

Minutes, Board of Directors, March 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 13:05; all directors in attendance

Fly Day: Bob reported he had enough help lined up, but needed pilots. He'll pick a location this month, potential issue with Auburn, may end up at AWO. Primary date 6/7, backup 6/21. Lunch wagon will be on us, but donations will be sought.

Scholarship: Pete reported Robin Hill is the new committee member. Also, the primary FBO is Rainier Flight, they are expected to have a presence at KBFI. No longer in-person ground school, students must sign up for Gold Seal program. CWB to reimburse \$229 cost after successful completion. This unexpected expense adds \$1,000 to the scholarship budget this year. No second grant will be considered this year. Bob S. will track Young Eagles ground school, Pete will check to see if Regal still offers in-person ground school.

MoF meeting room: Cale notified us that use of NVL will no longer be free, but Red Barn will if its size works for us. Didn't ask what price would be, didn't want to indicate we might be willing to pay. Mention made that we contribute to MoF on occasion (last \$1,000 was in 2023); also will poll members "Are you a MoF member?" Need to reach out to CEO Matt Hayes. Also, we will have a member meeting on April 12, will use the Red Barn if necessary.

Social Media Update: Instagram up and running. Trent will send info to me for a member blitz. Need to post reminders, etc. Suggestions – On this Day in History, Facts about Warbirds, needn't be in-depth, just enough to keep folks engaged. Tie in to newsletter also. Trent – do you have enough equipment or must CWB buy some? Trent has enough, only issue what to do if he isn't present. Also, add success stories to scholar videos, get pilots shots while in cockpits. Kerry, Bob S, Allison to work.

Bob S: small gifts to presenters? Maybe a shoulder patch will suffice. Fred to send to Dave for October and future.

Fred presented 2024 financials. Said new member expense much lower due to no longer providing engraved name tag with membership, that due to increase in both tag price and postage, combined over \$13 per. Will blitz membership with availability. Questions veered to on-line store; Fred explained our use of non-

profit exemption. Will look into whether we can even mention prices on our web page.

2025 proposed budget discussed, several changes, approved at expenses exceeding revenues by **\$3,500**. Note: final version emailed to board on March 9.

Kerry discussed B-17 prints for sale. Will protect with shrink-wrap, bring some to PAE community day, info to Fred for member blitz, will add to April newsletter. The uniform: Kerry researched possible prices to expect when offered for sale. Bob S. offered to donate \$500 if CWB would loan the uniform long-term to the CAF museum at AWO. Board concurred unanimously.

Safety Officer: no appointment yet, decision deferred while more candidates considered. Bob Hill has not yet agreed.

Dan updated re: Puyallup convention, some scholar apps handed out, some member apps also, of note: two new members are on board.

Invite letters to WA-based WB owners – Dave said a couple individuals expressed interest. Fred said no apps received yet.

Brian Ruby briefed his progress on veteran outreach. He summarized that most veterans will want to wait a few years after separation. He stated that the “target” to attract younger potential members is somewhat unclear. Facebook? Pilots groups? LinkedIn contact? Brian has created some leads including a LinkedIn post (he refers to this in the report sent to the board dated 03MAR2025). Action: Trent (with John’s involvement) will examine setting up a LinkedIn profile/page for CWB. Brian will revisit after, hopefully, getting more responses.

CO: elections coming up Jan 2026. Need to start thinking of leadership positions. Desmon may or may not be here in one year. Potentially all positions.

That is all.