

Minutes of Board Meeting, February 10, 2010

All Officers (5) and 3 Board members attended this meeting, held at the Embassy Limousine office.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

The President spoke about the following topics:

- The 2010 Not-for-Profit Corporation Annual Report is ready to be filed with the County Lease Office.
- The MacDill Air Show invited Club Members to display their models. Contact Jerry if interested.
- It was confirmed (with input from a lawyer) that the correct interpretation of the Club bylaws allows for a bylaw change to be initiated after recommendation by the Board of Directors at regular meetings, after discussion and a vote of approval by at least 2/3 of the membership present and in good standing.
- Sending of the Newsletter by regular mail will be done only upon specific request, with e-mail being the default method.
- The Club corporate book and corporate seal are kept at the Club's office, at the field. The book must include minutes from the meetings and various official documents, such as the original Article of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

Additional discussions were focused on:

- Web site conversion is in progress and will use new methods to manage contents. Forums will no longer be supported, to eliminate the need for a moderator and possible liabilities for the material posted therein.
- Field Safety rules should be enhanced to include turbine-powered models requirements, such as turbine waiver, thrust limits, maintenance guidelines, brakes, fire extinguisher, etc. The Safety Officer will provide an excerpt from the AMA turbine rules, focusing on issues specific to our flying field and to be included in the Club's safety rules.

The Treasurer reported that temporary membership is available for a period of up to 30 days, for a \$20 fee. Should the member decide to upgrade to full membership within the 30 days, the reduced fee will be applied to the full membership fee. It was decided that this information should be included in the Membership Application form, as well as posted on the Club web site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

2010 SPARKS Event Calendar

March 3rd	General Membership Meeting
March 10th	Board Meeting 7:00pm at Embassy Limos
March 14th	Contest

SAFETY NOTICE

We'd like to give those members that have chosen to reign in their flying and follow the field safety rules and boundaries a big **THANK YOU!**

We'll continue to monitor this and make sure all of us stay in bounds.

Some comments have been made about safety rules being applied only to certain members and not to others. This is simply not true. We will continue to use common sense in assuring that members follow the safety rules while at the same time try to make our field a fun and safe place to fly.

For those that have been spoken to about violating safety rules, please keep in mind **safety and our field longevity is not a joke.**

NOTICE:

THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL FLYING DURING FIELD MAINTENANCE AND MOWING.

Thanks Bob

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Phil's Hobby Shop 6050 Park Blvd. 545-1251

OTHER NOTES

SPARKS Web Site Upgrade

The SPARKS web site is being upgraded and the forum message area has been disabled. New posts cannot be made while the upgrade is going on. You will still be able to download forms and documents, read posts, etc.

We expect the upgrade should be done by the end of the month.

Entry Road Improvements

If you haven't been to the field lately- the county has smoothed out the entry road and installed new posts along each side. A big THANKS to the county for fixing this entryway! Thanks to Ken Elder for asking the County to repair the road and posts. We can all feel safer when we drive up the driveway knowing we will not fall off the road.

The Weatherman Does Not Like SPARKS

If you haven't been to the field on Sundays, you may not know we have been trying to have a Spot Landing Contest for 4 weeks in a row. The winds and the cold has cancelled it every time. At least we didn't plan a major event. I'll take global warming every time.

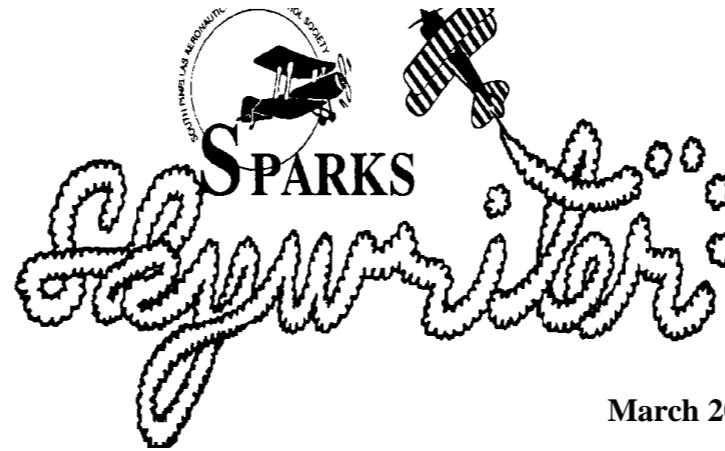
Second Sunday Fun Events

We will try for March 7th weather permitting, to have a spot landing contest. Look for the flyer at the field.



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Next General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00 pm @ at the Pinellas Park Library 7770 52d St North, P.P – beside the P.P. Post Office

Minutes of SPARKS February, 2010 Meeting

22 members, including 6 Officers, attended the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

January General Meeting minutes were read.

Treasurer reported the Club started the period with a cash position of \$14,273.73, had \$1,808.03 income and \$767.15 expenses, and closed with \$15,314.61 cash on hand.

Both minutes and Treasurer report were approved.

President noted that:

- AMA grant request for runway improvements was sent to AMA Vice President. Should hear results in May.
- Club paid \$68 annual fee to the State Business fees.
- Octavio Bataglia, Bob S. and Jerry T. worked on filling runway cracks;

2010 SPARKS OFFICERS

President	Jerry Thornton
Vice President	Steve Laymon
Secretary	Giovanni Recchia
Treasurer	Bob Shadroui
Safety Officer	Tom Elder

- last Sunday landing contest was postponed because of poor weather (Vice President stated that a new attempt will be made on 14 February);
- two model airplanes have been recovered from the mangroves surrounding the small lake east of the field, thanks to aerial survey performed with help of a small camera installed on a UltraStick model.

Unfinished Business: nothing to report.

New Business:

At the last Board meeting, an update to the Club bylaws was unanimously approved by the Board, to clearly spell out that bad behavior and harassment of other members will be reason for suspension of flying rights and eventual membership termination. See specific wording in January Minutes of Board Meeting, included in the last newsletter.

Board believes this change is necessary to avoid the unacceptable situations that had developed last year. The President submitted the change to the general membership for voting (2/3 majority required). Motion was made to accept this new rule. 14 members voted in favor, 1 against. Therefore the change was approved.

Discussions followed about who has the final authority to interpret the bylaws to the membership. It was suggested that the President should have such authority (there are at least two precedents for that).

It was also suggested that some clarification is needed about the process to amend the Club bylaws. AMA should be contacted for guidelines and to obtain an example of general club bylaws, available on the AMA Web site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM. In closing, a raffle was held.