

EAA Chapter 42

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

7 August 2024

- 1) Call to Order at 1922 local, 0322 Zulu.
- 2) Attendees: Chris Gill, Chuck Hosack, Ed White, Mark Frischkorn, Lars Gleitsmann, Walter Yankauskas, Rande Lucas, Rick Henry, Sara Maurer, and a cameo appearance by Tom Lawhorn
- 3) VP Report:
 - Nothing new to report due to lack of attendance by the VP.
 - Scott (the other VP) McEwen provided an email summary of various events. See Appendix A, attached.
- 4) Secretary's Report
 - The secretary is happy to hang around all these experienced guys and gals and soak up knowledge about EAA and airplane building.
 - Minutes from previous meeting were emailed to board members prior to this meeting.
 - The secretary's airplane kit is scheduled to ship from the factory on August 16th.
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - Ed distributed updated Treasurers report
 - Ed noted several club CD's have matured, but there are some left to mature. He proposed moving the proceeds to our checking account until after the November elections to see if interest rates rise since they are currently at 4%. We would be able to get 4.5% if we combine our smaller CD's into one larger one if we wait until the next one matures. Motion was approved after discussion.
 - Ed noted future transactions with FNBA to set up more CDs will require signatures from club officers each time. Ed apologized for the inconvenience.
- 6) Government Affairs Report
 - Lars discussed issues with national efforts to develop a lead-free alternative to leaded Avgas. He noted that AOPA test airplane at Oshkosh was reported to have issues with the fuel tank with the alternative fuel, but few details were available. There seems to be little substantive evidence as to actual problem and whether it was actually related to the new fuel as reported here, which is the only article on the subject that could be located by the secretary. <https://www.flyingmag.com/aircraft/stains-reported-on-wing-of-aopa-aircraft-fueled-by-gami-g100ul/>
 - Lars also noted that shortages of avgas are occurring in Canada. <https://www.pacificflying.com/avgas-shortage-in-bc/>
- 7) Status of past action items
 - June BBQ at Bernie's
 - Chris proposed moving this event back to Tuesday evenings to increase attendance since Alaskan summer weekends are generally tightly scheduled by most folks. Attendees at the board meeting discussed and agreed with the concept.
 - July 27th Merrill Field Open House
 - Thanks to Paul Ruppel and John Nealon for staffing EAA table.
 - Aug 3rd Young Eagles
 - Flew 37 Kids
 - Tom Lawhorn discussed issues with getting computers and printers to properly function at events such as this one. All flights were documented with pen and paper due to issues getting the computer and printer to communicate/function. Chris floated the idea of purchasing a club laptop

and printer to help resolve this problem. This idea was tabled for a later meeting and more research.

- July 12-15 McCarthy Fly In
 - Scott attend this fly in sponsored by the RAF. Board members talked about piggy backing on other fly ins in the future as opposed to trying to organize our own.
- Nothing has happened with the tools that belong to the Rotary Club in Ed's hangar. Al Clayton has not picked them up. Chris stated he would pick up the tools and deliver them to Al.

8) Upcoming:

- Tuesday, August 27th – Chapter Meeting
 - Tom Lawhorn agreed to host the August meeting at Matt Freemans hanger in Birchwood. Tom will show off his ready to fly, or possibly already flown, Glastar.
- September – TBD
- October – TBD
- November – TBD
- December – (we usually do not hold a December meeting due to the holidays)
- January - TBD

9) Possible future Saturday Builder Workshops (Plan/sched w/ Chris, Chuck, & Cliff)

- Bernie – Stewart Systems Workshop
- Lars – Oratex Workshop
- Cliff & Chuck – Engines
- Tom's Glasair – Weight & Balance
- Wheels & Brakes

10) Future Meetings

- Chuck suggested meeting at the Aviation Museum to look at the Norseman progress. We'll need to do this soon before the plane is moved out of the restoration hanger.
- Chris agreed to talk to the Merrill Field Tower about hosting a club meeting. (Anson Moxness's idea from a past meeting)
- Oshkosh wrap up from those who attended in 2024. (Mark Barker, Bob Lee, John and Sue Davis, Dave Sch)
- Flying from Alaska to the lower 48. Many club members have made this trek, and Scott McEwen has a lower 48 pilot friend who would be willing to do a Zoom presentation in the future.
- Lars has a friend with a Highlander in Wasilla who might be willing to host a meeting.
- Rob Smarts hanger and planes (located 1 mile West of Bernie's in Wasilla – AK08 Airstrip)

11) Discussion on disposition of funds from Chuck's generous donation to the club

- Scott proposed (via email) a meeting with Ak Airmens to discuss partnering on a scholarship. The team discussed who should attend such a meeting. Chuck, Sara, Chris and Ed expressed a desire to attend and participate depending on their availability.
- Ed and others suggested making sure the scholarship is open to all aviation fields including pilots, mechanics, traffic controllers, aviation focused engineers, etc.
- Sara Maurer suggested talking to other aviation groups who already provide scholarship so we can find a path that best matches the clubs wishes. Potential groups could include the 99's, Women in Aviation, EAA, etc.
- The team discussed being cautious about spending our club funds too quickly.
- Rick Henry noted that at 4% return on the CDs, we could afford to offer \$1,800 scholarships annually without loss of principal.

12) Scale Certification

- Tom Lawhorn would like to get the scales certified this year to weigh his airplane rather than wait until next year, which is the 4th year our new scale policy requires.
- Ed made a motion to allocate \$200 toward helping Tom get the scales certified now. After some lively discussion, this motion did not pass.
- Chris made a motion for the club to just certify the a few months early, since the certification process may take a couple months anyway. This motion passed, with one dissenting vote.

13) Information Request

- Chris was contacted by a local F-22 pilot working on an airplane build looking for information on Rotax engines.
- Chuck Hosack and Dave Baldwin were both recommended as points of contact for Chris to provide to this individual.
- It was noted we should be able to get a meeting or two out of this guy, either involving his build or F-22 aircraft.

14) Adjourned at 2130 local, 0530 Zulu.

Appendix A

VP Report

Chris et al, my co-VP report:

1. Chapter 42's 501(c)(3) Status - awaiting call-back from IRS Taxpayer Advocate's Alaska rep, Karalee Burgess
 1. Oct 6, 1986 - IRS determination letter recognizes Chapter 42 as 501(c)(4), allowing 42 to be tax-exempt but not allowing tax-deductions to donors. BAD.
 2. Jan 7, 1987 - IRS response letter to 42's application for 501(c)(3) status--which does allow tax-donations to donors--stating "we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3)". GOOD.
 3. Yet, 42 is still listed by IRS as 501(c)(4) which prevented a potentially sizable grant to 42 from The Alaska Community Foundation in support of educational equipment (flight sims) for 42's newly formed Young Aviators. BAD
 4. Feb 7, 2023 - McEwen, after consultation from Al Clayton, mailed a letter to IRS requesting recognition of 501(c)(3) status, based on Jan 7 1987 determination.
 5. Mar 3, 2023 - IRS responded in 2 letters, "We're unable to locate the documents you requested." and "We issued you a determination letter in october 1986, recognizing you as ... 501(c)(4). ... You should advise your contributors that their contributions to you aren't deductible." BAD
 6. Jan 31, 2024 thru Mar 1 - McEwen consulted with Patt Arthur--tax attorney with many years of experience helping EAA chapters and author of EAA's tax exempt webinars. Patti advised on two approaches: 1) file an IRS Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance (no cost), and/or 2) file with IRS for a new EIN and file a new IRS application for 501(c)(3) status (IRS fees). GOOD
 7. Mar 1, 2024 - McEwen filed (1) above; if unsuccessful will determine costs for (2) above and present to 42 Board.
 8. Jul 15-16, 2024 - Karalee Burgess, the Alaska-based representative of the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service called. After discussion of our case, she offered to explore our case with IRS and report back to me.
 9. **Next steps: If Ms. Burgess/IRS can't fix our problem, I--with guidance from Patti Arther--will gather the costs for obtaining a new EIN, filing IRS app, and registering with state ... to present to the 42 Board for approval.**
2. Chapter 42 Scholarship research - Conversation with Abby Austin and our proposed follow-up meeting with her.
 1. This past spring, Abby Austin (Exec Dir, Alaska Airmen's Association) gave me an overview of how 42 could dovetail with Alaska Airmen's Association scholarship program. We could use 42 money, or 42 money + Airmen money, or just Airmen money. Airmen would deal with the administration. 42 could name the scholarship. 42 could provide our own applicant review/award team or default to the Airmen's applicant review/award process. EAA Chapter 43 (Erie, CO) has an excellent model for the application, review, award, tracking process; my wife, Trice, is on their scholarship team and we'd be glad to facilitate a conversation between interested 42'ers and the 43 team.
 2. I just spoke with Abby Austin about our involvement and she's ready to be very creative and flexible to whatever level we might want to participate
 1. Annual timeframe:
 1. Jan 1 - Mar 1: Airmen accept apps
 2. Mar - 3 Airmen members screen the typical 250-280 applications, reducing them by 50%. Then, they categorize by applicant's certification/rating goal.
 3. Apr - Selections made. **Perhaps, Chapter 42 could engage at this phase to obtain the applications for PPL SEL, for instance, select one (or more?), and fund at what ever amount is sustainable for us. There's an option to invest an about of \$2,500; Airmen's will match up to \$10,000 in**

\$2,500 increments. We can use Chapter 43's tracking process to monitor our awardee's progress and maybe even leverage incremental payments to the awardee based on their progress.

4. May, first full weekend. Awards made at Great Alaska Aviation Gathering (a.k.a., Airmen's trade show) in Palmer.
3. **Next steps: Meet with Abby to work out particulars; I would be grateful to any 42 Board member(s) who would join this meeting with Abby. Report proposal back to 42 Board for decision.**
3. Aug 3rd - EAA 42 Young Eagles @ Airmen's Youth Aviation Day, UAA Aviation Tech Cntr on Merrill Field - See eaa42.org/#news
 1. 37 kids flown! A Chapter 42 record? Thanks to the following!:
 2. Pilots: Al Clayton (PA-18), Burke Wick (RV-8), Jim Moss (172K), Pete Brown (170B)
 3. Ground: Tom Lawhorn, Mark Frischkorn, Cliff Belleau, Dave Baldwin, Andrew Merrill, Heather Smith & son, Issac
 4. Tom & Heather - Thanks for taking on the electronics and software--and for making the manual paper process work!
 5. Kids flown annually, not counting 1-offs by individual pilots:
 1. 2021 (B&G Club @ BCV + LHD) = 14 + 28 = 42
 2. 2022 (B&G Club @ BCV + MRI) = 14 + 29 = 43
 3. 2023 (B&G Club @ BCV + MRI) = 12 + 31 = 43
 4. 2024 (BCV + MRI) = 9 + 37 = 46
4. July 27th - EAA 42 at Merrill Field Hangar Party - See eaa42.org/#news
 1. Thanks to Paul Ruppel and John Nealon for representing Chapter 42 with vigor, knowledge, wisdom, and smiles! This event kicks off an annual open house at MRI, leading to the Field's Centennial Celebration in 2030. Vickie Domke came out, as well.
 2. Met new MRI Airport Mgr, Earl Malpass
 3. By the numbers:
 1. Internally publicized to email groups. 100ish attendees.
 2. 5 sponsors: (UAA & MRI in-kind; Airmen's & 2 FAA ATC unions cash)
 3. 12 aircraft: McNamara's 1929 Travel Air 4-D; CAF's Harvard & BT-13; T-6; Miller's L-13 Dragonfly; Compton's Widgeon (Navy markings); UAA's C-180 & R-44; Alyeska's R-22; Stinson 108-1; C175A; PA-11
 4. 5 trucks: 2 MRI CAT 966 & 160 snow plows; ATCM's 1942 Ford GPW Jeep & WC-63 6x6; AFD Truck 3 (2023 Rosenbauer Commander R6011, w/ 104' [Cobra](#) rear-mount platform
 5. 15 Exhibitors: Alaska Airmen's Assoc, Alaska Fire Dept, Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) (ATCM), Alaska Veterans Museum, AOPA, CAF Alaska Wing, EAA Chapter 42, Lake Hood SimCenter, Recreational Aviation Foundation, UAA, USAF ROTC. Flight schools: Angel Aviation, Land and Sea Aviation, Alyeska Helicopters, UAA Aviation Tech Cntr Flight & Mx
5. July 12-15 - Eighth Annual Aviators/Pioneers of Alaska Expedition to McCarthy, AK
 1. Hosts: Al Clayton, Ray Huot, and Stef Goza
 2. Location: Fireweed
 3. Activities: Tons of fun around fire pit, great potluck feeds; cleared brush at NPS Peavine airstrip Saturday; cleaned up Kennicott Cemetery Sunday.
 4. Time with new friends and air-tour of mountain majesties: Priceless!
6. June events, including BBQ at Bernie's, see eaa42.org/#news

Thank you buds! Hoping to see ya'll in latter Aug.

--Scott McEwen
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