

Westerly Airport Association Meeting Minutes

19 MAR 2013

Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Jen Holden, Bryce Holden, Nancy Christina, Jim Gueltnow, Bette Gueltnow, Carol Amedeo, Derek Ferris, Sandy Niles, Sam Grills, Mike Ferrigno, Dick Morrone

- 1. No new members or guests were present for introduction.**
- 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.**
- 3. The Recording Secretary's report was read, and accepted with these changes:**

Regarding Wings Over Westerly, Derek will be following issues with WOW event insurance.

Regarding the proposed Bylaws changes, these will be discussed at the regular May WAA meeting, and voted upon at the June meeting. Karen Watrous was thanked in absentia for providing the February minutes.

- 4. Corresponding Secretary's report: the Chamber mailing was passed around; there was no other correspondence.**
- 5. Treasurer's report: Derek's report was accepted as presented.**

Old Business:

- 6. WOW needs an operations manual; Bernie confirmed with Carol that she has documentation and it should be combined with Sam and Karen's notes.**
- 7. Ocean House fundraising event - Carol discussed changing the date in order to give more time for organizing. Many other logistics are required and Friday, May 3, 2013 is just too soon. Carol moved that we change the date to October 18th, also a Friday. This will be checked against the possibility of other local, conflicting events; the 25th is also available at the Ocean House. This was agreed upon.**

Event hours will be 6-9. Laura Connolly and the Ocean House chef will consider menu improvements over last year. We are getting the Sunset Ballroom free of charge again, but the per/person charge is being raised from \$50 to \$75. A ticket price of \$100 was discussed.

A small ensemble playing 1930s and 1940s swing music will be the ideal. Johnny and the East Coast Rockers is the band the committee has in mind, a band with its own following, who usually charge \$1600 but will play our event for \$1200.

The name of the event was discussed. We considered Aviation Through the Ages: Swinging in the '40s. We will focus on the 1940s, especially the post-war years. Further discussion resulted in the final selection of "Celebrating Aviation in the 40s: Come Swing with us!"

Stephanie will handle the Silent Auction. We should have prizes for the best vintage attire. Sam Grills will bring aviation items for display. Carol has a poster-board with photos of WAA events to display. Bette offered to do a painting encompassing the theme. Aircraft Nose Art on warplanes was important, and it would be good to find a tasteful way to celebrate this. Everyone is welcome to contribute items for display. Carol invited everyone with ideas to bring them forward for the benefit of the fundraiser. Carol will ask Rudi Hauser if he can supply chocolate airplanes in cellophane bags, which she will donate as favors.

- 8. Bernie had a copy of the Bylaws for anyone who doesn't have email. People should review before the May meeting, as previously discussed.**
- 9. The WAA container: We need to get a different unit at We Stor, Dick Morrone's storage facility in Pawcatuck, as the original one has been rented. Dick said that a unit will become available next month. Carol has things like three chafing dishes, the bird pendants, etc. that need to be stored. The WAA signs are still at Dooney.**
- 10. Carol graciously offered to send the scholarship information to the schools. Derek pointed out that we have \$3900 in the liquid Scholarship fund and should probably limit this year's outlay. Carol wants the level of scholarships to remain \$1000 per scholarship. Perhaps we should dip into one of the CDs to have more money available.**
- 11. Carol received an email from the BI School Guidance Counselor asking about scholarship, so the interest is definitely there.**
- 12. The Pancake Breakfast has to come back onto the table. Carol pointed out that before last year, we had lots of items donated, where in 2012 most items were purchased - which lessened profits in a year when attendance was down. We should sell tickets in advance. The price was \$7/adult and \$4/child. Mike and Dean are co-chairs. Mike moved to have the breakfast on June 30th; Dick seconded and the motion carried. Sandy will do posters.**
- 13. It is unlikely Sam Watrous will be able to chair WOW; he may have to take the EAA Chapter presidency and would be unable to chair WOW.**
- 14. The FAA Safety Seminar we had planned had been cancelled due to the snowstorm that day. Mike said the FAA's Team at FSDO #1 is dissolving due to budget cuts, but he may be able to get something out of the CT FSDO (Bradley). Bernie mentioned that AOPA may have resources; for instance, Bruce Landsberg of the Air Safety Foundation spoke the previous week at RIPA. Sandy mentioned Safety Seminar in a box available from AOPA Air Safety Foundation.**
- 1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.**