

Washington Pilots Association, Paine Field chapter

8 January 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order- 7:00 PM by President Les Smith

Present- Greg Bell, Les Smith, Steve Waterman, Jim Morgan, Stephanie Allen, Gary Hill, Mitch Mitchell, Dave and Janis Wheeler.

Minutes- Minutes were read and Jim called for a motion to approve which was seconded by Greg and passed by the board with changes.

Treasurer's Report- Greg provided a copy of the treasurer's report which is available upon request. He reported that we have 124 members who are paid up for 2009 with 94 of last year's members not yet renewed. Our bank balance is \$9557.68. The state owes us \$928 and the post office balance is \$150.56. The discussion then turned to establishing a budget.

President's Report- Les reported to the board that he feels that the pending security issues around Paine field will require the chapter's attention and that we should focus on the issues that affect GA aircraft directly and not get distracted by other surrounding issues. He then gave us an update on Skycomish which will be seeing construction well into the summer to do work on the drainage/sewer system. We will not schedule a work party this year. He also said that it was reported that \$200,000 generated by foresting the property supposedly went into the WSDOT Aviation department.

Old Business-

Email System- Mitch has set up a chapter email system that will allow us to send emails to the entire chapter membership while the state works to solve their email problems.

Christmas party- Gary reported that the party was a success and that we did better than break even. Les called for a motion to have Gary tentatively reserve the same location for next year while we research alternate sites. It was seconded by Steve and passed by the board. Les asked Greg to prepare a budget based on this year's expenses. Next year's date is December 4th.

Toys for Tots – Severe weather this year altered the event dramatically. Most toys had to be transported by car. Les wants us to explore possibly donating toys next year to a local charitable organization.

Committee Reports-

Membership- Steve reported that the new wallet sized cards have been distributed and brought a new idea from Jim Morgan for red ribbon and "D" ring with the state website address instead on "remove before flight". Steve will get some estimates of cost and get back to the board. Les went over the State membership report which showed that to date we have a 54% retention rate of last year's members to date. It was decided that a call for volunteers will be made by Steve at the general meeting in order to contact members who have not yet renewed via a telephone call campaign. Les asked Steve to clean up the membership list so that it was current. Les asked Steve to update the paper forms for both new and renewing members. Les wants to work with Steve to get the latest information on the fuel discount which is an important membership benefit. Dave suggested that members bring their new membership cards over to Castle and Cook to sign up for the fuel

discount, but also that the card printing feature is currently not working on the state site. Steve will investigate. Steve will do a short piece on membership for the newsletter.

GA Day- The next planning meeting will be Thursday January 22nd at 6PM in the airport conference room. The main topic will be the event layout. A new volunteer, Shawn Morgan has joined the team to run the nonprofit booths.

New Business-

Standing Committees- Les announced that according to the by-laws, standing committees are supposed to be overseen by the directors. There are four standing committees and including the past president there are four directors. Janis volunteered to oversee both the membership and promotion committees. Jim Morgan volunteered to oversee Safety and Education and the Legislative committee is currently open.

Security issues- Les tasked the board with bringing a new level of attention and activism to the security issues facing Paine Field in order to preserve our aviation privileges. It was decided that the board would be the watch dog on this issue rather than establish a separate committee.

Fly outs- Discussion took place over the establishment of a fly out schedule which would generate better participation and possibly have a more positive impact on recruiting new members. It was decided to once again make a call at the general meeting for someone to volunteer as a fly out coordinator to advise and guide members who want to plan a trip. A check list is available to assist members in planning such events.

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

Submitted by Steve Waterman, Acting Secretary.