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Minutes



**EAA 327 Member Meeting
at University of Dubuque
Flight Center,
September 15, 2011**

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Robert Grierson, Former Deputy Chief of Staff—US Forces Afghanistan, Northern Region and Airport Director at Dubuque Regional Airport. His topic was his recent tour in Afghanistan.



Presentation given by Robert Grierson at the October Chapter meeting.

Call to Order

Pres. Larry Mueller (LDM), called to order the regular membership meeting of Chapter 327 at 20:00 hours on 15 September, 2011 at the UD Flight Center. 12 members present.

Reports

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: Elaine Fitch reported a current balance of \$10,069.80

Program Director: Mike Gaffney reported the speaker for the October meeting would be Tomas Thomas, Wisconsin Air National Guard historian. Mr. Thomas has 5 presentation topics but none had yet been selected.

Open Issues

- ▶ There is still a vacancy in the Vice President position. Other officer terms expiring include President and Treasurer. EAA requires a president for each chapter. No candidates exist at this time.

- ▶ A total of 1,086 meals were served at the Fly-in/Drive-in breakfast. 30 members and spouses worked at the event. UD provided 11 additional helpers and several scouts helped as well.
- ▶ Blue Skies Aviation had been provided with \$141 in breakfast tickets. Motion was made and approved to waive charges for those tickets.
- ▶ Discussion on fate of future breakfast events was tabled.

New Business

- ▶ A proposal was made to establish a scholarship of \$2,000 to assist a youthful candidate pay for flight lessons with payment going to the flight school or instructor. Suggestions for choosing a candidate included submission of an application or nomination form and submission of an essay to be judged by chapter membership. No action was taken.
- ▶ New member Dave Dunne was introduced. Dave is a former engineer for Cessna having worked 13 years on various products including jets. His interest is in rotorcraft.
- ▶ Dawn Grierson stepped forward to become the new Young Eagles director. Dawn is planning an event to be held on 8 October with an alternate date of 16 October. Pilots have already volunteered. There remains a need for escorts to lead children to and from the aircraft. A video is available to explain the Young Eagles program.
- ▶ Thank you note need to be sent to Colin with UD and Eric Schneider with Civil Air Patrol for providing assistance at the breakfast. A donation of \$200 will be made to both organizations. It was suggested the scouts receive something in appreciation of their help but that it should be limited to those who actually helped with the breakfast.
- ▶ Topic of misleading media coverage of the breakfast was presented by Pres. Larry Mueller. TV coverage in particular mentioned the chapter only in passing leaving the viewer with the impression that the Airport was behind all the activities of the day. An e-mail from Larry to Karin Spisak, Airport Marketing Coordinator lamenting that fact was followed up by another from a chapter member revealing our internal debate on whether to continue the breakfast events in the future. It also was critical of the failure of the Airport to correct the omission of credit to the Chapter. Pres. Larry Mueller had a subsequent face to face meeting with Karin to reiterate our appreciation of the Airport's support for the breakfast and acknowledge that she was not responsible for the media interpretation of the story.



Dawn Grierson is our new Young Eagles director.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 20:49.

Minutes submitted by: Larry Kilburg

Our Annual Fly-In Breakfast Was a Success!



