

Ogle Co. Pilots, Inc.

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Board of Directors Minutes

6 May 2024

Attendance:

Board Members: Jon Bargren, Roger Doran, Gerry Hough, Gary Melvin, and Andrew Mundt

Staff: None

Members: Steve Friel, William Smith, Keith Stranberg, and Keith Willing

Others: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1801 Hours by Pres. Gerry Hough

President's Statement: No statement.

Hearing of Non-Board Members: Keith Stranberg make a small Fly-In Breakfast sign for an offsite event. He offered it for use as needed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 6 May 2024 Board of Directors meetings were presented. Jon Bargren made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Roger Doran presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve made by Gary Melvin. 2nd by Jon Bargren. Motion passed.

Old Business:

T-Shirts – Keith Willing presented a sample shirt. 100 shirts: S – XL = \$12; 2X – 3X = \$13. 150 shirts: S – XL = \$11; 2X – 3X = \$12. Typical selling price is \$20 - \$24. After some discussion, Jon Bargren made a motion to buy 150 Gray shirts in the following size quantities:

S: 10; M: 20; L: 32; XL: 39; 2X: 39; 3X: 10. 2nd by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed. Selling price will be set at the 1 July 2024 board meeting.

Web Hosting Update – Nothing new.

July 4th Fly-In Breakfast

- Gerry Hough will test the refrigerators
- Gerry Hough and Steve Friel will test the grills
- 10 new tables will be purchased (per last month's motion) – coordinate with Shellie
- Roger Doran will get the health permit

The Nominating Committee (TJ Graden, Gerry Hough, and Gary Melvin) – Nothing new.

The Ogle County Hams (Amateur Radio Operators) would again like to use the airport for "Field Day", a country-wide event to test emergency readiness. The dates this years are Sat – Sun June 22 – 23. All board members in attendance approved the request.

New Business:

Crop Land Rental Adjustment – Gerry Hough

Gerry Hough suggested revisiting the rental rate. After some discussion, Gary Melvin said he will discuss a possible rate increase with Josh Nelson, the current renter.

Retrieving EAA Chapter 22 chairs – Gerry Hough

It was decided that the several OCPI Board members that are planning to attending tomorrow evening's Chapter 22 meeting will coordinate retrieving the chairs.

Thank You Card for Visiting Pilots – Shellie Graden

In Shellie's absence, Gary Melvin noted that Shellie would like to send a Thank You card to all pilots that land at C55 or participate in our events. Each card send out would cost slightly less than \$1.00. Gary Melvin made a motion authorizing Shellie to proceed at her discretion. 2nd by Roger Doran. Motion passed.

ADS-B Receiver/Reporter – Gerry Hough

Gerry explained that websites like FlightRadar24.com are interested in putting ADS-B receivers at smaller airports to improve coverage and accuracy. The unit reports the data to a server via the internet. The power usage would be nearly nothing (a small wall-wart) and the internet bandwidth required would be nearly unmeasurable. Gerry Hough made a motion to apply for a unit. 2nd by Jon Bargren. Motion passed.

It was noted that some runway lights need repairing. Jon Bargren and others will work on them as time permits.

It was also suggested that the remnants of the barn quilt on the north end of Hangar A 10 be removed before the breakfast.

Liability Insurance Renewal – Roger Doran

Roger reported that our liability insurance expires on 19 June 2024. The renewal cost is \$2,979 for \$1M coverage for all hangars. Roger Doran made a motion to renew the policy. 2nd by Gary Melvin. Motion passed.

McCarter (Hangar B4) Account Balance

Tim McCarter's balance is \$1,274. All efforts to contact him have failed. Invoices and statements are snail mailed and emailed to him monthly. Gary Melvin reported that his mutual friend knew of no status change with Tim. A certified letter will be the next step if efforts to contact him continue to fail. Gary Melvin will contact Doug Schiller to learn if he knows anything about Tim's status.

Real Estate Taxes – Roger Doran

Our real estate is split between Mt. Morris Township and Rock Vale Townships. All the buildings are in Mt. Morris Township. This year's Mt. Morris Township real estate tax bill increased 18%. The best estimate, based on the details of the tax bill, are that new Hangar C1 accounts for approximately 12% of the increase, which seems excessive. Andrew Mundt, owner of Hangar C1 will contact the Ogle County Assessor's Office to learn more about the evaluation. It was noted that the first of two real estate billings was included in the most recent monthly invoices. If an adjustment is required, it will show up on the 2nd billing. The adjustment, if needed, will be determined at the July Board meeting.

Andrew Mundt asked about edging around his hangar. OCPI has no guidelines.

Andrew Mundt asked about installing a small (250 gallon) sewage holding tank next to his hangar. It was noted that a permit from Ogle County would be required. It would also, most likely, increase his real estate tax. It was suggested that he either install a lift station to pump it into the septic tank. Alternative ideas were discussed.

On-Going Project List

New Hangar Construction Info Packet – Nothing new.

Weather Station – Gary Melvin is waiting on the website situation to resolve itself.

Motor Glider Static Display – Nothing new.

Raffle Drawing:

The raffle ticket winners were:

June: #0077 Dominick Gunterman and #0138 Chris BamBorough

Previous 2024 winners were:

Jan: #0080 Nathan/Nathaniel Friel and #0113 Mark Schmidt

Feb: Larry Ebert and Chris Bamborough

Mar: Phil Gould and Linda Stranberg

Apr: #0046 Jane Doran and #0145 Julie Thums

May: #0166 Brittany Salvador and #0167 Megan Salvador

Thank You to:

- All the members helping with the mowing and grounds maintenance – the airport looks GREAT (from Airport Manager TJ Graden)
- Keith Willing for driving the T-Shirt idea

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1924.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday 1 July 2024 at 1800 Hrs at C55.