

WPA-PAE Chapter General Meeting –April 6, 2012 - Summary Minutes

Call to order at 19:40 by President Steve Waterman at O'Donnells Restaurant in Everett

Introductions: President Steve introduced our guest speaker Barry Smith, Executive Director for The Future of Flight Foundation, plus new member Barney McClure

Officer & Committee Reports Presented:

- a. **President's report:** Steve summarized the annual state WPA retreat at Chelan, which was attended by most clubs presidents. Our club is the largest with 196 members. Some of the issues discussed were land issues near airports, WA-DOT on-line airport info, MET towers, plus the AOPA is looking to join forces with local pilots associations. Steve will provide more details in the May newsletter.
- b. **Treasurer Report:** Greg Bell gave a brief on our financial status.
- c. **Membership:** Frank Hummel reported current membership at 196 paid members. He briefed members on the fuel discount program at Castle & Cooke. Frank provided members with new nametags and holders.
- d. **Legislative:** Les Smith urged members to contact state legislatures to establish a relationship during the legislative "off season" to bring pilots/aircraft owners interests and needs to their attention. At the state WPA meeting a recommendation was made for the WPA to hire a lobbyist to represent member's interests more effectively in Olympia.

Unfinished business:

- a. **Chapter Website:** Board is looking into contracting outside professional firm as no experienced volunteers have come forth to date.
- b. **Safety and Education Chair:** Still unfilled – asking members to participate and divide the work.
- c. **Aviation Day May 19:** Volunteers needed - anticipated duties outlined, plus benefits.

New Business:

- a. **Kurt Mason Scholarship:** Kevin Kelly reported 8 scholarship applications have been received.
- b. **Aviation Academy:** A total of 31 students have signed up
- c. **Dick Corey Award:** A plaque celebrating this top award by the state WPA was presented to Kevin Kelly.

Program: Future of Flight Foundation at KPAE – by Barry Smith, Executive Director

Barry talked about the history, the need, the motivation for Boeing to partner with the foundation, and the resulting win-win experience for the community, visitors, and Boeing customers. He also talked about the unique collegiality among the four aviation foundations on the field. Barry said he found the problem aviation museums have around the world when located near major cities is the inability to fly their aircraft due to local restrictions, citing one city in Europe that allowed only three flights per year! How fortunate we are in the greater Seattle area. Prior to the Future of Flight, in 2001, Boeing had 80,000 visitors to the Everett plant. With the Future of Flight managing the visitor experience, Boeing had 207,000 paid visitors in 2011. It is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, with an aviation education program targeted toward school children. He described how new airplane deliveries are being staged in front of the Future of Flight for their customers, the venue, and views. Barry also described the details of the Boeing 777 delivery to Cathy Pacific and the famous low altitude fly by.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55

Respectfully submitted
George Futas, Secretary