



Board Meeting Minutes November 7, 2018.

Members in attendance: Cliff Belleau, Chuck Hosack, Ed White, Bernie Willis, Sam Warner, Tom Lawhorn, Bob Edison, and Lars Gleitsmann.

Meeting was called to order by President Willis at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's report: Checking: We are entering a new dues cycle for winter, we have approximately 40 members currently. Current finances: Checking: \$1,606.99 CD: \$10,020.02 Petty Cash: \$272.26 Pay Pal: \$1,397
Total: \$13,251.28.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October board meeting were accepted as presented.

Government Affairs:
Proposition 1 defeated.

Some states (notably Hawaii) do not allow aircraft maintenance and amateur built projects in hangars on airports accepting AIP funding. This is against AIP rules, however only with vigilance, can we be sure that the airports follow the AIP rules.

Anchorage International Airport is planning for an expansion of its cargo facilities and is billing itself as a "Cargo Center".

AK DOT is now seeking "sponsors" for the Birchwood airport and 5 other airports in the Mat-Su valley.

Airframes/Alaska Bushwheels is rumored to be moving from Birchwood airport to an off airport location in the Mat-Su valley.

Old Business:

Elections: Our next vacancies are for the VP and treasurers positions. These positions would be filled in the May 2020 election. Rick Henry had volunteered to lead the election committee at our August 2018 board meeting before the membership chose to change our election cycle at the August 2018 general meeting. The board discussed asking Rick if he would chair the committee for the next cycle.

November Meeting: Lars will coordinate a visit to a DC-3 restoration project. Location TBD.



December: Traditionally we do not have a chapter meeting, the board decided to continue this tradition.

Cliff raised the question regarding chapter “sponsorships” of other group’s events. This was brought up by EAA national last month regarding liability and chapters activities. This also coincided with the Alaska Airmen listing the EAA as a sponsor for their gubernatorial candidate’s town hall. Bernie stated that he did not receive a request from the Airmen before they sent out information listing us as a “sponsor”. Bernie said he would contact the executive director of the Airmen and remind them that listing us as a sponsor for future events and activities requires some approvals from our organization.

New Business:

Tentatively Lars will host a BBQ at his hangar at Birchwood. Date, time and confirmation TBD.

January meeting: Lars will give a presentation on his Lockheed restoration.

Bernie asked us where we should be heading as an organization.

Discussion ensued and it appeared that engagement of new members (specifically younger people) and youth programs seem to be the concern of the members present. Some areas to explore:

Ed White brought up the idea of hands on training at some of our meetings. Bernie thought we could have a goal of hands on training every third meeting. Some topics suggested were : welding, owner maintenance, hose and line assembly.

Sam noted that the Airmen have a Next Gen group targeting mostly aspiring pilots. We should consider coordinating with the Airmen on this. We should announce our meetings to the Airmen and ask that they pass that along to their members.

Sam also thought we could engage more in social media. Young people tend to follow Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, and Twitter. Sam offered to populate Instagram with our Facebook posts.

It was noted that young people interested in aviation are also into drones and RC models.

Lars brought up that Rob Stapleton is producing an aviation show each week and is always looking for content. We can offer him access to our meetings/programs and we can benefit from the higher profile.



Bernie reminded us that we have a chapter membership committee that is currently not active. He indicated that a good potential chairman would be Claude Adams.

We discussed remembering to recognize new members at our meetings, and that the group introductions are a good meeting practice to bring others into our circle. The board discussed welcoming new members on our website.

Bob Edison brought up purchasing chapter logo coffee cups. The board did not take action.

Trade Show: The Alaska Airmen's 2019 aviation gathering applications have been sent out. The president of the Airmen had told Bernie that the chapter would get a free booth for 2019 since we were not offered a discount in 2018, despite our members assisting in the event as volunteers.

Eagles and Young Eagles programs:

It was noted that the chapter membership does not seem to have much enthusiasm for the programs, the same couple of members end up doing the majority of the work. No solutions were presented.

It was suggested that we could coordinate with the Airmen and other aviation programs. Bernie and Sam will try to get together with the coordinator of the Airman's youth programs (Oscar).

Flight Advisory:

Chuck told us that the EAA has a new flight test manual available with flight test cards, the manual is \$20.

Meeting adjourned at about 9:15.