

**11:07 AM - President Vicar Hernandez called the meeting to order.**

Vicar thanked Lukey Martinez for the well hole cover installed in the parking lot. Also thanked Jorge Valverde for installing the junction box to enclose the pipes in the parking area.

Vicar shared that the current member count is 238

**Minutes** – All present voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as provided in an email to the entire membership.

**Treasurer Position** – Vicar shared that Roger Gonzalez has resigned from his position due to some other obligations [*His letter of resignation was sent in an email*]. Per the Bylaws the remaining Board of Directors appointed Jerry Guarch to the Treasurers position. Vicar asked the members present to confirm the BOD action on this matter and no one opposed. We thank Roger for his service and welcome Jerry to the BOD.

**Treasurers Report** – Vicar, shared the financial report with those present. All voted to accept as presented.

## **Old Business**

**Heli Event** – Vicar shared the helicopter event is March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> anyone wishing to help Frank with the event please contact Vicar or Frank.

**IMAC** – Vicar shared the IMAC event will also include Jets this year. Marvin Alvarez shared that anyone wishing to give IMAC a try can fly any plane they want in BASIC. The event will be held in April

**Vote to change Field Rules** – Vicar announced the vote for the bylaw change [*Planes with turbines which burn the grass during taxing are not allowed at the field*] would take place after the meeting and those wishing to stay to witness may. [*Votes were counted after the meeting and approved by an overwhelming majority*]

**Pablo Fernandez** – Pablo sent a list of items with detailed thought to the BOD to be included in the meeting agenda as shared last week for this meeting. Pablo announced he wished to remove some of the items from the agenda. Vicar stated the BOD refused to remove the items as they have already been announced and included all kinds of accusations and personal attacks. Many of the members present agreed the items needed to be discussed as they were already sent to the entire membership. This caused a lengthy discussion of the items in question. Things like Marvin's payment and liability related to the mowing services he provided to the club were questioned. Vicar provided evidence that 1099's were submitted to the IRS as part of the agreement, making it perfectly legal for the club to use his services. Also made available was the contract signed by Marvin which included a hold harmless agreement for liability. This caused further discussion about many things and Vicar shared that Pablo has been on a personal vendetta with the BOD for a year now and this was just one more thing he was doing to disrupt the club. Many members stood up and argued many points and even went so far as to

ask Pablo to leave the club. Robert “Bob” Knight made a motion to have Pablo’s membership revoked and a second was made. As part of the discussion, it was pointed out that the current bylaws assign this responsibility to the BOD. Pablo stated that he would sue the club if he was thrown out. The BOD agreed to review the case.

**Miami Jets Financial report review** – Pablo presented many questions about the financial report of Miami jets and the Contest Director’s [Marvin] handling of cash, checks and PayPal transactions. Marvin was asked and answered that all moneys have been passed on to the club. Further discussion led to Bob making a motion to have Jerry audit the event. Jerry agreed to audit the event and the BOD will take care of any issues found.

## **New Business**

**Voting process proposal** – Vicar shared Mark’s proposal to change the bylaws regarding club votes to include secure electronic votes in the acceptable method. Mark shared that two members hand delivered votes for the last elections and they were rejected over objections from a couple of members insisting that this was not allowed under the bylaws. This will solve that issue and ensure all members votes are counted. Those present agreed to move forward with the vote. *[Notification will be sent to the membership before the next meeting and call for a vote]* *[See text of the proposed change later in this document]*

**Bylaws Change for related to expulsions procedures** – Vicar presented a change to the process for expelling a member from the club. The change will empower the BOD to impose a 60-day suspension allowing the member to come to the next club meeting to defend his actions. At that meeting a vote will be held and majority of the members present will decide the outcome. The motion was approved to move forward to a vote of the entire club. *[Notification will be sent to the membership before the next meeting and call for a vote]* *[See text of the proposed change later in this document]*

**Solar Discussion** – Jerry asked that the agenda item related to the solar power system be tabled we are in the process of expanding the system to better provide for the club’s power needs. *[Solar panels are being relocated to be exposed all day. An evaluation of power draw to determine if additional panels and batteries are needed]*

**Grass Cutting** – Vicar shared that due to Marvin resigning the grass cutting position for the club the BOD has been getting quotes from grass companies to provide the service to the club. The BOD has two competing vendors and will be working with them over the next few weeks to establish an ongoing service to the club that fit our budget needs.

**Canopies Project** – Jerry reports that the canopies project is still on track to be completed but due to some changes we are still working with the vendor to finalize design and supply needs.

**Kids Program** – Albert Fortgang asked if he could run a kid’s program at the club in conjunction with a local school with a STEM program. After a short discussion the BOD requested more details for the proposal but those present were interested in seeing the program get started. Mark Armbrust will add

Albert to the AMA intro pilot program to help support the effort.

**12:30 PM - MEETING Adjourned!**

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## **Proposed Bylaws Changes - vote to be held at the next membership meeting**

Additions are highlighted in yellow; removals are crossed off

**Change #1: Allow voting via a web-based system.**

### **ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF OFFICE**

1. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for one (1) year from date of election. Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority of those present at the regular Club meeting in December. Mail-in ballots will be made available for those members who have voting rights but cannot attend the meeting. Those ballots, returned by mail **or web-based system**, before the next meeting, will be counted as if those persons were present at the meeting. New officers will take office immediately after the December meeting. Personnel will be appointed by the elected officers and confirmed by a simple majority vote of those members present during a regular meeting: i.e. Newsletter Editor, Contest Director, etc.

### **ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments may be made to these bylaws and to the Club field rules at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing, via mail or email, at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Notification will be sent via email to all members who have provided the club with an email address and via mail to all others. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the eligible voting members present, at the regular monthly meeting. Mail-in ballots will be made available for those eligible voting members who cannot attend the meeting. Those ballots, returned by mail **or web-based system**, before the next meeting, will be counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

**Change #2: Change requirements for expulsion**

### **ARTICLE 9: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, becomes the responsibility of the Board of Directors as stated in Article 9.
4. ~~Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors and a simple majority vote of the eligible voting members if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of the Club's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.~~
4. Any individual who willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of the Club's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation, or who directs, at another member or the Club, threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage or any other action deemed harmful by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors, shall be placed on immediate suspension until a membership meeting is held (no longer than 60 days from occurrence) and the Board of Directors can present its case to the membership. The Board of Directors will present the case against the member and allow the individual to defend his/her actions. Members present at the meeting, by a majority vote, shall decide the resolution of the case. Actions may include temporary suspension and immediate expulsion from the club.
5. ~~Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.~~
5. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership by recommendation to of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors and approval by majority vote of the members present at the meeting where the recommendation is presented.
6. The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

7. ~~Any member who directs, at another member or the Club, threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage or any other action deemed harmful by the Board of Directors will be subject to immediate expulsion.~~

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## Clarification of Field Use under AMPS property lease with the South Florida Water Management District

During the meeting an allegation was made by Pablo Fernandez that our lease required us to allow access to the property for a few other non-flying activities. Mr. Fernandez was referring to an incident where an individual was asked to leave the property. At that time this person was trespassing at the field due to the temporary COVID restrictions imposed by the Board of Directors.

Below is an excerpt of the contract where you can see (highlighted in red) the portion of the lease that he alluded to. In yellow are the portions of the contract that contradict his out of context statement. Bold was added for clarification.

### 6.1 Permitted Activities

Lessee **may only use the Property** for the operation of a remote-control model airplane club, activities directly related to the operation of such club and those incidental uses that are approved by the District's Land Manager in writing.

### 6.3 Public Use

#### (A) Public Use Area

In addition to the activities authorized under Lease, **the Property is not currently managed for public recreational use**. The Lessee shall recognize that **the Property is public land and therefore in accordance with District rules concerning public use of District lands found in Chapter 40E-7. F.A.C. may be open at any time for public use which may include**, but is not limited to, hiking, hunting administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, fishing, biking, horseback riding, camping, to and from the Property. Lessee must at all times be courteous to the general public and **comply with all public use rules**.

#### (B) Public Use Facilities

The Property may contain at any time public amenities including, but not limited to, shell rock roads, parking areas, gates, trails, signage, camping facilities, and toilets. These public amenities may change during the term of this Lease. **If public use facilities extend through the Property, Lessee shall take all reasonable measures to not to harm public use amenities and trails in carrying out authorized Lease activities.**