

Ogle Co. Pilots, Inc.

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Board of Directors Minutes

4 November 2024

Attendance:

Board Members: Shellie Graden, TJ Graden, Jerry Hose, Gerry Hough, and Gary Melvin
Members: Roger Doran, Steve Friel, Nicole Hose, William Smith, Keith Stranberg

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1807 Hours by Pres. Gerry Hough

President's Statement: No statement.

Hearing of Non-Board Members: None.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 9 September 2024 Board of Directors meeting was presented. Shellie Graden made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Jerry Hose. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Shellie Graden presented the Treasurer's Report.

Wolbers completed the road extension and invoiced OCPI \$2,834 for our part. They will invoice TJ Graden separately for his part.

Signatures at Byron Bank have been updated on the OCPI accounts.

Motion to approve made by TJ Graden. 2nd by Gary Melvin. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Hangar B4 Account Update

Shellie Graden reported that Hangar B4's balance due is now \$2,002.42, \$1,117.80 of which is real estate tax. The last 3 months' invoices (Aug, Sep, and Oct) to the owner have been returned to OCPI as "Not Deliverable".

The letter sent (certified) to the B4 owner was returned as "Unclaimed".

Within the last week, Shellie call the owner on Wednesday and left a voice mail. She called again on Friday and left another voice mail. When she emailed the invoice to him, the system reported that the email was read that same day.

In lieu of starting legal proceedings, TJ Graden recommended that OCPI attempt to contact B4 owner's son, Steve. Shellie will contact Steve this month to attempt to resolve this situation.

Motor Glider "Lawn Ornament"

TJ Graden reported that he will likely move the glider to his shop where it's more convenient to work on it.

Farm Land Update

Gary Melvin wrote a contract to rent our farm land to Josh Nelson for \$225/acre/year for 3 years. President Gerry Hough has signed it. Gary will get Josh's signature on it soon.

Pumpkin Drop Event

Shellie Graden reported that we sold 41 pumpkins at \$20 each for a total of \$820, to be split evenly with the winner and OCPI. The donation can had \$297 in it. The profit was \$513.72. The winner donated his \$410 split back to OCPI raising the profit to \$923.72. Follow up from the participants was overwhelmingly positive – everyone had a lot of fun and asked us to host the event again next year.

OCPI thanks all the pilots that participated, especially those that flew non-pilot pumpkin buyers. Gary Melvin suggested we host a water balloon or flour bag drop event in the summer.

Club House TV

TJ Graden reported that exchanged the smaller new TV for a larger one. Tim Tomljanovich, a local ultralight pilot, donated \$100 toward the TV. TJ will be reimbursed \$105.23 for the balance.

New Business:

Snow Plowing

TJ Graden is planning to plow snow, if not too much for his equipment. Wolbers will plow if necessary. After some discussion, Gary Melvin made a motion that OCPI would split plowing fees 50/50 with all 15 hangar owners. 2nd by Jerry Hose. Motion passed.

Roger Doran Appreciation

Roger Doran said he did not want any special recognition for his many years as Treasurer of OCPI. He was convincing – no board action was taken.

Airport Manager TJ Graden reported that he got an intense phone call from a security official at Byron Generating Station about powered parachutes that were flying within the fenced boundary of the facility. TJ assured them that the powered parachute pilots were not based out of Ogle County Airport and that we haven't had any PP activity at C55 for quite some time. TJ also explained that once an aircraft leaves the surface, the airport has no authority over the activity of it.

TJ Graden noted that Lance Anderson and Elroy Hilbert (and others) fly a lot of people at our events and that OCPI should do something to extend our appreciation. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.

On-Going Project List

New Hangar Construction Info Packet – Nothing new.

Weather Station – Shellie Graden reported that she is working on switching the website to our internet provider. Gary Melvin is waiting for the website situation to resolve itself.

Raffle Drawing:

The raffle ticket winners were:

Nov: #0003 Julie Smith and #0053 Jerry Hose

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

June: #0077 Dominick Gunterman and #0138 Chris BamBorough

July: #0051 Jerry Hose and #0169 Gary Morris

Aug: #0022 Hunter Bargren and #0117 Vicki Schmidt

Sept: #0017 Louise Suttman and #0148 Fischer Thuns

Oct: #0044 Jane Doran and #0137 Chris Bamborough

Thank You to:

- Everyone that assisted with the Pumpkin Drop event
- TJ Graden for exchanging the club house TV

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1920.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday 2 December 2024 at 1800 Hrs at C55.