



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes** **Arizona Model Pilots Society, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 8:28 AM**

The Arizona Model Pilots Society held its Monthly General Membership Meeting on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the AMPS Field in Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by AMPS president Rich Girardo at 8:28 A.M. The meeting was attended by the following officers/board members:

- President and Board member: Richard Girardo
- Vice-President and Board Member: Brenda Cirincione
- Board Members: David Zarra, Ken Kihlman, Jim Bull,

23 additional members attended.

Meeting Minutes from August were paraphrased by Jim Bull. Treasurers Report presented by treasurer Steven Jay.

### **Presidents Report**

#### **MacGyver Event**

The MacGyver event and Swap Meet was very successful. Thanks is due to all who participated and volunteered their time for the event. Notably, thanks to Chris, his wife, and Mark for cooking and donating the food. It was a great deal of fun and nothing but compliments on the food.

We express deep appreciation to Bob Ross's family for the money raised from his model airplane collection all donated to the AMPS club, and to Joe and Brenda for organizing much of Bob's collection – for hours on end, to make it available to our club members.

A portion of the Bob Ross donation will be used to evaluate and purchase model aircraft to continue training youth members and new club members according to the wishes of the family.

### **New Members**

On a positive note, we are seeing an increase in new membership and new membership inquiries about our club. Snowbirds are welcomed back, as well.

It is a prerequisite that any new member must attend new pilot orientation familiarizing our field, club facilities and flight rules by our flight instructors. If you are a seasoned pilot, you must also check out with one of our flight instructors prior to your first solo flight. Flight instruction is also available for new members by our flight instructors at no charge. These folks put in a great deal of volunteer time; please be patient if schedules change.

## **Annual Renewal**

AMPS has sent out membership renewal applications via USPS mail. Please fill it out completely and return with your payment via USPS mail. The return address is on the form.

As a reminder - at this time we can only send the application and renewal form to the address we have on file. If you do not receive a renewal as an existing club member, it is up to you to make contact via email to correct your contact information and complete and return your renewal form. At any time you can download the AMPS application and renewal form off of the AMPS website.

With the changes being asked of model aviation enthusiasts, you will find additional areas on the AMPS Renewal and Application form to be completed. These include the required FAA registration number and have you completed the FAA Recreational UAS Safety Test.

It is important to remember your responsibility of obtaining an FAA number and placing the number on all of your aircraft and taking the UAS Safety test. The links are on our website under the Join AMPS tab.

In addition, there are areas on the Renewal and Application Form for youth membership as needed. All youth members under the age of 19 must have an AMA youth membership and complete a separate AMPS Application and Renewal form.

*The AMPS Renewal Form with payment must be received on or before January 31, 2023 to remain a member in good standing and avoid loss of club privileges. A no-fly list of individuals will be posted on the bulletin board after January 31, 2023.*

## **New Business/Reminders**

Just so there is no misunderstanding, AMPS members in good standing are permitted to have guests – generally up to three days – total. Guests must have a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) number. AMPS members with guests must assume full responsibility of guest Pilot's conduct and explaining club rules.

As previously mentioned in our last meeting, with the return of our northern members and new club members remember to communicate clearly and loudly respecting everyone at the flight line. Also, all RC pilots must use a safety spotter if more than one aircraft is in the air when available. Please be safe.

Thank you for your immediate and continued cooperation for visibly wearing your current AMA and AMPS ID. This is for your safety and respect for your AMA and AMPS membership flight privileges and will be part of AMPS long-term policy.

## **Old Business**

The gate is now open during normal park business hours. Our park host Belinda and her husband, have returned to keep an eye on the park during cooler months.

If you witness any illegal activity, please be in a safe position to contact the sheriff to report it IMMEDIATELY and report to me or to any board member. Sheriff phone number and field coordinates are on the field bulletin board. Put these in your phone. You can also call 911

FRIAs - Remote ID for FAA-Recognized Identification Areas – A bit more information on this, as you recall, *The FAA has determined there is a need for a space for unmanned aircraft (drones and radio-controlled model airplanes) without remote ID to continue to operate. These spaces, known as FRIAs, are locations where an unmanned aircraft may operate without remote ID. FAA-recognized community-based organizations and educational institutions are eligible to apply to the FAA for FRIA status.*

As of now the complexity of registration appears to be on our Community Based Organization – the AMA - for our club. Paperwork will be filed identifying and confirming our LOA with the FAA as we are in controlled airspace and long term contact information.

### **AMPS Relocation**

Last week we received our clubs first draft drawing from GSF of the runways and Ramada's placements for the new AMPS proposed field location.

After an initial review we met with the County a few days ago regarding possible issues and to address concerns.

Several issues were discussed, with no final decisions made, but a positive conclusion as communication with the county and with GSF continues.

Bottom line as of today:

The County is working with us and will check with the Flood District to allow more area south to addresses the concern fly over space.

GSF is also planning to further discussions with the flood district if their funding appears to be moving forward.

GSF according to the County, is about ready to release/request bonding funding. GSF has until December 31 to complete funding or everything is off.

The County also indicated GSF may determine moving us is too expensive. Forcing GSF to alter park overall plans.

AMPS has not committed to anything at this point and can still say no to the move. But as we've discussed before, there are benefits to the move if we are not compromised.

If GSF funding is approved then things will move forward, but even then we are still at least a year out.

Lots of moving targets still. As updates happen we will communicate with you.

### **Schedule**

The one eighth air force will be here on November 11, 2022  
Showcasing scale aircraft.

November 19 is AMPS Open House Honoring Veterans Fly in Day. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks!

December 10 is our potluck holiday party at the field. We will have food, gifts for the better halves, many prizes and awards!

Next Year

Jet Jam February 17-18

Green Fest March 10-12

Next Club Meeting will be in January – to be announced.

**Motion to adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bull, AMPS secretary