

Minutes, Board meeting, October 12, 2024, Museum of Flight, Seattle

CO called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

Present: Desmon, Shoemaker, Shipler, Hill, Youman, Edwards, Smyth

Absent: Stoney, Jackson, Haug

Not on the agenda, calendar for November: (1) another donation to PNWNAM? (2) appoint new Chief Marshaller to succeed Paul?

1. Need to fill board vacancy; Brian Ruby elected to finish unexpired term
2. Another fly day? Yes, await input from Stoney; does he need/want some help, consider moving to a venue further south
3. Venues for CWB member meetings? AWO, KOKH, KBVS mentioned, but center-of-mass deemed very important when making selections
4. Limit names on Memorial Plaque? Idle question posited off-site. Fred explained criteria – member in good standing at time of demise. No reason to limit (at this time, anyway) since plaque is virtual, thus no cost incurred. Further question: should exceptions to existing criteria be made on case-by-case basis? No action taken.
5. Dinner party venue and menu: Hilton Garden Inn rent raised by \$100, rooms by \$1. Menu and price remain the same. No pushback noted.
6. Kerry will handle the sale of Jensen's uniform donation.
7. How to increase membership? – two main themes: First, younger members are necessary so we don't age out, maybe they become interested by being around warbirds, or maybe by flights, even if in GA aircraft. Second, older members are necessary because they can afford, in both time and money, to own warbirds and fly in our events. Brian will reach out to the so-to-be-ex military community. Is a full-time PAO necessary/appropriate? Bob and Kerry to discuss. May need a youth coordinator. Business cards are a tool, inexpensively produced at home and customized as desired.
8. Our social media needs closer scrutiny, event calendar is current, but FB page is not. Dan will contact John C. and also create an Instagram presence.
9. Our 2024 scholar class is making progress very slowly; only one so far has completed the program. He is writing his essay to compete for the grant. Deadline for ground school and flights is Dec. 31. Our 2023 grant winner has made no progress to date; that deadline is Dec. 2025.
10. We're expanding our outreach to the younger generation. First effort was in Oak Harbor. Fred explained the success of the first free fly day; 29 rides given in 10 flights. A local owner has donated free flight time in his C172, 10 hours per month, and a local CFI has donated his time for those flights. An extended panel upgrade in the C172 has delayed the second phase. More as progress resumes.
11. Need to appoint a safety officer (SO) who can do a 5-10 minute presentation at each meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM

Fred C Smyth, Adjutant