

Minutes, Board meeting, March 9 2024

The CO called the meeting to order at 1:15. In attendance: Desmon, Stoney, Shoemaker, Jackson, Hill, Youman, Haug, Edwards, Smyth

Absent: Shipler (on assignment), Martinovich

Pete: Lauren Hoyt could not attend, but will provide scholar's view of our program at a later date.

Dan/Kerry: Tri-fold brochure update discussed, some errors corrected, new draft will be circulated for proofing, the budget was amended to include \$250 for 500.

Fred mentioned the Fly Day should have its own budget line item. This led to a discussion of CWB covering the entire day, to include both food and fuel. The budget was amended to authorize up to \$1,000 in support of our fly day.

While on the topic, we discussed potential venues. Using John's member/owner density graph, we acknowledged that convenience for ground-borne members was an important consideration. While Paine Field was the most centrally located, lack of street-side access was an issue as well as a suitable hangar. No selection was made; Bob will continue to gather info and process suggestions.

EAA chapter survey results were reviewed (in depth and at length). We received mostly positive ratings, but two of the negatives bore discussion: meet more often than five times per year (this is a valid point given we attend fewer airshows/fly-ins than in years past), and look into virtual meetings, not just archived online, but available "live."

This led into the topic of planning for the future. (Gary Shipler is at Harvey this date attending a mini-leadership camp.) Our planning will not be solely limited to leadership changes, but will include broadening our base through such efforts as longer tracking the careers of our scholars. We will seek more involvement with select aviation clubs, such as Red Tail Hawks; we will look into sponsoring/mentoring high school aviation clubs.

There were many suggestions, some quite good. The bottom line remains – who will do the work?

(Noted for the record: the board meeting was attended by nine grey-haired old men and one spouse)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM