

Minutes  
State WPA Board Meeting  
August 28, 2004,  
Republic, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Kirk Kleinholz at 1:00pm. Attendance was in person and via conference call. The following officers, directors, and Chapters representatives were present **or absent** as indicated:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<b>President</b>	<b>Director – Safety &amp; Education</b>
<b>Vice President East</b>	<b>Anacortes</b>
<b>Vice President West</b>	<b>Harvey Field</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Colville Valley</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>North Sound</b>
<b>Director – Legislative Affairs</b>	<b>Southwest</b>
<b>Director – Airports</b>	<b>Twin Harbors</b>
<b>Director – Search &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>Wenatchee</b>
<b>Director - Membership</b>	<b>Yakima Valley</b>
<b>Director – unassigned</b>	
<b>Deer Park</b>	
<b>Greater Seattle</b>	
<b>Green River</b>	
<b>Okanogan County</b>	
<b>Paine Field</b>	
<b>Spokane</b>	

**Treasurer's Report:**

\$24,600 in Money Market fund, \$500 in checking account. Also \$13,300 in airport fund. Total \$38,000+.

Income Statement: Dues down \$903 from last year

General Membership down \$1,526, may be impacted by credit card fees

Corporate Memberships +\$500

Wings Advertising down a little over \$1,000 vs. last year.

Total income down \$2,300, expenses down \$1,000, primarily from membership supplies.

Overall income down \$1,300

Full written report to follow.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the last board meeting were corrected to reflect the attendance of Tom Nesko and Gary Evans. A motion was made by John Dobson to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jerry Blanchard and carried unanimously.

**President's report:**

- Three weeks ago Kirk met informally with Scott Gardner and Scott's boss Samuel Aaron. The purpose of the meeting was to foster our relationship with the FAA and the FSDO. Discussion was held at length about Bangor. The FAA's position is that they are resigned to the Navy getting some kind of restricted area. Scott notes that if it's a prohibited area, the chance of people drifting in will be reduced, compared to a voluntary no fly area (NSA)
- Regarding the docket issue for the Bangor prohibited area, WPA was moderately successful in getting the ball rolling on the public comment process, but Kirk feels the attempt could have been better if we had an email list. We eventually had over 500 comments as a result of AOPA emailing directly to its membership in WA and OR.
- Jack McGoldrick asked Mike Ferguson, AOPA Northwest Regional Rep. who was present at the meeting, if he knows or can check with AOPA to see if Navy is requesting the prohibited area because it qualifies them for additional funds from Department of Homeland Security. Mike agreed to follow up with Kirk.
- President Kirk is continuing outreach to other aviation organizations in an effort to build and maintain better relationships.
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### **Director Reports:**

**Safety and Education:** Al Hunter was not in attendance (He is actively involved in planning and conducting the upcoming Mountain Flying Seminar). Tom Jensen asked if another chapter would like to volunteer to serve the breakfast since the EAA won't be doing it this year, or to assist with other tasks.

**Airports:** Tom Jensen inquired about a wind sock for Republic. It was reported that the County bought a new wind sock. Tom hasn't heard anything about the runway closing at The Dalles; but if they change it to a taxiway, it'll be eligible for airport improvement funds. Nobody has had the time/ability to write a grant, but if one were done, maybe they could get money. Mike Ferguson of AOPA says there's an AOPA airport rep at The Dalles, and Mike agreed to ask the ASN volunteer for a status report. AOPA has asked the FAA to ask the airport to provide an updated wind study to see if it's appropriate to eliminate the runway.

**Legislation:** Jack McGoldrick reported that he has sent emails to US representative Larson and Senator Murray requesting them to get involved in the Bangor problem. Jack has also compiled a list of all the aviation organizations in the state, which he forwarded to Kirk. Patty will eventually add those contacts to our mailing list for future contact.

**Search and Rescue:** Tom Nesko reported about the recent crash in the Kelso area. The system was activated and worked very well. He also reported on the new ELT specifications: 406 MHz data burst once every 55 seconds and a 121.5 homing signal; the satellites will no longer home on the 121.5, but on the 406

MHz signal. That will put more onus on the pilots to register their new ELTs effectively. Jim Smith reiterates that the new beacon will only be as reliable as the data itself. Kirk will contact Tom Peterson of the Aviation Division to get explanatory CDs into everybody chapter's hands.

**Membership:** Joe Bryant was not in attendance. Tom Jensen reported we have recently received 3 renewals and 5 new memberships, for a total of 928 active paid members and 1,367 members registered in our database.

**Director At Large:** Jim Smith corrected the agenda to reflect that his position is technically an "at large" position until a change may be made to the by-laws further defining his position. He separately serves at the President's request as parliamentarian.

An off agenda report was made regarding GPS approaches to Boeing Field.

#### **Old Business:**

- Web site: Kirk wants to maximize the web site use. The webmaster did not join the conference call.
- Membership Brochures: John Dobson presented samples of a new brochure layout. He is trying to make a universal membership application for State and all chapters; trying to give each chapter its own identity and look while maintaining overall consistent content. The samples were based on the former 3-fold pamphlet we were using with corrections, but with each front flap customized for the individual chapter and for the state. Ultimate plan is to try to arrive at a universal dues structure. The plan is to have universal first-year dues with adjustments per chapter for renewals. John will send copies to individual chapters for their comments.
- Kirk feels it would be worth doing a higher-quality piece and wants the board to consider spending the money to have a higher-quality piece; feels the organization has the funds to do it.
- John Dobson reminds that there's also a single-sheet application to avoid wasting the expensive brochures when unnecessary.
- John Townsley objects slightly to one-fits-all dues structure because the need for funds and the pilot populations served differ considerably by chapter.
- Badges using the state logo were also presented and discussed.
- Kirk will secure brochures for the state by Sept. 24, 2004, to be on hand for the Mountain Flying Clinic.
- By –Laws Review/Update: Jim Smith, John Dobson and Al Banholzer will meet after the board meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Conference Calling for Board Meeting: A discussion was held regarding whether conference calling is an effective tool for conducting board meetings. Response was roughly split 50/50-pro & con. It was generally agreed we need better participation from Chapters in BOD meetings. Most of those participating by phone thought conference calling is a good idea; many of those present had reservations. The major problem with the method was poor connection and poor speaker fidelity. Many persons present had difficulty understanding phone participant comments. Conversely, some comments from phone-in participants indicated difficulty hearing those physically present in Republic. The phone was a low end, motel provided phone. John Townsley suggested obtaining a high end conference call phone designed specifically for phone conference calls. It was agreed to borrow a conference call phone for future meetings. John Townsley also suggested people should attempt to call in on a land line. His experience with conference calls (he uses the technique often) is that cell phones often have a lot of static and background noise that degrades conference line quality for all participants (regardless of whether the others are calling in with landlines, or present in the host phone location).
- Participation by Board Members: Kirk stated that we need to fill the board positions if they are vacant or inactive, and we need to vacate positions whose holders are consistently not active.
- Owner-maintenance seminar: Paine Field has a member who has created a packaged maintenance seminar. It is in powerpoint format and can be delivered by non-IA. Might also be done by Volunteer mechanics. It might be necessary to have chapters who are interested in the program have one or two members come to a location to be 'trained' to deliver it. Kirk will send letters out to all the chapters inquiring which might be interested in receiving the seminars.
- Jackpot, Nevada: Paine Chapter would like to make their annual Fly-out to Jackpot a State event.
- Kirk says the website is a high-priority item; the website is a cost-effective way to maintain our communication, and he has asked a group to work with him on upgrading the website. AOPA has a lot of success reaching their membership with their ePilot newsletter. Kirk feels the way to do it is to have a members-only secure access etc. with self-updates of members' profiles, etc. Kirk wants each chapter to have somebody designated as a website contributor.
- Web site new posting: We can now put up news articles on website. At this point only two persons (Kirk & Rick) have privileges to post information. Kirk would like to see us maintain the website with fresh material available frequently. Kirk suggests that one person from each Chapter be authorized to post material. He said that he or web master Rick would review any material submitted for posting prior to it actually appearing on the website. Software used is NewsManager. The software

was purchased soon after the February elections. Volunteers to help with posting material should contact Kirk.

### Chapter Reports:

- **Seattle:** Michelle Condliff spoke in reply to Jack McGoldrick's question about BFI and the noise committee. She doesn't have any information about the GPS approach. The Fly Quiet Program has finalized a brochure; Sharon Parker is working on publicity, getting the message out to the surrounding community and BFI tenants. They're still working at redefining how the Vashon departure works. Jack McGoldrick added that they're proposing a GPS approach over Elliott Bay to avoid noise sensitive areas. FAA is currently in the final process to put that approach in place; it pretty much follows the Harbor Approach currently in place.
- **Okanogan:** John Townsley noted that the Okanogan chapter is pretty rural and has a large number of members without internet access, etc. The posture of the FAA flight stations in relying on the web in reducing other services is badly impacting rural areas. They also have problems getting information on TFR's because the FAA TFR information is very slow and difficult to find, and is very inaccurate and frequently out of date, especially not tracking air show and fire TFRs. The Okanogan chapter feels WPA needs to get active in promoting the FAA to cease limiting services and to get on board technologically with TFR and other information dissemination.
- **Paine Field:** John Dobson announced an annual chapter activities planning session at his house on 09 October.

### Good of the Order:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm by WPA President Kirk Kleinholz.

Respectfully submitted



Arthur Berkell  
Secretary