

EAA Chapter 42

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

- 1) Call to Order 1904 local
- 2) Attendees: Scott McEwen, Rande Lucas, Walter Yankauskas, Lars Gleitsmann, Ed White, Chuck Hosack, Cliff Belleau, Chris Gill, Lisa Gill, Anson Moxness, Sara Maurer, Jim Moss
- 3) Presidents report
 - Handed out a couple awards to Scott for his great work with the chapter over the years.
 - Posted Birchwood Master Plan on website (from Rick Henry)
 - Bernie, Rick and John Davis are presenting at Ak Aviation Gathering. I believe the topic is things not to do when building your plane.
 - Bernie is willing to host our annual picnic at his hanger in June – more details as we get closer. I'd propose we hold the picnic on a Tuesday night to get better attendance. Last year's weekend picnic was great, but it was lower attendance than past weekday hosting's.
 - Posted MRI Runway 7/25 closure notice on website.
 - Corrected hangar spelling in my minutes and agenda (not hanger – Thanks Lars for years of pointing this out!)
 - Recognition of Tom Lawhorn's monumental effort in teaching an Introduction to Aviation class to a group of native students. Very impressive! (See Toms Facebook page for details.)
 - Check out Mark Barkers Pietenpole progress on the Chapter 42 Facebook page.
 - I'm currently working on covering my Smith Cub with Stewarts System products. I'm willing to share my project 1:1 with any members or aircraft building nonmembers. My plane is in my Turnagain garage.
 - Kavas Breakfast this weekend.
 - The chapter appreciates Scott's great work with EAA National as well as local activities.
- 4) VP Report:
 - Chapter 42 was recently upgraded to Gold Level Status (thanks to Scott for sharing our accomplishments with EAA National and getting us upgraded!)
 - We have an opportunity one Friday this month to visit Steve Novak's high school airframes class, building an RV-12iS. The class is at Mat-Su Career Tech High School, 2472 N Seward Meridian Pkwy, Wasilla. Scott does not have bandwidth to deal with this until fall.
 - Scott went to the Kenai EAA Chapter meeting. They did a weigh-in for the members' planes and many folks were surprised to find out what their "empty" weight actually was.
 - Scott went to the Seymour Lake fly-in and had a great time in March.
 - The Alaska Airmen's Gathering is May 3-4. We need volunteers to sign up for the various stations again.
 - The Merrill Field Open House will be this summer,
- 5) Secretary's Report
 - Minutes from March meeting were distributed and approved.
 - The upcoming closure of Merrill Field runway 7-25 for most of the summer was noted.
- 6) Treasurer's Report
 - All the state and EAA National paperwork has been filed for this year.
 - The checking account is below the minimum balance and is drawing a \$7 monthly fee. Cliff will check about a new account without fees at Credit Union 1. Members were generally in favor of changing accounts away from FNBA.
 - We have money in the CD's, but Ed can't see it in the mobile app.

- Projected petty cash needs:
 - i) Bernie's BBQ - \$300
 - ii) Young Eagles BBQ - \$300
 - iii) There is currently \$300 of donated funds in the scholarship account that is being held in petty cash.

7) Government Affairs Report

- The Birchwood Master plan update was discussed.
- GAMI fuel and its potential shortcomings was discussed.

8) Past Events

- CAP Meeting at Merrill Field for March. 6 or 7 folks showed up and learned about the various CAP missions.

9) Future Meetings

- Lars's Citabria will be the April meeting. Lars will coordinate finding a hangar at Lake Hood to put the plane in so the meeting is not weather dependent.
- Mark's Kitfox will be the May meeting.
- Future possibilities
 - a) Mark Barker's Pietenpol Air Camper.
 - b) FAAST Presentation as offered by Jim Moss/Thomas Palmer/David Young – last two names were FAAST members whom attended the Birchwood meeting.
 - c) Commemorative Air Force tour at Wings of Freedom Hangar
 - d) Anson's Javron Cub
 - e) Vicki and Dan Domke Hanger at Merrill
 - f) Rob Smart's Hangar, 1 mile west of Bernie, full of popcorn and airplane stuff
 - g) 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.
 - h) August visit to Paul Ruppel's Carbon Cub in Seward.
 - i) Movie Night at --?
 - j) Lamar Wallace Bearhawk
 - k) John Pletcher – Grumman Goose

10) 2025 Young Eagles Solstice Event

- 14 June is still Young Eagles Day at Birchwood.
- Scott will contact Steve Novak in April/May as a potential source of Young Eagles
- Chuck suggested the summer camps at the aviation museum could be a source of Young Eagles.
- Chuck, Ed, and Scott still need to have a sidebar meeting to discuss talking to aviation youth groups for Young Eagle participation.
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11) Merrill Field Open House – Still on for May 31. We need some volunteers to man the EAA table. It would be nice to have some sporty planes parked there to draw attention.

12) Great AK Aviation Gathering May 3rd and 4th. We need some volunteers to man the learning stations.

13) Other Items?

14) Adjourned at: 2003 local.