

## WPA General Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m. by Les Smith. Les welcomed everyone to our first meeting back at the culinary school. He introduced Becky Peckman, who manages the school and, on behalf of the chapter, told her how happy we were to be back.

Les presented the agenda; there were no changes. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as corrected.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Greg announced that all our GA Day expenses have been cleared and that our current balance is \$9,521.

### **President's Report**

The drawing for a free dinner was won by Hal Meyer.

Les listed national Congressmen who were friends of aviation and had been defeated in the election. He also listed new Congressmen who are perceived to be friends of aviation. He urged all members to keep current on things in Congress which affect pilots and to contact our representatives when necessary.

The Mountain Flying Seminar, scheduled for November 13 at BFI is full.

The Historic Flight Foundation will be offering ground school for the P51 Mustang and the B25, as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> in command course for the B25.

Les reported that the Forest Service is covering the legal costs of Oregon seaplane owners who successfully defended their right to use Waldo Lake. It is hoped that this will help the seaplane owners defending their right to use Ross Lake.

Les reported on the success of the Port of Shelton over the City of Shelton who wanted to develop a housing area near the airport. The Growth Management Board which heard the case, supported the Port in turning down the City.

Les thanked those who brought Christmas gifts. Toys can still be brought to the Christmas Party or deposited in barrels around the airport.

### **Christmas Party**

Chris Smith reminded people that reservations must be in by December 1 and that we are limited in the number of people who can attend. The party will be held at Anthony's in Edmonds. Anyone wanting to participate in the ornament exchange is to bring one wrapped ornament. The committee is still looking

for donations for the raffle. We want to ensure that businesses on the field are only approached by one party. Gary Hill and Dick Kinnier listed those they have already visited.

### **Membership**

Steve Waterman reported that we have 197 members. Members who renew now will be paid through 2011. The preferred method of renewing is online. The State WPA will be sending out reminders.

### **Elections**

Les thanked the nominating committee for all their work. He also announced that there are 3 open committee chairmanships; G A Day, Membership and the 2011 Christmas Party.

Les opened the floor to any additional nominations. There were none. He announced that Jim Morgan will be leaving the board after 3 years and thanked him for serving.

John Steiber volunteered to chair G A Day.

Les presented the slate:

President – Dave Wheeler

Vice President- Steve Waterman

Secretary – Karen Reid

Treasurer – Greg Bell

Director – Shane Morgan

A motion to accept the slate by acclamation passed unanimously.

Many thanks to Les for two exciting and productive years.

Jim Morgan announced that the Maintenance Seminar the next day would be calculating Weight and Balance of your aircraft. Jim Fries will be bringing his airplane for the class. There is a seminar planned for December and Jim Morgan is working on seminars for January through March.

Kevin Kelly reported that in 2010, Aviation Academy had 35 students. 15 students are already enrolled for 2011.

The program, "The Year in Review" was presented by Jim Faustina.

Pictures of group activities were shown that illustrated the purposes of our organization; Advocacy, Education, Outreach and Social.

Jim Faustina announced that Robert Hamilton will be planning our meetings for 2011 and would like any and all suggestions from the membership.

Following the program, Les reconvened the meeting.

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Jerry Sorenson presented an idea of putting together a float that is aviation related to be used in local parades. The board will follow up.

Karen Reid provided 2011 schedules for anyone who wanted one.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.