

Mother Lode Sky Riders Association Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2025

MLSRA Board Meeting Called to order by Secretary Michael Soderstrom at 7:06 PM. Held online via Zoom.

Attendance:

Michael Soderstrom
William Dickey
Richard Sibley
Dan Zaslavsky

Secretary's Report:

- 2024 Board Meeting Minutes posted to website.
- Completed 2025 RRRG insurance documents.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income from membership dues is \$1,020.
- Bank account balance is \$4,445.
- Paid RRRG insurance fees for 2025. The total amount of \$1,179.00 was reduced by a one time USHPA subsidy of \$433.00.
- First payment to launch landowner of \$1,200 has not been made. Need to verify and send payment.
- 2025 Mariposa County Tax not yet paid. Due by the end of September.

Safety Officer's Report:

No safety incidents were reported since the last board meeting.

Old Business:

- Combine bank accounts. Decision made to close BofA bank account with almost \$0 balance. Link PayPal account from BofA to Wells Fargo account.
- MID Facilities Use License Agreement. Will continue with the existing agreement.
- IRS tax postcard(990N) was sent out for 2024. Treasurer to check on CA 199N.

Officer Elections:

Election Candidates for the 2025-2026 Term:

- President: Michael Soderstrom
- Vice President:
- Secretary: Chris Farnum-McCabe
- Treasurer: Richard Sibley
- Treasurer Alternate: William Dickey

- Safety Officer (HG):
- Safety Officer (PG): Dan Zaslavsky

Members present unanimously elected the new board officers.

Mailing Address:

Due to a move, the club address is no longer correct. Secretary proposed a motion to change Street Address, Mailing Address and Agent for Service of Process Address to 390 Estudillo Ave, Apt 5, San Leandro, CA 94577-4720.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Financial Viability:

As costs continue to exceed membership fees, the club existence is in peril. Possible solutions were discussed.

- Consolidating local flying clubs could keep this site and other flying sites open by reducing insurance costs and expenses.
- Eliminate the private launch and look for a new launch location and access road on BLM land.
- Negotiate an easement for the current launch and private road with the help of the Foundation for Free Flight.
- Renegotiate launch payment to a sustainable amount.
- Renegotiate Insurance requirements with MID.

Fall Flying Events:

An additional flying event on September 20-21 is scheduled to encourage pilots to fly McClure more. The traditional Oktoberfest event is scheduled for October 4-5. A grill for potluck will be available for pilots and guests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM September 9th, 2025.