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EAA 327 Membership Meeting UD Flight Center, January 20, 2010



Minutes



Meeting was preceded by a chili feed with entrée delivered by Nick Hirsch and Harry Styer with the gratitude of the members.

CALL TO ORDER

Pres. Larry Mueller (LDM) called to order the regular membership meeting of Chapter 327 at 19:24 hours on 20 Jan., 2011 in UD Flight Center.

ROLL CALL

Twenty-one members present.

REPORTS

Minutes prepared by outgoing Secretary Mike Gaffney and read by Larry Kilburg were approved as read.

Treasurer: Elaine Fitch reported income of \$1333, expenses of \$806.20 and a balance of \$7994.67

Gratitude was expressed to outgoing Membership and Retention Director, Lyle Hefel

Advertising Director: Harry Styer reported continuation of submissions to The Dubuque Advertiser, Telegraph Herald and surround area media.

OPEN ISSUES

- ▶ Pres. LDM reported that service awards had arrived and would be presented at the regular meeting
- ▶ Pres. LDM also reminded those present that the vice president's office was still open and asked for candidates/volunteers/chronic slackers.

He also questioned any requirements in the by-laws regarding operations w/o a VP. A quick review did not reveal any specifics in this regard.

- ▶ Young Eagles Director position is open as Bill Fitch is retiring the position offering to assist and fly for future events. Bill also posited that he would consider independently continue YE if the Chapter could not organize future events. Bill will ask Shane O'Brien to assume the role but Shane has not renewed his membership.
- ▶ Bill also urged a persistent follow-up to keep youth involved after their flight.
- ▶ Pres LDM reported that Dave Kramer is not able to continue editing the newsletter and that the need for a replacement is urgent. Elaine Fitch suggested that perhaps the newsletter frequency could be reduced to quarterly to reduce the workload. The issue was tabled when no volunteers spoke up.
- ▶ John Einck is continuing to work on an updated membership address list but suffered a setback in the form of a computer crash.
- ▶ Pres. LDM asked for volunteers or nominations for the open VP position. Having no response the issue was tabled and John Einck was asked to continue in the interim.

NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ Mike Gaffney informed the gathering of the scheduled speaker for the March meeting will be JoAnne Seckman who will present on the life of Tom Baldwin.
- ▶ Service awards were presented to the following in appreciation of their service to the Chapter:

Elaine Fitch
John Halpert
Nancy Mueller
Larry Mueller

John Einck
Mike Gaffney
Lyle Hefel

Still outstanding was Harry Styer's award as it had not arrived yet.

- ▶ Mike Gaffney presented suggestions for future Chapter programs and to promote the Chapter in the region based on ideas garnered at a workshop at OSH and ideas from the membership. Some of the ideas include:
 - "Old Eagles" ride, possibly for parents of Young Eagles. This could be promoted in media and by airport manager with follow-up later to gauge participants interest in pursuing aviation. There could be a tie-in with the Sport Pilot/Light Sport Aircraft to show affordability. A screening process might include an aviation related essay contest.

- Other ideas included a possible flight simulator, a guest night, creation of information packages and wearing apparel with the Chapter logo in the public to trigger curiosity.
 - Still other ideas included an open-house with food, information on fractional programs and addressing the changing culture of private aviation from a sport to a utilitarian function. Another idea is to contact Mineta Guardiner, president of the 99's to ask if she would present on the upcoming transcontinental air race starting in Iowa City in June.
- ▶ Bill Fitch called for a replacement Young Eagles director so that he could focus on flying rather than organizing the events. The next YE event is tentatively scheduled for the last week of February.
- ▶ In other new business Pres. LDM will renew the subscription for the web site hosting and paper work for the Treasurer's audit are ready.

ADJOURNMENT

Pres. LDM adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Larry Kilburg

