

Minutes for the meeting held on March 30, 2024

11:10AM President Ernie Guerra called the meeting to order.

Ernie thanked all those that have supported his transition to President. He thanked Vicar Hernandez for his work and acknowledged Vicar's continued support to the club.

Minutes – All present voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as provided in an email to the entire membership.

Treasurers Report – Gary Grimard, Treasurer, shared the report. All present vote to accept as read.

SFWMD Fire prevention project – Jose "Hoser" Martinez was introduced by Ernie. Hoser has been helping coordinate with SFWMD to retain a contractor to mow the tall grass to create the firebreaks SFWMD is requesting. He indicated that the firebreaks are going to be paid for by the SFWMD. The idea to cut the entire property north of the field is being discussed. Another idea is for the club to add the land to the north to lease and for the club to maintain it.

Several contractors have been contacted and referred to the SFWMD for approval and contracting. Prices range from \$1200 to \$38000.

Hoser told the membership that he is investigating the liability issue to better protect the club.

Interference with SFWMD Negotiations – Ernie related that a member of the club sent a text message to the SFWMD supervisor which was read to the membership. The text was disrespectful and threatening. It could have caused the state to cancel our lease.

After some discussion a motion was made to rescind his membership indefinitely. The motion was second and voted unanimously. He will be contacted by mail.

Heli Smack Fest Review – There were no representatives from the event present to offer a proper event review. No financial reconciliation was submitted. A discussion took place related to the event trash disposal and the fact that each event Contest Director is responsible for the removal of any and all trash immediately after the end of the event.

Change to Grievance Procedures – 40 votes were received, 6 NOs, 33 YES' and 1 invalid (sent by a non-resident who does not have a right to vote). Changes approved.

A question regarding the submission of anonymous grievances was raised by Jerry Guarch. Ernie explained that all grievances require the accuser and the accused to be named. The parties may request that the discussion be held privately.

New Members Welcome Process – Juan Vallejo, Chief Flight Instructor, presented a motion to require that new members meet with an instructor or Board Member before they can fly on their own and receive their membership card. Juan is trying to make sure that new members are made fully aware of the basic safety rules of the club. See below.

A couple of suggestions were presented but Juan indicated that they would require Field Rules changes and were tabled.

The motion was second and approved unanimously. Changes will be implemented to include this new requirement in the online and printed membership forms.

Alex Carter made a very compelling request to the membership for us to go back to the old ways of treating each other with respect and to work towards the betterment of the club.

Installation of live cameras – A motion was made to install a few cameras around the field to allow members to see the runway and the windsock online. The motion was tabled until quotes for equipment and monthly service can be obtained.

Vice President position – The position is currently vacant, and George Brod volunteered. The Board of Directors will hold a meeting to appoint (per the Bylaws).

Jets Over Miami – George requested that the event be held on December 6-8, 2024. Motion carried.

Miami IMAC – Event will be held this coming weekend April 5-7, 2024. A NOTAM was applied to increase the flying ceiling limit during the event from 700' to 1200'. Ernie called for volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned – 11:59 AM