

Magic Valley Aeromodelers LLC

Meeting Minutes November 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM 17 members present 1 guest

Treasurer's Report:

\$7921.34

Maintenance Report:

3000 gallons of water were put on the trees last month. Mower batteries have been placed on a trickle charger for the winter.

Safety Report:

No items to report.

Training Report:

We have 4 pilots who were in training last month. Three qualified, last one is progressing.

Old Business:

John Jenkins reported that a new pump bid has come in at \$11,000. This does not include any sprinkler maintenance or replacement. He has pledges from club members for just over \$12,000. Kim Tillery will be writing up a grant proposal to the AMA for field improvements to try to obtain additional funds for the project.

Before proceeding, each club member will receive an email in early January asking if they are in favor of proceeding with the pump replacement project. Each member will be asked to respond to Allen Cummins, our club President stating yes or no. Depending on the results of this poll of the club members, the pump project will proceed or be tabled.

Discussion on the project included additional information to consider-

- We will need to pay for electricity to run the pump. We are looking into usage history to anticipate what the amount may be.
- Members will be asked to sign up to mow weekly as we did in the past. There will be mower maintenance and repairs higher than we are currently experiencing.
- Someone will need to be in charge of sprinkler maintenance.
- Ground burrowing rodents will likely return if we have grass. Effort and expense to control them will be required.
- Having water available will eliminate the need for the Porta-potty which runs about \$100/month, 7 months of the year.

New Business:

Cheryl Savello is getting married Friday November 7th. Congratulations Cheryl and Glenn. Cheryl mentioned she will be clearing out the old shop, so look for raffle donations in the future.

Steve Lincoln is donating a Luggable Loo for the field. This can be used in lieu of the Porta-Potty during the winter months. It was worth attending the meeting just to hear the discussion and instructions for use. Here are the highlights:

- The Loo is for number 2.
- Bags, toilet paper and bag ties are inside the bucket.

- Remove the seat, take the bags, TP, and ties out of the bucket. If not already in position, place a bag into the bucket and fold the top of the bag over the outside edge of the bucket.
- Replace the toilet seat.
- Do it.
- Remove the seat then remove the bag and seal the contents in the bag with a twist tie.
- Put a new bag on the bucket, then put the TP and ties in the bag and replace the seat. Put the empty bucket back under the work bench in the shelter where you found it.
- TAKE THE USED BAG WITH YOUR STUFF IN IT HOME WITH YOU!

Note - I will take a box of gloves and a package of wipes to field for use to wipe everything down after use.

We will probably build a privacy structure on the back of the shelter to make using the loo less embarrassing. In the mean time remember what a river guide one told one of our rafting groups- "you can't always have privacy, but you can give privacy" . In other words - don't watch.

The December meeting is our annual Christmas party! It will start at **6 PM** on December 3rd at Loong Hing with a no host dinner from the menu or buffet. We will have a gift exchange with a max value of \$20.00. Bring an unwrapped item if you want to participate in the exchange. Friends and family are welcome. They should bring a gift item too if they want to participate in the exchange.

Member Notes:

Pilot of the Month - Bill Eberlein

Raffle:

Steve Lincoln won the auction for the Star Wars drone.

Neil Palmer, Olen Foreman, Eugene O'Gorman and Allen Cummins took home raffle prizes.

Next meeting is Wednesday December 3rd. Christmas Party - starts at 6 PM.

Bill Eberlein
MVA Secretary