

Ogle Co. Pilots, Inc.

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Board of Directors Minutes

2 October 2023

Attendance:

Board Members: Jon Bargren, Roger Doran, TJ Graden, Jerry Hose, Gerry Hough, and Gary Melvin
Members: Steve Friel, Andrew Mundt, Keith Stranberg, and William Smith

Staff: Shellie Graden

Others: Nicole Hose

Potential Members: Keith Willing

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1800 Hours by Gerry Hough.

President's Statement: Everything is going very well and the airport looks great. Gerry sat for an interview with a Northwest Illinois Quarterly magazine reporter a few days ago.

Hearing of Non-Board Members:

None.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 11 September 2023 Annual Stockholders and Board of Directors meetings were reviewed. Jon Bargren made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Jerry Hose. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Old Business:

Andrew Mundt and Jerry Hose reported that the rotating beacon tower wiring project has been completed and is ready for the installation of the new internet service and sign lighting.

New Business:

Via the agenda, Office Manager Shellie Graden suggested that the meeting dates for 2024 be as follows: Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5, Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2. Jon Bargren made a motion to approve the recommended meeting dates. 2nd by Jerry Hose. Motion passed.

Snow plowing was discussed. TJ Graden is willing to handle it again this year but would like back ups. Wolbers in Mt. Morris will be contacted and Keith Willing reported that his organization can plow if needed.

Broad leaf spraying was discussed and it was decided to pass on that this year.

Gary Melvin reported that the Monnett Moneria motor-glider that was built by 4 members in the early 1980s has been in his possession for a couple of decades. He discussed getting it re-registered with the FAA at AirVenture this year. It will be very challenging to accomplish this. Gary suggested it be mounted on a pylon at C55. Gerry Hough suggested rigging up functional position lights. The project was approved.

The storage room lighting in the club house has been defunct for several years. Gary and Andrew Melvin replaced the fluorescent tubes with directly wired 4 foot 5500 lumen shop lights.

Gary Melvin, as Rock River Flyers Treasurer, reported that their PO Box is becoming very expensive. He suggested that RRF mail be directed to OCPI's PO Box 61 and share the cost with OCPI. Gary made a motion to approve the suggestion. 2nd by Roger Doran. Motion passed.

Gerry Hough asked if the board is interested in replacing the defunct donated ink-jet printer with a laser printer. The board saw little need for it.

Now that the beacon tower electrical project is done, DC Computers needs to be contacted to install internet access and airport-wide WiFi. It will cost approximately \$300 for the internet access equipment installation at or near the top of the beacon tower. Each hangar desiring WiFi access will cost the owner \$150 to \$200 for equipment installation. The beacon tower equipment will be installed within a couple weeks of contacting DC Computers. Gary Melvin made a motion to proceed with the new internet installation. 2nd by Jon Bargren. Motion passed. TJ Graden will contact DC Computers.

Shellie Graden reported that the 2024 Raffle Tickets have been printed and are ready for distribution. Several ticket sets were taken at the meeting.

The status of being listed with TheRAF was discussed. C55 is listed and no action is required on the part of OCPI. The RAF suggested that some improvements could be installing a shower and offering a courtesy car. It was also suggested we post a list of near by restaurants that are willing to deliver to the airport. No board action taken.

Ongoing Projects

New Hangar Construction Info Packet – In process

John Deere tractor fire extinguisher installation – Steve Friel installed it

Weather Station – Gary Melvin requested the make/model from TJ Graden so he (Gary) could download the manual and research making WX data available via the internet.

Raffle Drawing:

The October raffle ticket winners were:

Fischer Thums # 0181 and Dave Wojczynski # 0210

Previous winners:

January: Joe Kielsmeier Sr #0154 and Lynnette Hough #0105
February: Wyatt Holaday #0027 and RG Hough #0106
March: Aneda Ebert #0109 and Keith/Linda Stranberg #0093
April: Julie Smith #0089 and Keith/Linda Stranberg #0092
May : Hunter Bargren #0003 and Craig Gebhardt #0050
June: Wyatt Holaday #0021 and Marty Deihl #0119
July: Brian Ciaccio #0126 and Tom Connell #0199
August: Mary Jo Dilbeck #0077 and Wyatt Holaday #0022
September: Cory Morris # 0030 and Wyatt Holaday #0013

Thank You:

- Jerry Hose and Andrew Mundt for the electrical upgrade to the beacon tower
- Steve Friel for mounting the fire extinguisher on the JD tractor
- Gary and Andrew Melvin for restoring lighting in the storage room

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1845.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday 2 October 2023 at 1800 Hrs at C55.