



## **Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2019**

Members in attendance: Cliff Belleau, Bernie Willis, Lars Gleitsmann, Rob Stapleton, Tom Lawhorn, Jim Moss, Chuck Hosack, guest Rick Eben.

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

Treasurer's report: Total funds: \$13,878. \$1884 was transferred from the PayPal account to checking. There was some brief discussion regarding moving the chapter's funds from the current bank to one with lower or no fees associated with a checking account. The chapter was informed that a Schwab CD would have 1.85% interest for the first year with 2% thereafter. No action was taken.

Secretaries Report: The minutes from August board meeting accepted as presented.

Government Affairs:

EAA National is concerned about a proposed drone waiver by Amazon allowing out of line of sight operations.

The Birchwood airport ramp repaving continues to be behind schedule and the layout has problems and creates conflicts with existing leaseholders.

Old business:

September membership meeting: Bernie and Cliff will provide a discussion of aircraft fuel injection systems and carburetors. Location is TBA.

Tom Lawhorn delivered the order of member name tags to Bernie.

Website Photo's:

No further contact has been received from "Higbee & Associates" since Al Clayton sent a letter on the Chapters behalf defending the chapter. Higbee had sent Rick a letter demanding \$1775 for alleged copy write infringement regarding a photo of the Costa Concordia that was posted on our website

Life Membership donation to the Airmen: Bernie was contacted by Zoya of the Airmen and the confusion was resolved.

New Business:



Rick Eeben told the board that Vern Seifert's brother would like to have Vern's aircraft donated to the EAA museum in Oshkosh. Vern passed away in March at age 94 and had two truly experimental aircraft. Vern's brother was interested in obtaining funding to help move the aircraft and for their restoration. Neither aircraft is safe for flight at this time. The board suggested that Rick contact the EAA museum directly to see if they would accept the donation,

Medallion Foundation: The Medallion foundation has had its funding cut and apparently will soon stop operations. The chapter board is aware that the assets will likely be distributed to another non-profit organization(s), however the chapter has minimal funding for storage or maintenance of any items that may come from the foundation.

CAP: The state of Alaska has cut more funding from the CAP in this year's budget.

Safety Meetings: The Alaskan Airmen will be hosting a safety meeting with the NTSB on Thursday night (9/5/19), Bernie will attend.

The NTSB will have a meeting regarding safety trends for Alaskan commercial operators at the Wendy Williams auditorium at the UAA campus on Friday (9/6/19).

Scholarships: Bernie related that his friends in Iceland hold an annual pancake breakfast with a bit of an airshow. The breakfast nets \$4,000 for their organization. Jim Moss stated that one of the Arizona chapters he works with uses their Young Eagles credits to pay for youth to attend the EAA Air Academy.

There is an EAA chapter tool purchase program that allows a 50% discount on up to \$200 worth of tools for a limited time for tools purchased by the chapter. The board declined to purchase any additional tools at this time.

A Spitfire on an around the world flight is expected to be in Anchorage at the Aviation Museum on Tuesday (9/10/19).

Matt Freeman has one spare space in his hangar (on Birchwood) for the winter.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30.