



AMA CHARTER 534

July Board Of Directors Meeting

July 22, 2021

President Bruce Tharpe opened the meeting at 8:55 at the Senior Center with 7 Board members present. Eric Kirby read the minutes from the July 13 General Membership meeting and there was clarification that the gift on behalf of Roger Compton was from his estate.

Old Business:

Aviation Summer Camp

Art Kelly had the final financial report from the camp; the tuition charged was \$25, total income received was \$375, expenses were \$227.42 (for incidental supplies like scissors, name badges, tape, sharpies, etc.), and the net revenue to the club was \$147.58. Hats were given to the kids, and the cost of those was included in the expenses. Art said many parents expressed appreciation and there was no hesitation regarding the tuition charged. Art expressed that the committee was committed to continuing the camp and asked the club to consider doing it annually, with the possibility of growing it in frequency or scale. Art also expressed a concern that there be some younger staff members, but that it would probably require avoiding weekdays, since younger adults would be working. Bruce suggested that perhaps some of the recent donations could be used to support future camps.

Thank You Letter

Bruce said he would take care of preparing a letter of appreciation to Roger Compton's daughter Erin O'Brien, thanking her for the \$1,000 gift from her father's estate.

Any Word From Molly Phillips Re: Donation?

John Gaines confirmed that the \$500 donation was open to be used for any purpose by the club.

Flight Zone Infographics

Bruce said that he and Eric Kirby were still working on maps clarifying the no fly zones for the various flying disciplines at the club (gliders, helicopters, powered fixed wing).

New Business:

Timberland Helicopters

Sean Holt from Timberland Helicopters had contacted Bruce about using our field for a drone training program he is currently running in Grants Pass. Art Kelly said he had met with Sean that

day and learned that Sean's training course was for FAA Part 107 Drone operations and that Sean wanted to expand his program into the Medford market. He needed about 300 square meters. Art suggested the need for compensation and Sean said he was open to discussing that. Board members talked about suitable locations at our field and the preferred location was west of the parking lot adjacent to the border with the dam. Art said he would make arrangements to speak with Sean again and learn more details.

T-Shirts

Rob Merriman brought up again the presentation made at the general meeting and asked how the Board felt about it. The question that would have to be addressed would be the one-time setup charge of \$80 in order to go forward. There was discussion as to the required minimum order of 24 shirts and how that compared with the current t-shirt vendor. No one was really sure as to where the current shirts were coming from or what the cost was, so it was decided to look into getting those details in order to compare costs.

Club Training Equipment

Rob Merriman brought up a suggestion that the club consider investing in better equipment for the purpose of training new member pilots. Recent experiences had shown that there was not a reliable pair of transmitters that could be used as buddy boxes, and there is just the one plane, the Apprentice. A question was raised as to the several items in the ConEx, and Rob confirmed there were items there, but no way of knowing how compatible any of it was. Eric Kirby supported the idea and noted that having reliable equipment that could stay at the field would make it easier to facilitate training. He suggested that he, Rob and Jess Walls and Larry Miller (Flight Instructors) meet to review a more specific recommendation. Also, Eric presented a receipt from Jess for \$24 to repair the Apprentice that was damaged during the Aviation Academy, and Art said he would charge that to the Academy budget.

Aviation Day

Rob reminded everyone that August 14 is Model Aviation Day, and asked whether the club wanted to do a show at the Mall again. Several members commented that they did not think the Mall had great traffic and since the club was not having an air show this year, questioned whether it would be worth doing. Rob countered that any publicity for the club could be an opportunity. There was discussion about locations other than the Mall that would work, and Al's Hobbies was suggested. Rob said he would talk with Jayme and see if they were interested in partnering for the event.

Printed Copies of the Club Handbook

Art asked Eric what the custom was regarding mailing hard copies of the handbook to new members. Eric confirmed that it was his practice and Art asked what the cost of copies and postage might be. Eric estimated it was around \$9.50. Art suggested that referring new

members to the digital copy on our website might be more economical. Eric and Bruce indicated that they felt it was good to give something tangible to new members, and Art expressed he was looking for ways to trim expenses as this was going to be a challenging year financially, especially after doing runway maintenance. Bruce suggested they table that decision for now.

Submitted By Rob Merriman/Co-Secretary

