

# Ogle Co. Pilots, Inc.

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Board of Directors Minutes

6 May 2024

## **Attendance:**

Board Members: Jon Bargren, TJ Graden, Jerry Hose, Gerry Hough, Gary Melvin, and Andrew Mundt

Staff: Shellie Graden

Members: William Smith and Keith Stranberg

Others: Nicole Hose

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1802 Hours by Pres. Gerry Hough

**President's Statement:** No statement.

**Hearing of Non-Board Members:** None.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the 1 April 2024 Board of Directors meetings were presented. Jon Bargren made a motion to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Gary Melvin presented Roger Doran's Treasurer's Report. The electrical usage is back to average. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by TJ Graden. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Bargren. Motion passed. Shellie Graden noted that, compared to last year's farm rent check, this year's check is \$41 short. After a brief discussion, it was decided to ignore the underpayment because he prepaid the rent. (It appears that the payment was for 9.0 acres vs. 9.2 acres.)

## **Old Business:**

T-Shirts – Keith Willing was unable to attend the meeting but will email the board with details.

Web Hosting Update – Shellie Graden reported that our internet provider offers website hosting for \$10/month. After some discussion, TJ Graden made a motion to switch the website to our ISP. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Bargren. Motion passed.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Fly-In Breakfast – Shellie Graden

- All the preparations are going well
- Hangar clean up Sun 30 June at 1600 hrs
- Hangar and tent set up Wed 3 July at 1700 Hrs
- Gerry Hough and Jerry Hose will each provide a generator
- Jerry Hose will perform an electrical load test

The Nominating Committee (TJ Graden, Gerry Hough, and Gary Melvin) – election will be held in September. The committee will meet to work on a slate. Positions to be elected upon are currently held by Jon Bargren, Roger Doran, Jerry Hose, and Andrew Mundt. Note that Roger Doran has stated that he will not running for Treasurer.

Airport Events – No board action was taken, but several ideas were discussed. Two ideas were:

- Possibly a Young Eagles Day with EAA Chapter 22
- Pumpkin Drop Competition: Nov 2, rain date Nov 3. It was suggested that a \$20 donation per pumpkin dropped and the winner gets half of the donated amount.

**New Business:**

At the request of a TSA agent, Shellie Graden met with him at C55 for about 30 minutes. He asked many questions, primarily about activities at the airport. He also asked if we had any safety concerns.

A ham radio operator that is a friend of the airport donated an older plasma TV. It's very heavy (112#) and it requires a 600mm x 400mm VESA mount. TJ Graden will investigate a mounting method.

Gerry Hough mentioned that EAA Chapter 22 bought new chairs and tables and have offered to donate chairs and/or tables to C55. It was noted that the tables are of the heavy wooden variety. It was decided that OCPI will take the chairs, but will pass on the tables. It was noted that we have several heavy wooden tables and should consider replacing some of them with non-folding plastic 8' tables. Shellie noted that the average cost of a new table is \$110. Gerry Hough made a motion to buy 10 unhinged 8' plastic tables. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Mundt. Motion passed. Shellie Graden offered to procure them.

Having a courtesy car at Ogle County Airport was discussed. The topic was tabled until next year.

TJ Graden informed the board that the Round Up (or equivalent) has been used up. He will be procuring another 2.5 gallon supply.

Gary Melvin, on behalf of the Ogle County Hams (Amateur Radio group), requested use again of the airport for the national Field Day event on Sat 22 June and Sun 23 June. Permission granted.

Shellie Graden reported that the last payment received by Tim McCarter for Hangar B4 ground lease was in September 2023. His balance had now exceeded \$1,000. She further reported that the invoice email had been opened. He also receives a physical invoice via USPS. Roger Doran has been unable to contact Tim or his son Steve. Gary Melvin knows a mutual friend and will contact him to learn the status of the McCarters, then he will email the board.

Andrew Mundt asked about the details of putting ID decals on his hangar (C1) to be consistent with other hangars.

**On-Going Project List**

New Hangar Construction Info Packet – The scheduled meeting needed to be postponed. It will be rescheduled by Andrew Mundt, Shellie Graden, and Gary Melvin.

Weather Station – Gary Melvin reported that he hasn't made much progress, but will try to have a web interface ready by the time the website is switched to our ISP.

Motor Glider Static Display – Gary Melvin noted that he can deliver the motor glider when requested.

**Raffle Drawing:**

The raffle ticket winners were:

May: #0166 Brittany Salvador and #0167 Megan Salvador

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

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1914.

*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday 3 June 2024 at 1800 Hrs at C55.*