

The San Diego Flyer

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Our third Zoom meeting had good attendance as Gene pointed out in his minutes of the meeting, Thanks Gene for that summary of what was discussed during the meeting.

Robin McGrew, our new SDUA Field Safety Officer and I met with Bram's Safety Officer, Rich May and two of the Skydive pilots on Saturday Sept 19th along with 13 of our "active ultralight/LSA flyers". The purpose of the meeting was to ensure SDUA pilots understood the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for safely flying into and out of Nichols Field. The SOP outlines proper communication protocol to be used by our pilots when skydiving activities are in progress. The SOP further states no flying activities are allowed during military TAO flying. A schedule will be published showing what days the military will be training and which weekdays we would be allowed to fly.

Rich presented documents and charts that reflect patterns and altitudes for ultralight/LSA flying activities that would make it safe for us to fly on weekends during parachute activity. Bram's primary concern has been the safety of his jumpers – especially those who are new to skydiving.

SDUA pilots present during this briefing must agree to the rules contained in the SOP and agree to follow those procedures when flying at Nichols. If you were not at this briefing and plan to fly at Nichols on the weekends, you will first need to attend a future safety review hosted by Robin McGrew.

I will have more to say next month about the lease negotiations occurring with the city, so stay tuned.

Plan to join us in the next Zoom meeting on Saturday Oct 3rd at 10AM.

Until then, stay safe and stay cool.

Larry

SDUA Meeting Minutes Sept 5th, 2020

President **Larry Faust** brought the meeting to order at 10AM with a prayer. Our meeting was held online via Zoom.

Guest attendees: **Roger Drews** came to visit and is interested in gyros and also wants a fixed wing endorsement. **Alex Bridgwell** has been in the Navy for four years and would like to get involved. **Vince Stroud** also came to visit and is interested in ultralights. **Bill Barlow** is also a visiting guest.

Mark Novak gave his treasurers report. The club spent \$ 95.88 for the club website. We have \$ 62,322.67 in the club account. **Mark** has agreed to take over the duties of webmaster. Congratulations to **Mark Novak** for his good work.

Larry Faust stated he has been in communication with Sky Dive co-owner **Bram**. **Larry** stated he is reasonably confident that SDUA will be granted a sublease to the airfield from Sky Dive and is also confident Sky Dive will receive a lease extension for the airfield from the city. **Larry** stated he expects a five-year lease renewal. Sky Dive still needs the water department approval and of course the San Diego City Council must approve the lease. Our current lease will continue on a month to month basis until a new lease is approved. Sky Dive must mitigate the damage done to the hillside which could be quite expensive. **Larry** stated the city inspectors came to the airfield. May of the hangers are dilapidated and may need to be replaced. **Bram** may build new metal hangers to city code and with power.

There will be a mandatory meeting on September 19 at 10AM at the airfield. This meeting is for all active flyers and is a safety meeting with Sky Dive safety manager **Rich May**. The meeting will cover safety procedures and the landing pattern for ultralights and light sports.

Past president **Glenn Frehafer** recently became ill with Covid 19 but has since recovered and is doing well.

Former Navy fighter pilot and airline captain **Jerry Blaskey** recently fell and injured his back. **Jerry** will remain active in the club but will no longer be flying. His Skyboy light sport is for sale.

19 people attended the meeting online. The meeting ended at 11:15AM.