

BAS CLUB MEETING - Minutes
Via Zoom
November 13, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Greg Cooper. There were 10 members & 2 guests in attendance via a Zoom meeting.

Welcome to new flier Gautham for attending his first meeting.

Club Weather Station:

Two fliers from the field (Ira Faberman and Nick Labor) presented a proposal to install a weather station at the field, at no cost to the club. The weather would be accessed via the Weather Underground App. The goal is to have more accurate wind measurements than what are available at surrounding stations, since the topography of the field is unique. Greg Hine made a motion (approved) that we pursue the installation. Ken Jochim and Joe Sherran agreed to help with the mechanics of the installation.

Officer Reports:

Bill Mansfield reported that we currently have 85 members versus 81 last year, with 29 float fliers.

There was nothing to report from the Safety Coordinator.

Secretary Ken Jochim had nothing to report.

Webmaster Mike Gulizia reported that Al Coelho had developed a new club website using WordPress, as discussed at the last meeting. Several of the officers had looked at the new site, and indicated that it looked good. A motion was made & approved to transition to the new website, while we will keep the old site files in case they are needed. The link to the home page is the same as in the past.

Thanks to James Mack for hosting the site for the club, and adapting his server to allow the use of WordPress without impacting his other operations

There was a discussion regarding on line payments for the annual dues, using PayPal. Mike agreed to look into whether our Chase account would support it, and Al will look into what is necessary to allow it to work via the website. We may need to have folks print the application, and either scan it and send it in via Snail mail, or scan it and email it to the Membership Chairman. Ken, Mike, and Al will work together to see if we can get it implemented quickly.

Acting Treasurer Mike Gulizia reported on the state of the Treasury. The only expense was for repairs to the club training aircraft. Mike indicated that the balance in the Training Fund was getting low, and we will need to deal with that at some point.

Old Business:

Training Coordinator Ken Jochim indicated that the receiver had to be replaced in the Club Apprentice, and it is working again. He has one student who is doing very well.

Greg indicated that the STEM fellow from Colorado Springs plans to use the field on Friday 11/15, and

again sometime in March. Ken Jochim volunteered to open the gate for them on Friday.

Ken indicated that in order to register the boat to the club, we need to set up an ‘organization account’ with the CPW, and the process appears straight forward. To do so, we need to get the PO box, and it was agreed that President Greg will get it set up in Niwot. This address will only be used for things like the boat registrations, and will not be listed on the website.

New Business:

Ken discussed the new Federal requirement for filing due to the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) requirements. He indicated we could be exempt from filing if we were a 501 (c) 7 organization, and it appeared relatively straight forward to file for that. Ken will proceed with dealing with both of these before the CTA deadline of year end.

Joe Sherran asked about the use of the electric motor on the float fly boat, and the issues with insurance requirements were reviewed. Joe will talk to a friend in the insurance business and see if he can get us reasonable insurance that would meet the City requirements.

Nominations for Officers:

Al Coelho presented a proposed slate of officers for the coming year:

President – Ken Jochim
Treasurer – Mike Gulizia
Safety Officer – Bill Mansfield
Secretary – (open)

Webmaster – Al Coelho
Membership Chairman – Bill Mansfield
Training Coordinator/Instructor – Ken Jochim
Float Fly – (open)

We will need to find a new Secretary as it is an AMA requirement, and Ken requested that someone pick up the float fly coordinator, as he will be busy with his proposed new positions. It was also noted that we can delete the BPAC position from the Officer Duties section of the website, as we don’t currently need that function.

Ken will send a note to all members about the Nominations, which will be voted on at the December meeting.

Regarding Secretary duties, near the end of the meeting Ken turned on the Zoom AI feature that summarizes the meeting minutes for you. It provided the following summary of the last discussion:

The team explored the use of an AI-powered transcription and summarization tool to assist with note-taking during meetings. The tool's effectiveness and its potential to aid the secretary in note-taking are discussed.

That is verbatim what Zoom produced, and is an accurate summary of that portion of the meeting. It will make taking minutes much easier in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Jochim, Secretary