

SVSS
March 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting conducted using [Appear.in/SVSS](https://appear.in/SVSS)

Members Present:

Rick Rohlfing

Aric Wilmunder

Lou Fox

Jonathan Heritage

John Eaton

Scott Woodward absent

Scott Meader absent

Meeting called to order 7:32 PM

Report on current membership by Rick Rohlfing: 84 members have paid 2017 dues. 28 members from last year have not renewed. 10 members are honorary members (past presidents and some others?). There are 22 "Shadow" members, who may comprise part or all of the 28 non-renewals.

Rick will send each of the board members 8 or so names and phone numbers of past members who didn't renew 2017 for us to contact by phone to remind them to re-up.

Discussion of meeting dates, dates still undetermined by Rick Rohlfing and Scott Meader.

Jonathan Heritage, Field Equipment: A new windsock has been installed. Neil Nolte is repairing a winch pulley. As an experiment a field effect transistor controller and 12 volt motor are being installed on the fifth winch. Benefits may be more launch power due to lower voltage drop across the switch resistance and the ability to control winch power with an adjustable preset value. Failure mode needs to be determined so there is no danger of a runaway motor.

Current is not showing up on the charging station due to an ammeter of too wide a range, a lower range ammeter is to be installed.

Competition:

Rick Rohlfing: F5J is being fit into the schedule. One Saturday date has been set due to a cancellation due to weather, all other F5J contests will be on Sundays.

Scott Meader: 21 members competed in ALES on 3/25/2017. Contest went smoothly.

Field Update: Scott Meader has been doing all of the mowing, one other member has helped with weed eater.

Jonathan Heritage: Extra lock has been installed on the mower storage container. A second lock will be installed on the winch and charge station container. Keys will need to be distributed to members authorized.

Lou Fox: Trench dug to install new county water line has settled creating a hazard all along the parking area. Jonathan Heritage said sufficient spoils remain to fill the trench. Rick Rohlfing will contact the County to advise them of the issue. Jonathan suggested getting volunteers who dug the trench to backfill it with rakes and shovels.

Treasurer: Rick Rohlfing advised that the Wells Fargo account balance is a little over \$10,000, \$45 is in the PayPal account. The proposed budget is on the SVSS web site as well as previous meeting minutes. If no quorum is available at the April 13 general meeting voting for approval of the budget will be done using BallotBin.

Safety: Lou Fox says there have been no issues. He is still working on acquiring fire extinguishers. Buckets have been filled with sand. Some members have been using the buckets for ash trays, not the intended purpose. Discussion of means to cover the buckets, plastic film suggested as lids are not available.

Newsletter: Aric said it was in process.

April 13 General Meeting Agenda discussion

Topic Areas:

SVSS Club Status & Overview

Board Meetings

Budget & Finance

Grasslands Park

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ALES

Sport Thermal

F5J

Electric

General hobby skills & interest

What Else – Other Ideas from the Board

Discussion of Electric/Sailplane operations. Jonathan suggested a line on the field to indicate where electric airplane pilots should stand north or south of, depending on whether the north or south launch lanes were being used. Electrics should always stay clear of the launch lanes. Verbal notice of intention to launch or take off is a good practice.

From Jonathan Heritage: There should be two lines: one to the south of the winches another to the north of the winches. Depending upon the launch direction the electric pilots should face away from the winches and confine their flight path to the space they are facing. This automatically keeps the electrics from flying over folks who are

launching. At the same time, the gliders should land in the contest landing area. This assures that the sailplanes do not endanger electric pilots during the sailplane landing approach.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07