

**LVVSA Meeting Minutes**  
**11 May 2019**

**Call to Order:** 1001 hours by Steve Payne. The meeting was held in the Jean Terminal building.

**Attendance:**

Steve Payne, Rob Brandt, Dennis Ballew, Garret Meriwether, Jim Madson, Adam Harrington, Dalton Stradtman, Doug Bauer, Ray Logue, Terry Tripp, Luca Nerozi, Bill Tisdale, Ray Flee, Steve Brown, Bob Porterfield.

**Visitors:** Rob Surwill, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Vito Aganikian (guest of Luca Nerozzi), Anders Hurtig

First up on the agenda was Mr. Rob Surwill who briefed the local CAPs efforts to re-energize their Cadet Glider program. They are attempting to justify the return of the CAP glider from Minden, NV. To accomplish this goal, they need glider pilots and at least one instructor. Mr. Surwill is canvassing local flying organizations (to include our Club) for anyone who might be interested in joining the CAP and participating in the Cadet Orientation ride program. There are benefits to being in the CAP (free biannual Flight Reviews and mentoring young people interested in aviation) as well as a few requirements (monthly meetings, safety briefs, meetings). The local Henderson Squadron meets at Henderson Executive Airport the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month between 1900-2100. Mr. Surwill put out a call to all interested to contact him.

**Membership:** as of 30 Apr 2019: 46 full members, 6 associate, 4 probationary, = 56 total

**Last Month's Minutes:** Voting on the April 2019 minutes was accomplished. 1<sup>st</sup> to accept minutes was Dennis Ballew, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Tisdale. Motion carried.

**New Full Member Vote:** Nobody up for vote this month. Joseph Vargus has dropped. Matthew Pellnitz (student of Jay McDaniel) was up for full membership vote in previous months, but have been postponed by the President. Caleb Hone (student of Scott Graham) is up for vote in July 2019.

**Treasurers Report:** (as of 30 Apr 2019)

**Banking:**

Checking	\$14,858.00
Savings:	<u>\$3,275.59</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$18,133.59</b>
Less Short Term Debt	\$13,139.61
Less Credit Card Balance	\$468.46
Plus Accounts Receivable	<u>\$299.32</u>
<b>Net Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 4,824.84</b>

**Short Term Debt (6 mon. outlook):**

Credit Accts (Over/Under)	\$12,840.29
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**Future Major Expenses:**

1. SSA Dues – July	3,452.75
2. 2020 Bond Payment – Feb '20	5,500.00

## Maintenance Items:

- **Pawnee:**

- Left forward canopy window hinge broke again. (OPEN).
- Old Left Magneto needs a new housing, repaired and stored in the MX trailer. Phil LeRoy bought a new housing from Ebay and is determining how much work it will be to transfer the “inards” of the magneto to the new housing and getting it certified as our spare. After looking at this and examining electrical ignition options, Phil questions the wisdom on sinking more \$\$ into a replacement magneto vs investing in a new electronic ignition for the Pawnee which would cost approximately \$1500. The Board agreed and will discuss. (OPEN).
- Matt Baker reported that on Wednesday, 8 May, the mixture would’nt fully retard to CLOSED at the start of the day and at the end of the day (OPEN).
- Brake Lines in cockpit, Replace (OPEN).

- **Gliders:**

- **Annals:** The Nugget annual is complete but there are several open write-ups which make it unairworthy. The 2-33 annual is not due until December 2019. 1-26 next January. Pawnee next February. Grob next April.
- **SGS 1-26: Phil LeRoy is Crew Chief**
  - Vertical fin, previous bondo repair along vertical leading edge has popped loose. (OPEN)
  - Brake is weak. Phil LeRoy has offered to work and fix the brake. It was suggested that our 1-26 may have the wrong tire causing the brake to not work properly (OPEN).
  - Cockpit has a lot of wind noise. Replace cockpit canopy seal (OPEN).
  - The Board briefed the idea of leasing-back Phil LeRoy’s 1-26 to the Club so that Phil could then re-cover the Club’s 1-26 in addition to the Club members first removing the surface corrosion of the covered frame. All members were comfortable with this idea and the Board will pursue this at Phil’s schedule permits. (CLOSED).
- **SGS 2-33:**
  - Annual completed 22 Dec 18. Glider is airworthy. Small list of write ups to complete (OPEN).
  - Canopy seals deteriorating, need new high-quality replacements (OPEN).
  - Spoiler arm needs lubing (OPEN).
  - Replace aileron attachment bolts. Dennis ordered. (OPEN).
  - Wing repaint. Will have to wait till warmer weather. (OPEN)
  - Left forward arm rest, cracking. Investigate new from AZ Soaring. K&L Soaring may be a new supplier of parts. Parts are expensive and the Club doesn’t have money. However, once the Club has a healthy MX fund, these would be a high priority item to purchase (OPEN).
  - Left aft interior arm rest has crack. Need to replace sooner than later. (OPEN).
  - Fabric patch repair near skid. Needs warmer weather. (OPEN).
  - Aft right leading edge rudder is dented due to rudder lock. Still air worthy (OPEN).
  - Canopy cable attachment fitting is wearing causing a sharp edge. Phil LeRoy is working to address this issue (OPEN).
  - The spring-steel tail wheel assembly is bent causing the tailwheel not to swivel. The current hockey puck is in need of replacement (OPEN). Phil LeRoy has offered to fix so the hockey puck tail wheel will swivel (OPEN).
  - The brake access inspection cover, plastic ring to hold the cover and protect fabric needs to be glued. Needs warmer weather to repair. (OPEN).
  - Skid needs replacing. This action has moved to a high priority. (OPEN).
  - Dennis will make a plan to address all non-weather dependent MX actions listed above as soon as practical. But the 2-33 is airworthy otherwise. (OPEN).

- Altimeter is INOP. A replacement altimeter was being stored in the MX Trailer. It will need to be installed (OPEN).
- **Grob 103:**
  - Tape seals on ailerons. Seals were not installed at Annual. Dennis Ballew researched that the seals are optional and not mandatory equipment but all members felt it was better to have them, than not for reasons of handling quality. We'll proceed with getting them back on the Grob. (OPEN)
  - Left wing gel-coat has cracks. Jim Madson is continuing to work, but the Grob is still airworthy (OPEN).
  - Right wing spoiler cap is taped. Will look at annual. (OPEN)
  - Paint or color the canopy latch a bright color so as to draw attention to it not being secured. (OPEN).
  - Hinges seem to have surface rust. These were inspected and found air worthy. (CLOSED)
- **LP-15 (Nugget):**
  - Electrical system needs fabrication and installation. (OPEN)
  - Oxygen system needs fabrication and installation. (OPEN)
  - Vacuum and airspeed system need fabrication and installation. (OPEN)
  - Both aileron trailing edges are de-bonding. Scott Graham will investigate. (OPEN)
  - Gear door hinge is broken. Scott Graham is identifying a fix. (OPEN)
  - Board took the action to develop an action plan to get the Nugget airworthy again. (OPEN)
- **SGS 2-32:**
  - Steve Brown plans to order a Decker radio and install front and rear seat PTTs and a speaker box. Parts are in and awaiting warmer weather to install. (OPEN)
  - Steve Brown will replace both tires at annual.
  - Trim indicator cable needs replacement. Steve is having trouble finding the right cable to repair the trim indicator. Glider is flight worthy. (OPEN)
  - Annual scheduled next Saturday, 18 May.
- **FOO Radio(s), Cart and Misc:**
  - FOO Radio: Steve Payne reviewed radios, all seem OK except one radio is missing an antenna. Steve Payne will investigate further (OPEN).
  - FOO Cart: Left front tire has slow leak. The tire must be filled every time the cart is used. Al Gough suggested inspecting and possibly replacing the valve stem (OPEN).
  - Bill Tisdale purchased and configured 3 new batteries for all gliders. Thanks Bill! (CLOSED).
- **Trailer Maintenance:** None.

**Club Equipment Upgrades:** None.

### **Safety Items:**

- Need a new Safety Officer! (OPEN)
- Based on the discussion during the Safety brief, members wanted to investigate replacing the Pawnee's Schweizer style quick release with a Tost style quick release. Bill Tisdale recalled previously investigating this type of change costing between \$2.0 and \$2.5K. (OPEN)
- Weeds: Reported to Airport Maintenance Manager (David Hardy) 10 May. The Board will monitor and provide feedback to Airport Management as required. (CLOSED)
- 2" wide, 1.5" deep crack in runway, 20L. Reported to Airport Maintenance Manager 10 May. The Board will monitor and provide feedback to Airport Management as required. (CLOSED)
- Webinar: Tuesday, 21 May, Analyzing Dave Lessnick's landout last year. Link to webinar registration is <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6280749465370365185?source=SSA+email+blast>
- Reminded all members to be aware of the Skydiving operations because this new company, "Go Jump" operates all day long. Unlike the previous skydiving business which usually shut down by 1300. We also thanked them for relaying a glider Class B incursion the previous week. (CLOSED)
- The Board reminded everyone to be aware of Airspace boundaries. The skydiving plane recently relayed a message from TRACON to the tow plane that a glider was in Class B airspace at 8200'. Make sure you are aware of the 7000' and 8000' foot shelves. A special thanks went out to the Go Jump pilot for relaying the message. (CLOSED)

### **Old Business:**

- New trailer: No update. Going to close this old business item until other old business items are closed. (CLOSED)
- Crew Chief MX concept: Phil LeRoy volunteered for the 1-26, Thanks Phil!! We still need Crew Chiefs for the Grob, 2-33 and the Nugget. If Dennis approaches you to be a Crew Chief, be prepared to answer in the affirmative! (OPEN)
- FOO Assignment: We haven't had to start plugging folks into FOO duties because we've had good volunteers for the past 2 months. However, we still plan to do this. (OPEN)
- Doug Bauer recommended that the Club look at extending the membership probation period to 1 year and that students pay 50% of instruction costs upfront. BTW: A bylaws change would be necessary to make these changes. The Board apologized to Doug that we haven't reviewed this suggesting yet, but we will. (OPEN)
- Bill Tisdale is still investigating Venmo or Zelle as options for members to pay Club dues. He will also discuss electronic payment with Wells Fargo. (OPEN)
- Port-a-Port hangar update. No movement by the County. (OPEN)
- A member inquired about the past discussion of a cookout similar to last year's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Board thought such an event would need to wait until Fall, but offered to look into a Potluck/BBQ in June. (OPEN)

### **New Business:**

- None.

### **Calendar items:**

- Mini-Safari to Mesquite, NV. Scott Graham is POC. This will have to be postponed to the Fall or next Summer. (CLOSED)
- Tonopah, Nevada Safari, 7-13 July 19. A request for Tow Pilot email was sent out. So far Tracy Carlson offered to tow 1 day. Al Gough is not available.

### **Misc items:**

- Today's Tow/FOO/Weather/NOTAMS/Ops:
  - o Tow Pilot: Brandt
  - o FOO: Flee/Stradtman
  - Weather: North wind 5-10 kts, -3 to 10.5K'
  - o NOTAMS: None

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1<sup>st</sup> by Jim Madson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Bauer. Motion carried.

- Meeting adjourned at 1049 hrs.