

Washington Pilots Association, Paine Field chapter

13 March 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- 7:05 PM by President Greg Bell

Present- President-Greg Bell, V.P.-Les Smith, Secretary-Steve Waterman, Board members-Jim Morgan, Stephanie and Rich Jones, Gary Hill, Jim Faustina, Susan Kennedy, Dick Kinnier, and Chip Davidson.

Minutes- Minutes were read and Greg called for a motion to approve them as submitted. The motion was made by Les, seconded by Jim F., and minutes were approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Dave Van Horn was not present and there was no report.

Old Business- The board is still seeking volunteers to fill four chair positions. Les volunteered to be responsible for finding a member to chair the Christmas Party Committee, Dick volunteered to find a member to take over the chairmanship of the Membership committee, and Jim F. said he would speak with Kevin Kelly about finding a chairperson for the Aviation Academy. There was some discussion by Gary about possible locations for the Christmas party and he will continue to work on securing a location. Stephanie talked about finding a member willing to co-chair with Jim and Marilyn Fries on G.A. Days in order to learn the job and take over next year. She also showed the first draft of a video presentation that she is preparing to be used a promotional tool for the pilots association. Greg talked about progress being made on the WPA state web site to have the ability to do automatic membership renewal. Also that there are plans to have an online membership survey available.

New Business- New board member and Secretary Steve Waterman was welcomed by the board. A discussion followed about the Secretary sending a copy of the approved board meeting minutes to the webmaster as well as the general meeting minutes and program summary in case they are needed to fill out the newsletter. Les called for input for a report that he will be making at the upcoming state WPA retreat. Topics that were suggested included the upcoming G.A. Days, Stephanie's video, some ideas about possible corporate memberships, and the ability to enter chapter events on the state web site calendar.

Committee Reports:

Airport Watch, Skykomish (Chip Davidson) – Reported that the A.S.N. met for the second time recently at the N.W. Aviation Conference. Their purpose is to be informed about events that may encroach upon the interests of general aviation. The current emphasis is on runway incursion and spreading awareness about them. Jim showed a kneeboard sized card that was worked up by Les on runway safety and discussion followed about producing a number of them to be given out to the pilot community in order to promote runway safety. Dave Waggoner will be approached by Jim F. to look into having it mass produced. There was discussion about the need for a possible posting in the Paine Field newsletter about Chip serving as our local A.S.N. representative so that the pilot community was aware of this resource. Chip then reported on the questionable future of the Skykomish airfield in light of the town's construction plans and the lack of state support. Jim F. called to have a date set for the work party at Skykomish to be set even if it ends up just being a barbeque/campout. A date of June 7th was chosen unless otherwise canceled.

Programs (Robert Hamilton)- Not Present. His report has the April program to be Jim Goodall and the DeHavilland Comet. May will be NAS Whidbey Island Growlers. June will be Dave Wheeler.

Safety and Education (Jim Faustina)- Jim solicited ideas for program ideas and said that a plan to present a class of riveting is in the works for the new future. There was discussion about considering putting on pilot training classes as a membership promotional tool. The classes would bring in paid speakers and there would be a tuition fee which could possibly be discounted for WPA members. Jim F. cautioned that we would not want to encroach on any programs being conducted by FBOs on the field.

Membership (Dick Kinnier)- Dick said that there were forty two members who have not yet renewed for 2008. He divided up the list among Susan, Les, Gary, and Greg to approach the members to renew. He said the membership was around 170.

Meeting Adjourned- Greg called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Jim M. and seconded by Stephanie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Steve Waterman, Secretary.