

ERCA Minutes 02/18/2025

- Attendance: 13

Treasurer's Report

Balance:	January 11th, 2025	\$8,310.32
Expenses:	Swap meet venue balance (note, \$200 of this is a refundable cleaning deposit)	\$525.00
	Abby's Pizza - Club Meeting	\$189.41
	OR DoJ Charities annual filing fee	\$20.00
	AMA Club Charter fee	\$130.00
	USPS PO Box renewal	\$192.00
	Float for swap meet	\$50.00
	Oregon Business Registry filing fee	\$50.00
	Total Expenses	\$1,156.41
Income:	2025 Dues & new member fees	\$674.86
	Swap meet table fees	\$281.90
	Total Income	\$956.76
Balance:	February 8th, 2025	\$8,110.67

- As of Feb 8th, 35 members had renewed for 2025.
 - With our 4 club officers, that gives us a membership count of 39 people.
 - 5 members have renewed since then.
 - 24 members from 2024 have not yet renewed.
 - Nolan Jenkins and Adam Walsh have joined the club
- Per Article 3, sections 5.3 & 5.4 of the by-laws, if you have not renewed by the February meeting, a \$10 late fee will be added to your renewal dues.
- If you have not renewed by the March meeting, you will be dropped from club membership and not allowed to fly at the ERCA field.
- If you renew after that, you will be required to pay the initiation fee again.

Old Business:

- Swap Meet

Expenses:	Venue	\$525.00
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	Insurance	\$30.00
	Coffee supplies & donuts for set up crew	\$39.94
	Total Expenses	\$644.94
Income:	Table fees (24 paid tables, club table was no charge)	\$606.07
	Admissions	\$436.00
	Venue cleaning deposit refund*	\$200.00
	Club sales (Thank you Roger!)*	\$563.00
	Total Income	\$1,805.07
Total:		\$1,160.13

* = Money anticipated but not received by club treasure as of 2.17.

- Martin is proposing a change to the club's bylaws to move membership to 12-month annual membership, rather than the current calendar year-based model. This has several advantages:
 - It reduces the workload for processing membership renewals, as they will not all happen in the same couple of months each year.
 - We can look into things like multi-year membership renewals (like the AMA offers).
 - We do not have to pro-rate membership at all.
 - Members could renew their club membership at the same time as they renew their AMA membership if they wish.
 - We can move to creating membership badges and mailing them out on receipt of member dues.
- Jim brought up the state of the field.
 - Brian & Les filled the elk tracks with dirt. Thank you!
 - Watering crew – put away crew needs a few more volunteers. Let Jim know if you can help.
 - Mowing crew – Jim is looking at putting a schedule together.
- Brian brought up drone racing as a possible activity.
 - Brian talked to Adam at Eugene Toy & Hobby and they feel there is nothing interesting at our field.

New Business:

- Martin has done the required paperwork for 2025:
 - Renewed the AMA Charter Club status (including renewing the Silver status level).
 - Filed the IRS e-postcard for the club.
 - Renewed the Oregon DoJ charity status.
 - Renewed the Oregon Business Registry filing.
 - Renewed the club PO Box.
- Roger shared about Dale Williams passing away.
 - There is going to be a memorial service in April.

- Jim has set up a remembrances page for Dale. Let Jim know if you'd like to contribute to it.
- Roger has been contacted by the FAA training program.
 - They would like to do a drone training event the morning of Sunday June 1st.
 - There were no objections to allowing this.
 - They said they did not require all the airspace, so it will not close the field to flying.
- Brain suggested doing a chili fly-in or another food related event.
 - Ken proposed aligning it with the first meeting at the airfield, April 19th.
- Ken asked about the budget for MonsterFest prizes
 - It was proposed we stick to the same budget as last year (\$1500)
- Dan asked if we would be interested in a large picnic table.
 - There is one being given away via YouTube.
 - It is probably too big for our club.
- It was proposed that when the weather gets better, we should review the furniture at the field
 - Patch up anything that needs repairing.
 - Dispose of items that are not repairable.
- March meeting at Abby's – Tuesday March 18th.