

South Bay Soaring Society
Business and General Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2020

Important!

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6:40 PM Business Meeting

1. A motion to accept the published minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting was made, seconded and the motion was approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Treasurer Einarsson has filed both state and federal income tax reports per appropriate guidelines covering 501 (c) (7) organizations.

A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and the motion was approved.

Old Business

Flying Sites

Martial Cottle Park

Russ Failing provided an update on his progress with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department (SCCPRD) on the 150 yard by 50 yard DLG/electric launch site described as Alternate Parking Lot B which included:

- The Use Permit has not been issued but a number has been assigned to it. When the permit is received, Russ will review restrictions the club has to abide by and present them to the club
- SCCPRD has agreed to a seven day advance notice versus the original fourteen day requirement
- The site is a mowed natural growth area consisting of grass and weeds
- As a note, if an aircraft lands off field, it cannot be recovered
- The site provides the club with a "foot in the door" for possible expansion in the future
- Kyle Hurlbut expressed interest in the site for a DLG contest coming up in three weeks.

Lexington Reservoir

The permit to fly at Lexington Reservoir will soon come up for renewal. It was generally agreed by those members present that any site the club has acquired is worth keeping even if it has limited use.

Tomcats Field

Walter Colby stated that after more than a four year wait the county government has decided to abandon the old access road that crossed Coyote Creek in favor of a new dirt road that is being cut from the golf course entry on Monterey Road to the field. The road will run between Coyote Creek on the east and Highway 101 on the west.

Brigantino Park

Bob Brown requested the 2020 Certificate of Insurance for Brigantino Park when it is received.

New Business

May 2020 F5J Contest

Ron Vlastelica has been reviewing a couple of potential sites for an upcoming 2 day F5J contest scheduled for May. Locations being considered include the Grass Farm off Monterey Road in Morgan Hill and the Gilroy Rodeo near Leavesly Road.

These fields are being discussed in lieu of Brigantino Park because they can accommodate overnight parking and would not require breakdown of winches and support equipment. Technically, Brigantino is closed to the public at sunset.

After discussion among club officers and those members present, there was no objection to the use of either the Grass Farm or Gilroy Rodeo as alternative sites to Brigantino Park.

DLG Contest

Kyle Hurlbut recently participated in a DLG fun fly initiated through an email from Bob McGowan. The event was well-attended and held at Newark Junior High School. After having a great time, Kyle thought it would be an opportunity to carry the momentum of the fun fly over to an actual DLG contest.

He proposed a contest could be put together in the next three to four weeks.

7:15 PM Break - Refreshments, Cookies and Chatter

7:35 PM General Meeting

Eleven individuals in attendance.

Announcements

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Flying Activity Reports

February Contest Results

The February contest was held under challenging conditions with the following results:

Open Expert - 1st Don McCullough, 2nd Rich Spicer, 3rd Tim Ellis

RES Expert - 1st Peter Rasmussen, 2nd Bob Brown

Mission Peak - Eric Einarsson reported weak but fun conditions when flown a few weeks ago.

Presentation

From SBSS's esteemed membership, Kyle assembled a panel of Xplorer experts to discuss this sailplane and why it has been the dominant tool for TD competition.

Xplorer sailplanes from NAN Models have consistently swept our open class club competitions.

Starting with the Xplorer 1 to the latest Xplorer 3, SBSS members continue to invest in these aircraft.

Panel experts including Tim Ellis and Don McCullough covered the following:

- History of the Xplorer's march to world domination
- Overview of the types of Xplorers and which would be best for you
- Who is NAN Models (the manufacturer) and Soaring USA (the distributor)
- How to set up an Xplorer
- How to buy a used Xplorer
- The future of the Xplorer and F5J consideration

8:45 PM Meeting Adjourned