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Happy New Year! 2021 promises to be a better year and hopefully we will once again be able to meet in our clubhouse at Nichols.

If you haven't sent in your dues for SDUA Club Membership, please do so right away. Thank you to those who sent in their 2021 dues before the first of the year.

Regarding the incident with the Quicksilver II that crashed into the trees last month, it all turned out okay. The pilot, Tyson Padilla, was not hurt and had his LSA removed from the trees at the East end of the lake by hiring a helicopter from Brown Field to lift it and carry his damaged aircraft to his hanger (see attached video). Bram told me Tyson was no longer welcome at the field because (prior to his crash) he had landed on Otay Lake with floats after he was told by Bram not to. Also, Tyson was not even a member of the club. I gave Tyson a written notice citing the reasons he was no longer allowed to fly at Nichols and that he needs to remove his damaged craft from Nichols by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

<https://youtu.be/u6JxISwhNIY>

A committee, headed by Tim Gaub, has been formed to prepare the club's position on the upcoming negotiations with Bram regarding our new sub-lease with Skydive SD. Committee members, Dean Ganzer, Robin McGrew, Tim Gaub, Mark Novak & Gene Kendall will meet this month and give the club a report on their findings and recommendations at the next club Zoom meeting.

This week, I flew with Steve Leary in the SportStar from Palomar Airport to the Coronado Bridge and back. What a fantastic, clear, and smooth flight! We flew at 1000 feet south along the coast then at 500 feet through the LF Bravo Airspace, then thru SD Bay, over the bridge and made a 180 degree turn and back the same route (see attached pictures). Steve is an excellent pilot and did a great job flying and communicating with the towers at KCRQ, LF and North Island. Thanks Steve.

Hope to see all of you on the February Zoom call.

Larry

## SDUA Meeting Minutes January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Our meeting was held online via Zoom.

Guest attendees: **Adam Li** is a visitor and new club member. **Adam** is a student pilot and has a building project; a 1985 biplane. Welcome, **Adam**. **Bill Barlow** is a new club member. He retires in March of this year and has a Javelin ultralight kit he will be working on. Welcome, **Bill**.

**Mark Novak** gave his treasurers' report. We collected \$ 2,795 in hanger rents and paid out \$ 100 in rent to Skydive. We paid out \$ 3,033 to EAA for club renewal and insurance. We currently have \$ 71,078.76 in the club account. And as a reminder, we may need to pay most of this money back to Skydive when we sign a new sub-lease in a few months.

**Mike Sandlin** (membership) said we currently have 16 paid members in our club for 2021. **Mike** asked all to pay their \$40 club membership dues this month.

**Larry Faast** said a few years ago, our airport rent went from \$ 2,750 per month down to \$ 100 per month that we pay to Skydive. We will need to pay the accumulated back rent back to Skydive when an agreeable five-year sub-lease is signed. This will hopefully take place in the spring of this year. **Larry** said that Skydive owner **Bram** wants more space for his flying operation. We may need to tear down some or all of the current hangers we have.

**Larry** said that **Kurt Phaff** no longer has any presence at the airfield. He has moved his plane to Brown Field.

Pres. **Larry Faast** discussed action that the club took against **Tyson Padilla**. **Tyson** has never been a member of the club but was using a hanger at the field to house and fly his plane. He recently crashed his plane at the end of the main runway in the trees. He survived the crash without injury, but his plane was damaged. President **Larry Faast** and Skydive owner **Bram** both told him to contact the FAA regarding the crash of his N numbered plane. He refused. This could cause problems with the city and the FAA regarding SkyDrive's lease renewal.

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It was also learned that **Tyson** had previously landed his float plane on Lower Otay Lake, which is not allowed. **Tyson** did not follow SDUAs rules per our leasehold and our insurance. **Larry** held a Zoom meeting with a quorum of the club officers. As per this meeting, **Larry** sent a letter to **Tyson** informing him hs is not allowed to fly his plane at our airfield and he must vacate from the airfield premises by March1st, 2021. **Larry** said he is confident **Tyson** will comply with the letter.

A vote was taken for the club's 2021 officers. The vote was unanimous for approving the slate of officers.

**Larry Faast** – President

**Tom Miller** – Vice President

**Mark Novak** – Treasurer

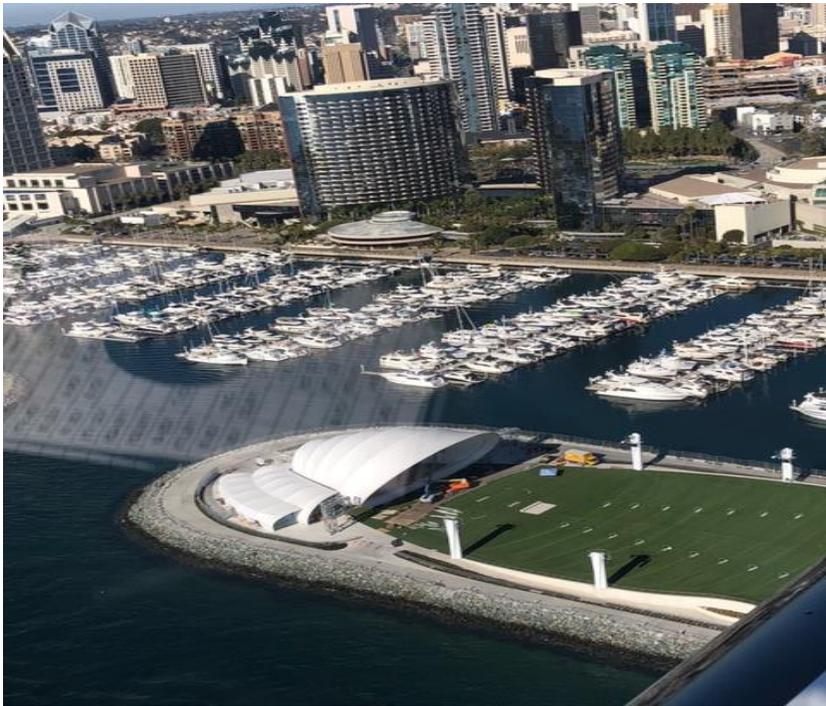
**Gene Kendall** – Secretary

A second vote was taken and **Al Sayder** was voted as club Tech Advisor.

15 people attended our Zoom meeting. The meeting ended at 11:30AM.

Steve (PIC) and Larry's recent flight in the SportStar.







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