



**Las Vegas Soaring Club
Membership Meeting
August 24, 2024**

MINUTES OF RECORD

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am by the LVSC Flying Field by President Al Badoux and VP Chad Leonard. Board members in attendance were Chad Leonard, Mike Dantonio and Neal Welch. Total members in attendance is 30 which meets the requirement for a quorum. Members are treated to pastries and coffee provided by the club.

Welcome New 2024 V.P. – Please help me welcome Mr. Chad Leonard to the LVSC Board. Chad comes to us by overwhelming membership votes and is known for his ability to help others and teach new members how to fly. I'd also like to take a moment and thank each Board Member that choose to serve another year. Based on comments from members and observations of club growth, the collective contributions and physical help this board has given no doubt has a directive impact on making the LVSC the best club in Nevada.

General Membership: Since our last meeting on May 11, 2024 we have welcomed **eight** new members and had **six** that did not renew. When we had Group Works, they would send out a monthly membership update – well, this is gone. According to my records, we currently have **133 active** members. With the recent loss of Group-Works, I am happy to report the ability for renewal and new membership applications tabs on our main website are all still intact. Special thanks to Barry Mattison for the countless personal hours he devotes to maintaining our website.

Membership Fee Increase: Both Bennet field and Prop Nuts have increased their annual membership fees to \$30.00. We are considering the same rate - this would be just a \$5.00 increase to help our club maintain basic operations such as, City required documents & permits, necessary repairs to the runway and driveways and provide food for club sponsored events. Fees have not been increased Valley wide during the past 10 years. Introduction would be in the 4th quarter. I know this sounds silly but, how many would be in favor of this small increase? **By a show of hands members approved of a \$5.00 increase.**

LVSC New Member Flyers: A reminder to everyone that we have special LVSC flyers in the mailbox to be given out to prospective members.

Can I Bring My Family?: I've recently had numerous inquiries pertaining to bringing family members down to the field while flying. The answer is Yes if they sign a waiver not to make you sleep in the garage in the event of a crash or hard landing. Joking. So, the real answer is we encourage bringing family with one reasonable request. Younger children, 3 to 15, must be kept

from running between spools, digging holes in the dirt, touching others aircraft and sitting on spools.

Can We Bring Food/Drink?: A famous line from Blazing Saddles was “Did you bring enough for everyone”. Well, fortunately that doesn’t apply here. Of course, snacks and drinks are allowed but please avoid soiling the spool tops or leave trash behind. We do not have trash facilities so everyone must hike out their garbage. BTW, this includes, broken wings, props and damaged LiPo’s.

Membership Appreciation / Fun Fly Dates: The Board recently discussed when we might consider hosting fun fly’s and member appreciation days. Due to the heat, it was decided to wait till mid-Sept 2024 to start picking dates. Meanwhile, our new VP, Chad, came up with some great ideas such as: Warbird Day, Helicopter skills, Glider Skills, Inflight Ribbon Cutting and FPV formation events. Any more ideas? **Suggestions such as having prizes and maybe Pylon Racing.**

New Spools: On June 28, 2024 Barry Mattison met me at my house and we pre-cut the carpeting for the seven spools. This carpet was donated by my Daughter for free.. On July 08, 2024, Chad Leonard, Barry Mattison and I met at the field and carpeted the seven “smaller” spools. Our self-imposed deadline was the end of May 2024. These spools were placed adjacent to the larger spools and may be used for small items; radios, tools, batteries, drinks etc.. At the moment we are 99% sure these spools have a hole in the center that could accommodate an umbrella for shade. Holes in the carpet still need to be made.. I am currently negotiating, thru Barry Mattison, to donate the remaining “cardboard” centered spools to the Prop Nut Club in North LV. On 08/08/24 I spoke to Rex at Prop Nuts and they are excited to get these spools and are devising a method to come collect the seven spools. **FLASH: Spools will be picked up on Sept 07, 2024..**

July 2024 TFR: I’d like to say thank you to Mike Dantonio for handing TFR July. Mike took care of both locking down the field and re-opening it for us. In the event of future TFR / NOTAM’s, I will send out via an E-mail blast when the field will be closed and re-opened. The gate will be double pad locked.

Membership ID Card’s: I have seen a wonderful increase in members wearing their ID badges and thank you everyone. If you need a Lanyard or prefer a clip on please let Al Badoux know – I have them with me. Be advised, I have asked Board members to politely remind and ask for ID cards if not in plain view. It’s not fair to YOU if someone sneaks in and uses our field.

FRIA Airfields: As luck would have it, our field was one of the very first to be approved for FRIAS status by the FAA. The FAA has recently released an “**AMA Based FRIA**” map for traveling recreational pilots. LVSC is a validated FRIA field and registered with the FAA. Our FRIA permit will expire on **07/13/27**.

https://faa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9c2e4406710048e19806ebf6a06754ad&fbclid=IwAR2Du0qUS7jHFALQ_UDNT0MjOWMS_paWc0dGa0V9SzMMAAtANhHrp53GcaM

Landscaper Fee Increase: By show of hands, Membership approved the increase in landscaper's fees from \$500.00 to \$600.00 in 2025.

Bike Path Updates: A project, known as the Red Rock Legacy Trails, was introduced to us more than two years ago and seems to be moving very slowly. Apparently the project is still going through approval processes. I was able to contact the current project manager, Tira Faiivae, (<https://www.blm.gov/red-rock-legacy-trail>) for some updated info. Recent info from BLM is that Phase 1 will begin in early 2025. *(Pass Around Maps)*

FAA/USA Vs: Violator's: *Read some recent examples of what both the FAA & USA are busy with regarding drones.* Please make sure you register your drone. Go to: <https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/> You will need to create an account and pay a \$5.00 fee good for 3 years. Read Attachment.

Spectrum Transmitter Updates: How many pilots use Spektrum radios? Well, Spektrum has released transmitter firmware updates for the DX-6E, DX9 and DX18. These updates may be found on their website: <https://spektrumrc.com/MyAccount/Login>

Club Signage: During a previous meeting, we discussed options to help address non-member usage, non-display of ID tags and proper closing of the gate upon departure. In March Al found a sign company that printed us up a nice 18x18" red octagon stop sign with a reminder to lock the gate if you're the last one. This ran the club approx. \$55.00. On June 05, 2024 Barry Mattison installed the sign which we believe is a great reminder to keep our field protected.

Red Safety Line: Once upon a time I agreed to make sure we had a "decent" red safety line, but my attendance was too intermittent and so Barry Mattison volunteered to take over this task. Well, Barry has been exploring other directions in his life and thus has a rare appearance to paint the line. Our very own Facilities Manager, Neal Welch, has agreed to take this responsibility. **FLASH: A few days after this meeting Neal Welch resigned – efforts will be made to recover the paint equipment and Mike Dantonio agreed to keep the line painted..**

Accidents on Site: In the event you injure, or someone else that requires "first aid, and not emergency medical attention, typically all Board members will carry some sort of medical first aid kit. Please ask for immediate assistance. If anyone suffers a serious injury requiring an ER visit, please let me know as the AMA requires a quick recap report. Remember, black tape and duck-tape are frowned upon by spouses as methods of stopping bleeding.

Safety Barrier Project: The club is still researching various methods to accomplish this AMA required project. For those who are not aware, the AMA set out specific guidelines for all clubs to follow which if followed will put them in a **Gold Level Status**. Requirements such as: Specific distances from center of runway to pilots red safety line, spectator physical barriers to prevent unauthorized individuals from stealing/damaging aircraft, safety code & operational rules must be posted. This intern provides special disaster and Flight Site Improvement Grants, to fields per year – we've taken advantage of at least \$2000.00 to help repair our field after a nasty storm tore it up. We've reviewed chain link fences, brick walls, and even our currently failed orange cones with plastic chains – all either too expensive or not long lasting.. Dave

Knapp has suggested a method that would meet our requirements and not break the bank and estimated to be at \$582.00. Neal is currently confirming the prices at our local Home Depot and report back the estimated costs. This project has been tossed front and back for too long and the Board voted this project should have a completion date of the end of October 2024.

What I Miss: So, in the event you were not able to partake in today's fine French pastry, perfectly brewed coffee and listen to me blabbing for 60 minutes, don't worry. The topics discussed today will be posted on our LVSC website – along the top, will be a box marked "Documents". Typically, the notes are posted within a week.

FINANCIAL NEWS: The membership was informed to the current status of the bank account and what transpired. The Board is optimistically working with Barry Mattison to recover the monies without the need of Law Enforcement. On Aug 25, 2024 Barry reached out to the board with a proposal to pay \$3000.00 on Aug 26, 2024 then pay \$800-1000.00 on the 3rd of each month till paid. The Board voted on this, and three out of four approved the plan. Neal Welch resigned his positions as Treasurer and Facilities Manager over this vote. **The Board met with Barry on Aug 26 and received \$3000.00 cash which was deposited into the LVSC acct.**

Now for some fun !! This is the time I ask for suggestions, recommendations, compliments and complaints. Remember we do have a limited budget; we are on Desert Sportsman Rifle Club property and must abide by AMA guidelines.. Go !

1. Add a Location Sign on the bulletin board in case of emergencies (09/03/24)
2. Order New Windsock (09/03/24)
3. Obtain pole long enough to de-tangle windsock (09/03/24)
4. Contact Friendly Hobby for contributions (prizes) (Hold)
5. Consider fund raisers and garage sales to re-coup bank account – hold
6. Consider Swap Meet to re-coup bank account – Share with sister clubs

A motion was made by Al Badoux to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Sandy Tiedeman. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.