

**South Bay Soaring Society**  
**Business and General Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2020**

**6:35 PM Business Meeting**

1. A motion to accept the published minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting was made, seconded and the motion was approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented. SBSS's AMA Charter and site insurance along with the annual renewal to the East Bay Regional Parks District for Mission Peak has been paid.  
A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and the motion was approved.

**Old Business**

**Martial Cottle Park**

Russ Failing provided an update on his progress attaining a site at Martial Cottle Park that included:

- Confirmation with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department (SCCPRD) SBSS's interest in using a small parcel of land measuring 150 yards by 50 yards that would serve for DLG activity. The land is located adjacent to an administration building and is bordered on the west by a fence line and on the east by an entry road and hiking trail
- Request to modify the park department's requirement for fourteen day advance notice of use down to seven days. The request is under review
- Clarification that a sublease through the current lessee, Jacobs Farms, for a larger piece of land for TD activity is not permitted as they have exclusive use of the property. If/when the lease expires consideration be given SBSS to lease additional land
- Permit number 19-1015309 has been issued
- SCCPRD wanted to know if any of our events will be advertised/open to the public, if there are contests, will medals, prizes or rankings be awarded, frequency of contests and what are the differences between typical flying activity and contests
- Russ will follow-up with his contacts at SCCPRD.

**Brigantino Park**

Still status quo with no apparent activity from the City of Hollister.

**New Business**

**Additional Named Flying Sites**

Two "new" flying sites associated with SBSS, Coyote Hills and Sunset Beach, have been added to our current and registered sites with the AMA. The agencies associated with these sites were contacted and do not require additional agreements or insurance.

**Competition Manager**

Bob Smith has stepped forward to fill the vacant position of Competition Manager.

**Contest Days**

President DeMattei posed the question whether the monthly TD contest day should be moved from Sunday to Saturday.

After discussion with members present, the topic was tabled for future consideration.

## **7:00 PM Break - Refreshments, Cookies and Chatter**

### **7:35 PM General Meeting**

Seventeen individuals in attendance including three guests.

### **Announcements**

The February contest will be held at Brigantino Park in Hollister on February 23, 2020. Contest set-up at 8:15 AM with the Pilot's Meeting promptly at 9:00 AM. First round begins at 9:15 AM. Back-up contest date is March 1, 2020.

### **Flying Activity Reports**

#### **January Contest Results**

The January contest was held under good flying conditions with the following results:

Open Expert - 1st Randy Everly, 2nd Bob McGowan, 3rd Rich Spicer

RES Expert - 1st Bob Brown

Season Championship Standings: 1st Randy Everly, 2nd Bob McGowan, 3rd Rich Spicer, 4th Bob Brown, 5th Tim Ellis

### **7:45 PM Presentation**

#### ***Important!***

Lawrence Tougas, Vice President of the Academy of Model Aeronautics representing District X (AZ, CA, HA, NV and UT) along with Bob Smith discussed the new FAA rules may affect RC Sailplanes. These rules (see <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FAA-2019-1100>) would affect all sailplanes less than 8.8 oz and would require them to have a transponder and fly only at FAA approved sites below a 400 foot ceiling. These rules are open for multiple comments until March 2, 2020 at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FAA-2019-1100>. Lawrence and Bob spoke about methods to best make these comments and other concerns about these new rules. You can see the 16 comments of our sister club - Torrey Pines Gulls member Gary Fogel <https://www.regulations.gov/docketBr...=FAA-2019-1100>.

#### ***Important!***

Please click on the link below to view Bob's Power Point presentation that accompanied the presentation:

[https://1drv.ms/p/s!AsW1xDA6vCgAhtx2i\\_j1Ju6\\_xfouAw](https://1drv.ms/p/s!AsW1xDA6vCgAhtx2i_j1Ju6_xfouAw)

### **8:50 PM Show and Tell**

John Bassetto shared his Hots sports plane that he is currently refinishing and preparing for flight.

### **9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned**

***Next Meeting March 11, 2020***