

EAA Chapter 42
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025

- 1) Called to Order at 1911 Local.
- 2) Attendees: Ed White, Chuck Hosack, Scott McEwen, Walter Yankauskas, Rande Lucas, Anson Moxness, Tom Lawhorn, and Mark Frischkorn. Scott presided over the meeting as president in the absence of President Gill.
- 3) Secretary's Report
 - The minutes of the December 4th board meeting were accepted and approved.
- 4) Presidents report
 - The idea of raising dues was discussed. Ed noted that we have about \$1,500 in expenses every year, plus our new annual scholarship donation to the Alaska Airmen's Association of \$1,500. , Our annual income consists of about \$1,000 from the dues of our current 42 members, and an estimated \$1,575 from interest on our CDs. Thus, our projected annual income of approximately \$2,575 less projected annual expense of \$3,000 leaves an annual deficit of \$425. Chuck moved that we increase the dues from \$24/25 (individual/family) to \$27/28 starting in 2026 to help with this deficit spending issue. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ed moved to grant Tim Henry free membership each year he maintains our website. Tim is Rick's son who does a lot of work on our web site for free. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Chuck Hosack has been designated as a Lifetime Member and is so noted in our online roster. The board appreciates Chuck's generous donation and the options it gives the club.
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - We make about \$1,575 annual interest on our CD's that Ed set up from the proceeds of the generous donation of Chuck's aircraft. We are currently giving out a \$1,500 scholarship from those proceeds.
- 6) Government Affairs Report
 - The group discussed the Highway to Highway design currently in progress by the state and the two proposed routes that would affect the gravel runway at Merrill Field. We need to rally the members to comment on the effect that proposed routes would have on the runway. Tom Lawhorn volunteered to provide a "talking points" email for Scott to share with chapter members that they could use to comment on the proposed highway routing.
 - Comments are due to DOT by January 23rd.
 - There was much discussion about the impending north-south runway extension at Elmendorf and how it will affect Merrill operations, as well as operations at all airfields to the north of Elmendorf, especially Birchwood. Birchwood would go to Class E airspace and the weather minimums would go up.
- 7) Purchase of iPad and Printer for Young Eagles (YE) Events
 - Used our Chapter's Young Eagles Credits (\$370) from EAA HQ (no Chapter funds used)– Chris submitted refund request to EAA.
 - Printer and iPad are currently stored at Chris's in his den closet.
 - Tom or Chris will purchase a keyboard for the iPad with Chapter funds.
 - Tom & Chris are now the chapter's appointed tech gurus for operating Chapter's YE computer equipment.
 - The chapter already has a designated email address for the chapter. Tom will ask Tim to look into finding this email address and using it for the iPad account.
- 8) Past Events

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- George Dohrmann funeral: 5 or 6 chapter members attended this.
- Kavas January breakfast – 11 chapter members attended this.

9) Future Meetings

- January 28th – Greg Miller Glasair III in Birchwood
- February 25th – Glastar Ski installation – Tom Lawhorn's hanger at Merrill.
- Future possibilities
 - a) Wasilla Tech School RV-10
 - b) Anson's Javron Cub
 - c) Mark's Kitfox – if done in April or May, he can have a BBQ grille going on the patio behind the garage.
 - d) Vicki and Dan Domke Hanger at Merrill
 - e) Rob Smart's Hangar, 1 mile west of Bernie, full of popcorn and airplane stuff
 - f) Tower visit to Merrill in the spring when there is evening light and warm weather. Need to see if Merrill can do a presentation on airport operations.
 - i) Rick Henry asked for this to occur post April when he's in town.
 - g) FAAST Presentation as offered by Jim Moss
 - h) Commemorative Air Force tour at Wings of Freedom Hanger
 - i) August visit to Paul Ruppel's Carbon Cub in Seward.
 - j) Movie Night at

10) Scholarship – On behalf of the Chapter 42, Ed provided the Alaska Airmen's Association with a check for \$1600 to the Airmen's scholarship fund. Ed stated he would like to see members make contributions to the scholarship amount every year to increase our scholarship size. These donations would be tax deductible since we are a non-profit.

11) 2025 Young Eagles Solstice Event

- Need to start planning. Scott will contact various groups in April and May to get the word out for flying in June or July. Need to get word out while kids are still in school and we can get to larger groups more easily.
- Scott volunteered to contact the Wasilla Tech School kids and the King Career Center kids.

12) Merrill Field Open House

- No discussion happened on this item as it was getting quite late and Scott was worn out with the meeting at this point.

13) Adjourned at 2030 local.