward. 5K cap suggested for misc. expenses yearly.

Membership: Not here

Safety: Battery launched out of plane, started fire, tried to put fire out with our extinguisher but did not go out totally. Rural Metro came out. Propose breakdown shovels to have on hand to cover fire. Address footwear-flip flops should not be worn but not going to regulate.

Sound:N/A

Field Maintenance –

The List:

- 1) Clean up the berm on the north side of the field- completed
- 2) Clean up the weeds all over the field - completed
- 3) Clean up the parking lot - completed
- 4) Clean out the bunker under the Ramada-Clean old cans and stuff out-Needed
- 5) Repair the handicapped port-a-potty - completed
- 6) Get both generators checked out (one currently being repaired)-completed
- 7) Repair one table under the Ramada (Not addressed)
- 8) Check for more fence repair material and hog rings (Not addressed)

Old Business:

Dues now set to \$150 per year – other memberships based on open membership need to be adjusted.

Daily use fee, either increase to \$20 or drop and only allow guests. Process is honor system, discuss with displaying badges. Enforcement is main issue,

Scale Master Championships (Tim) Not Present-Jim brought up parking, needs to be handled. Need volunteers for parking flow, collections. 2-3 is all needed for the whole weekend. Rolled into other discussions.

New Business:

Budget for the Pattern event at AzMA (Gary S./?) Chris Hough will provide at next meeting.

Estimate received from Holbrook Paving (Justin Holbrook) for HA5 coating on the runway.

Maintenance workers

Open for new business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54a

As most of you know by now, we incurred some serious damage to the ramada from the storm Wednesday night. We had a work party out today to clean up and get repairs under way. Russ Shavitz has put together a materials list. We are looking for anyone that might have contact with metal material wholesalers that can possibly help us to purchase materials needed for the repair. Please contact Gary Porter 602-692-8830 if you can help.

Thanks Matt V





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