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When you have time, these minutes can be added to the NS web site.

Thanks,

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## Minutes of WPA North Sound meeting 9/8/2016

The Sept 8th meeting of the NorthSound chapter was called to order by President Robert Powell at 7 PM.

He introduced new members to the Chuckanut Flying Club, Eric Axelsson, Holly Harris and Mark Woodward. Also introduced were Mel Rushton and Dave Field who flew with the evening's speaker in from Pit Meadows on a TBM 900.

Thanks was given to all who volunteered and assisted with the recent AOPA fly-in at Bremerton.

Marie Duckworth, the Port's Land Side Supervisor standing in for the Airport's Air Side Coordinator Arron Collins, provided an update on the construction projects underway at KBLI. Paving and painting will continue for another few months, and will at various times restrict access to the self-serve fuel farm and the runways. NOTAM's will be published for the exact times. A GA newsletter is available for information on this by signing up at: [airportoffice@portofbellingham.com](mailto:airportoffice@portofbellingham.com)

Bob French, our GA representative to the Bellingham airport's Technical Advisory Committee, reported on airport operational issues; Helicopter op's will be mainly on the west side, runway braking action is to be now reported on ATIS, and be

alert for tower's instructions regarding entering the traffic pattern from the south. To avoid departing aircraft on a Keno Four departure heading to Eliza Island, incoming traffic will more often be routed to a Left Hand Traffic Pattern for runway 16 (east side of the runway) so entry near Chuckanut Bay may be advisable.

Randi Axelsson, Director of Sales & Marketing for the new Holiday Inn adjacent to the Bellingham airport, is nearing completion and should be open in January 2017. The hotel will have a restaurant, meeting rooms, and various other amenities.

Maureen Griggs reported on upcoming speakers at WPA chapter meetings. Our annual Christmas party will again be in conjunction with the local EAA chapter, and is to be organized by Kelly Beerman.

A presentation was made by Steve Nunn from Maxcraft Avionics at Pitt Meadows, BC, on ADS-B Out concepts and equipment options . Collaboration with BAS's Mike Oppenheimer at KBLI is planned for installation of ADS-B equipment.

President Powell thanked Steve Nunn for an excellent presentation and reminded pilots that they can renew or join WPA online and membership will be good through calendar year 2017.

Paul Zosel, Secretary