

# Minutes for Sacramento Valley Soaring Society

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## Call to Order

The Annual Board Budget Planning Meeting of Sacramento Valley Soaring Society (SVSS) was held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at Black Bear Restaurant in Davis, CA. It began at 8:30AM and was presided over by SVSS President Martin Falarski, with Rick Rohlfing as secretary.

## Attendees

Voting Board members in attendance included: Martin Falarski, Jonathan Heritage, Dudley Dufort, Chris Bajorek, Rick Rohlfing. David Phippen, Lorenz Trockle and Aric Wilmunder.

Guests in attendance included: None

Board members not in attendance included: None

## Agenda Topics

- Board review of the initial budget proposal created with board member email submissions. Discuss the 2016 budget in detail to establish a Board Budget Proposal for membership approval.
- Separating General Membership/Business meetings from Thermal Duration or other competitions.
- SVSS 2016 registration with AMA.

## Officers' Reports

None

## Other Reports

None

## Old Business

None

## New Business

2016 Budget: Initial budget proposal showed a net positive position for the year even after including the expected \$2500 concessionaire's fee to be paid to Yolo County. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the initial proposal had not included all input and that our position be reassessed subsequent to the budget review and all board member's input.

Principal budget line item discussions:

Membership Fee Income: From past years' actual income and 2016 membership fees received, SVSS is entering into a second year of declining membership. There are multiple causes for the membership decline. The causes experienced or reasons reported include: death of members; aging out of the hobby; relocation; SVSS reported as a hostile (unfun) environment due to contentious factions in conflict [Not discussed but a reason reported by multiple people leaving the club.]; no effective recruiting program. Some recruiting ideas discussed. Examples included establishing an SVSS RC Aviation Orientation Program and offer it to school science programs, Scouting groups, Big Brother/Sister groups, hobby shops as a means of fostering sales. Forecast Membership Fee income was reduced for 2016.

**Membership & Board meetings:** It was agreed that SVSS will have two general membership meetings (Spring and Fall) in 2016 that would be held at an acceptable indoor meeting location in Davis. \$200 was budgeted for each meeting (\$400 for the year). Two other General Membership meetings will be held at the SVSS flying field independent of a contest event. Separate Board business meetings, open to general members, were also discussed. Online meeting resources with screen sharing to be evaluated for Board business meetings.

**Driveway & Parking Lot Gravel:** Funds were allocated for additional gravel to spread primarily in the parking lot, secondarily on the driveway to/from the parking lot.

**Incorporation of SVSS as non-profit organization:** Funds were budgeted to incorporate the club, probably as a 501c7 non-profit, possibly a 501c3.

**Porta-Potty Upgrade:** It was requested that a urinal and wash station be added to the porta-potty. Rick Rohlfing to contact the vendor for a cost estimate.

**Picnic Tables:** Though there had been an earlier email discussion by the board regarding the addition of two new picnic tables to be located under the shade structure, due to the adjustments already made above, it was decided to propose budget for only one new picnic table.

Based on these and other lesser adjustments, the 2016 SVSS Budget Proposal appeared to result in a slightly net negative position. Treasurer David Phippen will update the budget in Quicken and send the proposal to the Board for final review prior to presentation and vote of the general membership at SVSS's first general membership meeting in March.

**SVSS AMA Registration:** Martin Falarski to forward club AMA annual registration forms to Rick Rohlfing for completion and submission. [Subsequently received.]

**Discussion of FAA sUAS (Drone) Registration:** Per the recommendation of the AMA's recent video, the SVSS Board agreed to not police or require sUAS registration as a precondition for competition participation or SVSS membership.

## **Main Motions**

None

## **Announcements**

None

## **Adjournment**

Martin Falarski moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 9:55AM.

*Rick Rohlfing*

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Secretary, Sacramento Valley Soaring Society

**February 22, 2016**

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Date of Approval

Motion to approve by Martin Falarski, seconded and approved by first five board member votes received via email.