

Miniature Aero Sportsters Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Resolution on Turbine Jet Operations – October 11, 2025

Meeting Overview

The Board of Directors for the Miniature Aero Sportsters (MAS) convened on October 11, 2025, to address critical issues related to the club's field operations. In attendance were Board members Jack Dunkle, Mark Nicastle, Ken Roberts, Bob Salmon, and Dan Brandenburger (Treasurer/Secretary). Sean Sutton, though unable to attend in person, was fully briefed by Jack Dunkle both before and after the meeting and subsequently provided his vote on the discussed topics.

Purpose of the Meeting

The primary objective of this meeting was to evaluate concerns regarding the operation of Turbine Jet aircraft at the MAS field. The Board sought to review existing policies and examine the risks associated with allowing Turbine Jets on the club's leased property.

Background and Research Process

To support a well-informed decision, Jack Dunkle led comprehensive research into the advantages and disadvantages of Turbine Jet operations, specifically in the context of the MAS field. Insights were gathered from club presidents throughout the state, providing a broad spectrum of opinions and experiences. The Board's discussion centered on three major risk factors:

- The potential for fire incidents caused by turbine jets.
- The likelihood of exceeding altitude limits set by the FAA.
- The chance of aircraft flying beyond the boundaries of the MAS field property.

Member Input and Feedback

To gather input on Turbine Jet operations at the MAS field, Jack Dunkle sent a questionnaire to all club members via Google Groups. This voluntary survey provided club members with an opportunity to share their opinions, support, and concerns about the ongoing debate.

The feedback collected from this initiative played a crucial role in shaping the Board's discussion and final decision. Most members expressed agreement with the Board's main concerns and opposed the operation of Turbine Jets at the field. Among those currently flying Turbine Jets, several offered constructive suggestions intended to mitigate potential risks. Despite these efforts, the Board determined that the proposed solutions would not sufficiently address the identified issues, and consistent monitoring of compliance would be impractical.

Overall, the member input was instrumental in guiding the Board toward a resolution that reflects the collective interests and safety priorities of the MAS membership.

Board Decision

After a thorough review of the research findings and member feedback, the Board of Directors reached a majority decision **to prohibit** Turbine Jet aircraft from operating at the MAS field. This resolution underscores the Board's commitment to member safety and the long-term sustainability of the organization.

No additional feedback or opinions on this issue will be considered. The prohibition of Turbine Jet aircraft at the MAS field is **effective as of October 13, 2025**, and will remain in effect indefinitely.

(signed) Jack Dunkle, President, Miniature Aero Sportsters