

LVVSA Meeting Notes
10 Nov 2018

Call to Order: 1007 hours by Steve Payne. The meeting was held in the Jean Terminal building.

Attendance:

Bill Tisdale, Steve Payne, Steve Brown, Terry Tripp, Rob Brandt, Dalton Stradtman, Luca Nerozzi, Garrett Meriwether, Jay McDaniel, Dennis Ballew, Al Gough, Ben Eveland, Jim Madson, Doug Bauer, John Adair.

Visitors: Jeff Banks, Camilla Nerozzi (Daughter of Luca Nerozzi)

Last Month's Minutes: The Oct 2018 minutes were not voted on because there was not a Board quorum. Voting on the October minutes will have to wait until January 2019.

Membership: as of 31 Oct 2018: 43 full members, 6 associate, 4 probationary, = 53 total

New Full Member Vote: Lewis Hykes and Dalton Stradtman were up for full membership voting, but voting was not possible due to the lack of a Board quorum.

Treasurers Report: (as of 31 Oct 2018)

Banking:

Checking	\$9,505.51
Savings:	<u>\$3,274.78</u>
Total:	\$12,780.29
Less Short Term Debt	\$8,738.36
Less Credit Card Balance	\$0.00
Plus Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 86.19</u>
Net Balance:	\$ 4,128.12

Short Term Debt (6 mon. outlook):

Credit Accts (Over/Under)	\$8,652.17
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Future Income Estimates:

2019 Member Dues	\$9,000.00
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Future Major Expenses:

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| 1. Bond Payment (Feb 19) | 5,500.00 |
| 2. April Aircraft Insurance | 7,750.00 |

Maintenance Items:

- **Pawnee:**
 - Right main tire is wearing. Almost time to rotate tires. Will swap mains at next oil change in approximately 18 hours. (OPEN).
 - Left forward canopy window hinge broke again. The fix made at the Annual in Feb has not held (OPEN).
- **Gliders:**
 - **Annals:** The 1-26 and 2-33 annals are due in December. Dennis Ballew would like to do 1 glider/week in December. The Grob and Nugget annals are not due until April.

- o **SGS 1-26:**
 - Vertical fin, previous bondo repair along vertical leading edge has popped loose. Remaining bondo is firm and presents no airworthy issues. Need to sand smooth and possibly repair bondo area or treat the bare aluminum. Featherfill was recommended to be used to fill the missing bondo area. (OPEN)
 - Brake is weak. Phil LeRoy has offered to work and fix the brake (OPEN).
 - Cockpit has a lot of wind noise. Replace cockpit canopy seal (OPEN).
 - Loose seal (reported by Al Gough) on the rear of the canopy prevent the canopy from closing properly (OPEN).
- o **SGS 2-33:**
 - Canopy seals deteriorating, need new high-quality replacements (OPEN).
 - Wing repaint will wait until fall. Matt Baker may have a paint booth we might use. (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 health 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 (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).
 - Internal Gust Lock: Rob Brandt has offered to construct the device (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.
- o **Grob 103:**
 - Tape seals on ailerons. Seals were not installed at Annual....still needs to be done. (OPEN)
 - Left wing gel-coat has cracks. Jim Madson has spent some time sanding and preparing the wings for re-paint. Work still in progress. (OPEN).
 - Grob canopy hinges have arrived from Robert Mudd's shop in Moriarty, NM. Rob Brandt drove the Grob to Warner Springs, CA yesterday (Friday, 9 Nov) for the canopy repair. If all goes as planned, the repair time was estimated at one week. If completed next Friday, Rob will retrieve the Grob. Thanks Rob! (OPEN)
 - Paint or color the canopy latch a bright color so as to draw attention to it not being secured. (OPEN).
- o **LP-15 (Nugget):**
 - Matt Baker has Nugget at his house giving it some TLC. Matt has re-upholstered the cushions and refreshed the entire cockpit. Working on the brakes now and moving the brake actuator to the stick. Thanks Matt! (OPEN)
- o **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 cooler weather to install. (OPEN)
 - Trim indicator cable needs replacement. Steve is having trouble finding the right cable to repair the trim indicator. Glider is flight worthy. (OPEN).

- **FOO Radio(s) and Cart:**

- o FOO Radio: All 3 FOO radios operational.
- o FOO Cart: Left front tire has slow leak. The tire must be filled every time the cart is used (OPEN).
- **Trailer Maintenance:**
 - o Trailer painted! May have a few touch-up spots but it is good to go. Thanks to all who helped on the Trailer MX day. (CLOSED).
 - o Trailer re-roofed! (CLOSED).

Club Equipment Upgrades: None.

Safety Items:

- Weeds: Raz Blit cleared almost all weeds from around the glider during the Trailer MX day. Thanks Raz! (CLOSED)
- Al Gough reminded the Tow Pilots to not depart with full throttle when towing the 2-33 because the sudden start slams the tail wheel onto the ground.
- The Club needs FOO's to sign up for duty. We've been operating most days without a FOO.
- Beware of Winter winds. Gusts on Sunday are expected to be 30-35 kts.

Old Business:

- New trailer: No update. (OPEN).
- Club Trailer Phone Update: Bill Tisdale has done some research, but more is needed before transferring the number and canceling our land line phone service. Expect completion by Dec 18.
- 2019 Calendars Update: Bill Tisdale took final orders for 2019 SSA Calendars. The order will be submitted on 11 Nov.
- Per Bill Tisdale's request of volunteer's for data entry, Dalton Stradtman volunteered to do data entry for Bill.
- 2019 Board Election Results: The following people were elected club officers for the 2019 Calendar year;
 - o President: Steve Payne
 - o Vice President: Dennis Ballew
 - o Treasurer: Bill Tisdale
 - o Secretary: George Caldwell

Bill Tisdale reported that due to an error setting up the online balloting, George Caldwell was listed as the Secretary candidate, when in fact it should've been Rob Brandt. The Board will work the solution in November and December and if necessary, appoint a new Secretary at the start of the 2019.

New Business:

- Because four Club gliders are a lot to maintain for one IA and random donations of member time, Dennis Ballew suggested the Club adopt a glider "Crew Chief" MX concept to assist the IA in maintaining our gliders. Bill Tisdale reminded the membership that they Club maintained its gliders in a similar manner when he first joined the club in the early 2000's, but for no specific reason drifted away from the MX operations concept. The Board agreed with Dennis to move back to the glider "Crew Chief" MX concept and work to implement it or a derivative maintenance concept for the start of 2019.
- CFI-G Scholarships: Jeff Banks, a CFI-G visitor, reminded the membership that the SSA is offering a CFI scholarship which matches a Club's \$500 investment in a CFI with a \$1500 scholarship. Jay McDaniel reported that there were only 10 scholarships available and it is first come/first served.
- National Soaring Museum: Jay McDaniel made a pitch to the members that the National Soaring Museum was a worthy cause to donate money. Contact him for further information.

- Pacific Soaring (PASCO): Jay McDaniel also reminded the membership that PASCO distributes \$500 scholarships for youth for the purposes of DPE fees and expenses related to glider certification check rides. Essentially all that's required is to submit a package and award is a high probability. Bill Tisdale indicated that Dalton Stradtman was the only current club member who would probably qualify.
- Al Gough made an early recommendation for the club to consider Ely, NV as the location of the next summer's Safari because Ely is planning some air races for the area during the mid-July time period and it might be a good time to enjoy both soaring and air racing.
- Bill Tisdale also reminded the membership that the traditional 2nd week of July Tonopah Safari dates might need to slip to the 3rd week (week of 14-20 July) at the risk of being too close to the 4th of July holiday (7-13 July). On the downside, slipping to the third week of July is getting into periods of over developed weather. More discussion by the membership in the months to come.
- Al Gough asked if the FSDO was still working the problem of a DPE for the Las Vegas area. The answer is "Yes", but Bill Tisdale reminded the membership that the burden of need was on the Club to produce 3-4 Pilot check-rides per year before the FSDO would recognize the need to bring a Glider DPE on staff. Garrett Meriwether announced that the FAA has recently had a policy change that allows DPE's to cross regions when doing exams. Previously, this practice was not allowed. Bill Tisdale indicated that he had heard of the DPE-Region policy change but had not seen anything in writing.
- Sunday Towing: Al Gough asked if the Club was soaring on Sunday's anymore. The Club is soaring but the membership participation has been absent. It was noted that the Club has a CFI-G shortage to cover both Saturday's and Sunday's and better communication was needed to make student pilots aware when instructors were available on Sunday's to monitor their flights. Hopefully this additional communication and coordination would generate operations on Sunday's. In the meantime, Steve Payne indicated that it was reasonable for Sunday Tow Pilots to query the membership via email for interest in Sunday flying versus driving to the Club only to find that no one shows up to fly.
- Bill Tisdale reported to John Adair (Club Member and NOAA weather forecaster) that the Club's web page links to several soaring weather products were inoperative. He acknowledged the problem and said he was attempting to fix the links, but due to higher priority responsibilities and employee turnover at the weather office, it was difficult to get the problems addressed in a reliable manner. More to follow.

Calendar items:

- 8 Dec, Christmas Party: Steve Payne offered his house for the annual Christmas party. If anyone has a better or burning desire to host the party at another location, contact Steve Payne.
- Spring/Early Summer: Mini-Safari to Mesquite, NV. Scott Graham is POC.
- April 2019: Roach Dry Lake Bed.

Misc items:

- Today's Tow/FOO/Weather/NOTAMS/Ops:
 - Tow Pilot: Rob Brandt
 - FOO: John Adair volunteered.
 - Weather: Partly cloudy, light winds from the south
 - NOTAMS: None

Motion to Adjourn: This was not an official meeting due to the lack of Board quorum.

- Meeting disbanded at 1103 hrs.