Las Vegas Soaring Club
Membership Meeting
May 10, 2025

MINUTES OF RECORD

Today's Board meeting was called to order at 8:05 am at the LVSC Flying Field by President Al Badoux and Treasurer/Safety Manager Mike Dantonio. Our VP, Mr. David Knapp, is recovering from eye surgery.. *(You thought he flew well before; wait till he can see the plane)* Board members in attendance were Al Badoux and Mike Dantonio. Chad Leonard remains out of Country and we all appreciate the efforts given by David Knapp during his absence. Today's meeting had **23 members and 2 guests.**

I'd like to start the meeting off by saying when I started as President back around Feb 2021 and I followed a great President, Mr. Bill Richardson. With intentions to live up to Bill, I brought 2 pages to talk about to my first meeting. Today, I'd go grab some coffee and a muffin because I brought six pages including **3 Thank You's, 8 Updates, 14 Info's & 1 Presentation** and I promise to rip thru this as quickly as possible cuz I know some of you have families, jobs and just want to fly.

1. **BOARD INTRO's:** David Knapp as temp VP & Facilities Manager. Mike Dantonio as Safety Manager & Treasurer. Al Badoux as President & Membership Manager.

2. **TREASURERS /SAFETY MANAGER REPORT:** Presented by Mike Dantonio. Mike explained the costs associated to thee Astro turf extension and shared the current balance in the LVSC Bank. Mike reviewed the importance of "See & Avoid" always, especially when at altitudes between 400-700 feet.

3. **VICE PRESIDENTS / FACILITIES MANAGER REPORT:** - Presented by David Knapp (Absent). Dave was recovering from eye surgery and had told Al on the phone that he did not have anything to share at the moment.

4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** We have two special guests today – The President of Bennet Field, Randy Dorn and the former President Mr. Gil Terzo who has some special event dates and information he'd like to share. Now, if you haven't met, or know about Gil he:
   - Has been involved in the remote-control hobby since the 70's, when things were done with analog transmitters, drilling holes in servo horns and using frequency clips.

- Gil has just about earned every fixed wing rating one can get including IMAC competitions, F3A and is even an AMA approved Turbine Instructor.
- And if this isn't enough, Gil is our AMA District 10 Assoc V.P. which is an important position that helps represent and support our State. The big question today is *"Can you fly a Helicopter"?*

Updates (x8)

UPDATE (Runway Extension): On Feb 15 we extended the east portion of the runway with Astro Turf to help slow down and prevent aircraft damage due to runway overrun. The project ran approx. **$1798.54.** We also put out a last-minute request for help and had over 15 members respond by 8am. A true example of how this membership cares for the field. Once we finished, the club provided drinks and pizza. We also posted a video on Facebook.

UPDATE (New Website): Two months ago, on Feb 16, 2025, and with the support and help from Barry Mattison, our new Website (lvsoaring.club) went online. We reduced the annual fee from $300.00+ to just $144.00 and eliminated the need to renew a Domain name as it was included in the original cost. FYI: On Feb 20 I notified AMA of our new web addr. The new Face Book website is currently under construction as we take steps to remove the previous version (banner) Vs the new one (jet). Additionally, every Application, Renewal and interest response will have this paragraph: **Please remember to visit our newly designed website at: lvsoaring.club Also, once on the website, you may click on the "Social media" link on top and visit the new LVSC Face book page where members may post photos, for sale items and questions.**

UPDATE (Pay Back Agreement): As many may remember, last year we had an unscheduled "Disruption in Funds". On April 04, 2025, as promised the final restitution payment was made and this subject is now closed.

UPDATE (Multi Club Pres Meeting): On Feb 19, 2025 I as invited to meet with the Presidents of our sister clubs, Rex from Prop Nuts and Randy from Bennett Field, to participate and develop a Club Unity Program. Main topic was calendar open communication between the clubs and develop a consolidation to avoid double bookings and keep members of all three clubs updated on events. Visit our website calendar (lvsoaring.club) for further. We plan to meet 2-3 times per year, or as needed. On April 19, 2025 Al reached out to Randy Dorn (Pres LVRC) and learned that both Randy and Rex have access to visit our website and update the calendar making ours the master for all three clubs.

UPDATE (Club Purchases): Two club related purchases by Al Badoux were made for the following items. $47.64 for four cans of red safety line spray paint. $19.95 for flyer Labels. Receipts in the total amount of $67.59 were given to Mike Dantonio to reimburse Al via check.

UPDATE (Club Documentation/Certificates): A moment of Horn Honking please: An example of what the guys behind the curtain do (AKA: The Board) we are responsible for the timely completion and notifications made to the AMA, the City of Las Vegas, the IRS and misc providers. We are currently in possession of:

- The 2025 AMA Gold Leader Club Certificate,
- The 2025 AMA Charter Club Certificate (Lists Ofcrs),
- The 2025 AMA Summary of Liability Insurance Program & Certificate (Copy provided to Gun Club) $120.00,
- Confirmation of Payment to Davis Instruments for Cell/Wx Service $220.00,
- Current Domain Name (lvsoaring.club) included with new Weebly Website Acct and previous web name removed (lvsoarinclub.org)
- The LVSC State Business License has been updated via Flume, and past payments made current as of 08/31/24 $50.00 due in August 2025.
- The Annual 2025 IRS 990N has been filed, accepted and printed.

UPDATE (LVSC Flyers): (Handout A). The LVSC Flyers kept in the mailbox needed to have our new (lvsoaring.club) website address updated. On March 30th I spoke to Barry and rather than **re-printing 500 leaflets,** it was more cost effective to simply create a label to place over the old info. Barry designed a graphic page, e-mailed it to me and explained what labels to order from Amazon which allowed me to **print 750 labels**. The cost was **$19.95.** We now need to find a fool to stick them all on – I'll start immediately. **NOTE:** I've completed a stack and have left 30 (or so) of them in the mailbox. Each time I fly I will monitor how many are available. And please remember, if approached by anyone interested in the club, these flyers are very handy to pass out.. Billie E. Floyd suggested we consider using a large QR code posted to the Bulletin Board that would connect viewers to a link to the LVSC website. Wayne Posner agreed, and even showed Al an example of the QR Code he designed on his phone while at the meeting. Wayne will work to have it made larger and protected from the weather – now to find a place to mount it…. Thank you to Billie for the suggestion and Wayne for making it happen..

UPDATE (Damaged Gate): In case you haven't been blessed with locking or unlocking the main gate **(AKA: Giant White Pretzel),** this is for you. On the evening of April 12, 2025 our main gate was heavily damaged due to a vehicle accident involving two teen-agers and a 2007 Chevy Malibu. Both occupants survived however the car was totaled.

- On April 16, 2025 LVSC Member, **John Riess, submitted a written proposal** to President Al Badoux to replace the damaged main gate – this came in at $2904.00. This proposal was shared with "J" on April 23, 2025 via text.
- On May 06, 2025 Al spoke with "J" and was **asked if the gate belonged to the Gun Club or us.** After many phone calls and speaking to former Presidents, and several Founding Fathers, the physical gate belongs to the LVSC and was installed over 33 years ago..
- On May 06, 2025 "J" informed he just spoke to the insurance company, identified as American National, and they **have approved the bid to cover all damages** and a check is expected within 10-15 days. John has been updated and will begin work accordingly.. In **less that 24 days** we resolved this issue and I appreciate all the help "J" and Wally have provided us..

Info (x14)

INFO (Board Voting): Discuss upcoming annual Board member Voting procedure. We can ask Barry to add an online voting tab on the website – terms are from July 1 to June 30th.

INFO (Float Fun Day): On March 15 LVRC *(AKA: Bennett Field)* hosted a "Fun Float Day' at Lake Mead. This was advertised on the LVSC Facebook and through our very own E-mail blasts. To host an event like this required special & costly permits from the Dept of Wildlife, the AMA and local Rangers. Remember these events will be on the LVSC calendar so make plans when another event is posted to join up. Even if you do not have an amphibious plane, please attend these water events as they are entertaining, fun and the lake is a welcomed change of scenery from our Red Rock Mountains...

INFO (Aerial Surveillance) (Handout B): On April 16, 2025 Al received an E-mail from **Joseph Andresky**, contractor for the **Nevada National Security Site A**, advising they will be operating a helicopter above our airfield at approx. 300 feet in altitude. The message was received by me at 9:57am and I sent it out by 11:25 – best I could do.. This is unusual and the first of its kind. See Photo of Track provided by Aimee Goodwin. More research may be done to determine if this was a once done or if more are expected and express appreciation for the heads up.

INFO (Membership): As of May 07, 2025, we have a total of 136 paid & registered members.

INFO (Facebook Update) (Handout C): On October 10, 2024 Al Badoux identified Tod Anderson as the original creator of the LVSC Facebook site and requested to be added as a moderator so that we my make graphic changes as needed. Tod agreed. As of May 07, 2025, we have 64 members signed into the LVSC Facebook page – almost 50% exactly. And according to Face Book, **we had 104 new views**! *(See Pass Out).* Al and Barry are now working to have Tod Anderson close down or link to our page or simply shut down the original LVSC face book web site to avoid confusion.

INFO (Membership Revenue): Since January 01 to May 07 we have processed **38 renewals** which included **15 new members**. The recently voted upon membership fee increase from $25.00 to $30.00 has shown a significant difference of approx. **17%.** Unlike NLV or Bennett Field, we are solely responsible for damages to the field caused by wind, flooding, vandalism, accidents and fires thus the importance to have a financial reserve is handy.

INFO (ID Card Holder / Lanyard): Over the past years, I have asked the Board members to please friendly enforce the ID requirement for all members and I think we have been very successful. If anyone needs an ID card holder or Lanyard, please come see me after the meeting and we will provide either for free.

INFO (Multi Club Swap Meet): On April 12, 2025 a three-club swap meet was held at Willie McCool flying field. This field can easily accommodate many and has plenty of room and rumors are that it was fantastic!

INFO (CHARLESTON VS CLOSURES): On April 24, 2025 Al sent a letter to the "Master Planner" of Howard Hughes Corp asking that we be informed in advance when they plan activities that

prevent members from accessing club areas due to bicycle events. This letter went to Jennifer Pezoto on Monday April, 24, April 29 & May 01, 2025. Perhaps after 4-5 more sincere attempts it may be time for a visit to the field office.

INFO (DRONE BILL FROM UTAH): On April 24, 2025 Al sent out links to a You-Tube video that explained the devastation a Bill introduced by a Utah Congressman and a link to our local Minority Leader, Jackie Rosen. If you didn't look at, please go back as this could affect our hobby – this is NOT just for drones.

INFO (Web Page Vs Altitude) (Handout D): Al spoke with Barry M and asked that we add a special notice on our website that announces the **approval of the latest FAA 700' foot altitude** as well as display actual FAA documents. Please check the "News" section on our website.. A word of caution to ALL members, as old Country Mothers once taught their young pilots **"Just cuz ya can doesn't mean you should"**. Pilots must ALWAYS use **Observe and Avoid**, especially with the amount of full-size aircraft buzzing us..

INFO (Swap Meet For Sale): Rick Kehoe has the following for sale: I have a Spektrum DX8 G1 (30 model memory) with two batteries for sale at $110, and a Tower Sensei (58" WS, 3s 2200 batts, like an Apprentice, great for learning @ @$100 PNP or $125 w/Spektrum 410 receiver)

INFO (Missed Meetings): In the event you are unable to attend one of the membership meetings, we do not want you to be left out, or uninformed. So, a few days after these meetings, we will post the notes which were discussed to allow you to stay informed, ya just won't have free coffee and muffins.. Please visit our website (lvsoaring.club) and go to the **ABOUT/INFO** then click on **DOCUMENTS…**

Special Thanks (x3)

SPECIAL THANK YOU: On Feb 23, 2025 our very own member, Court Cranston, volunteered to clean up the misc Astro turf debris pile and haul off the smaller accumulated garbage. Court then asked permission to sell the remaining rolls of Astro turf and donate the proceeds to the club. A local person (Shawn) offered to pay $50.00 for the remainder of the turf and came to remove it on February 29. Meanwhile, as an added blessing, Court matched that donation and because of his efforts was able to donate $100.00 into the LVSC bank. I accepted cash from both and did a VENMO transfer from my acct.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: On Feb 25, 2025 while renewing, Perry Horwich, donated $25.00 to the club and expressed his appreciation to all the great members that helped him start flying.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Most of us all argue with ourselves before buying that new plane or heli, but we buy it. We then re-arrange our responsibilities so we may build, program and trim up

our aircraft. We take off and let out a secret smile as she departs the runway – sometimes this is a short-lived moment of happiness but our club, yes LVSC, has one member that has a special skill of immortalizing our planes and heli's. He has captured many of us in flight and I'd like if everyone would join me in saying that you to Larry Handel for all his photos of our stuff..

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The AMA has special program that is instrumental to the **continued growth of the hobby** and very **beneficial to new members**. I am speaking about the **AMA Instructors Pilot Program.**

1. This position is presented to any current AMA member that has demonstrated their willingness to help educate new members with hands on instruction and inspections of aircraft.

2. This program affords limited liability insurance protection for the new non-AMA members as long as he or she is flying under the direct (one-on-one) supervision of a club-designated Introductory Pilot Mentor (IPM).

3. The IP Member must be a current AMA member, and his or her AMA membership card will display the "Intro Pilot" designation.

4. Neither the club, nor the Intro Pilot Instructor, are permitted to charge for any training fees.

5. LVSC currently has four instructors; Barry Mattison, Dan Valdes, Chad Leonard and myself. For the past several months I have personally observed two additional members who consistently and without fail devote their time to help others, so with the AMA's blessing, today I would like to present each member with a "cheesy" certificate and I heard the rightful ones have arrived from the AMA - in addition to a new AMA ID card. Would **Mr. David Knapp** and **Mr. Rafi Kehya** please step forward.

OPEN FORUM:

1) Give Rey his ID Card
2) Secure $50.00 from Cranston
3). Give Ilan his ID Card ?????
4). Give James Singer hiss ID Card
5).
6).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Badoux at 8:50am and seconded by Ed Jennings.