

WPA Paine Field Chapter  
Board Meeting Minutes  
7 February 2008

Board members present:

President: Greg Bell  
Vice President : Les Smith  
Secretary: Open  
Treasurer: Dave Van Horn  
2006 Director: Susan Kennedy  
2007 Director: Gary Hill

Board members absent:

2008 Director: Jim Morgan (received meeting date misinformation from Susan Kennedy)  
Past President: Kevin Kelly

In Attendance (in alphabetical order):

Stephanie Allen, Interim Newsletter Editor  
Robert Hamilton, Program Chairman  
Rich Jones  
Dick Kinnier, Membership Committee Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by President Greg Bell.

1. The minutes of the Board meeting of 10 January 2008 were approved as read.
2. Treasurer's Report:  
Dave Van Horn presented the treasurer's report. However, a printed copy was not available at this meeting. The following issues were discussed in the context of their impact on Chapter finances:
  - a) State will be asked to consider the feasibility and logistics of providing an automatic membership renewal process.
  - b) The idea was discussed of selecting and contracting for the venue for the Christmas party at an earlier date than usual. This might enable the Chapter to lock in a more favorable price than we have in the past.
3. Old business:
  - a. Chapter goals:
    - 1) Define benefits of membership: Some suggestions included fuel discounts, Wings program, newsletter, camaraderie/social interaction, advocacy, voice of aviation in Washington State. However, it was pointed out that much of what we do currently is in fact "open to the public". We need to turn our attention to providing services and programs that offer tangible benefits to members in that they are free to members but if a nonmember wishes to participate he or she will have to pay. Stephanie offered as examples some programs of that nature that were offered in the past. Dave suggested that we attempt to arrange discounts for members with other types of businesses on airports, such as restaurants.

2) Outreach: Efforts should be made at recruitment in a number of different directions such as A&P schools, EAA chapters, other aviation-oriented associations, ATC, flight schools, etc. Dave suggested that we interact with neighboring pilot organizations and invite them to some of our activities, such as GA Day. Les and Stephanie will begin to put together a multimedia display similar to our current year-in-review presentation to be shown to these groups. This will likely be in PowerPoint format. They will present at least a rough draft of this at the next board meeting.

3) Committee chair openings, current and future:

Legislative - currently open

Christmas party - currently open

Membership - will be open in 2009

Aviation Academy - Kevin has requested a co-chairman.

GA Day - Jim and Marilyn have requested an "understudy" to learn how to organize this event.

It was suggested that recruitment efforts be made during the general membership meetings.

b. Possible change day of week of general membership meeting: Mitch will be asked to design and implement a web survey to get input from the membership. This would first be presented to Board and committee members for review, then disseminated to the membership. Dave suggested perhaps the idea of two meetings per month, the second being purely social.

c. Calendar review:

1) The tentative date of the Whidbey trip is July 19. Robert will coordinate with NAS Whidbey.

2) Movie night will probably be August 1.

3) Skykomish work party - Robert will contact Chip Davidson to determine whether or not any work is needed at Skykomish. It may be a barbecue and overnighter, even if no work is required.

d. Although not an agenda item, some discussion ensued about how to handle the ASN Airport Watch situation. Stephanie will obtain the job description for that position from AOPA and another attempt will be made to contact Chip Davidson and request that he provide the Chapter with some insight on how he is fulfilling his duties, either via a newsletter article or a report to the Board.

4. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

5. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Safety and Education: Jim sent word that there will be a seminar in March.

b. Aviation Academy: Kevin told Greg that five students have already signed up.

c. Membership: Dick will organize the volunteers to call members who have not renewed.

There were no other standing committee reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Submitted by Susan F. Kennedy, 2006 Director