

Westerly Airport Association Meeting Minutes

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Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Sam Grills, Bernie Stumpf, Carol Amedeo, Mike Ferrigno, Derek Ferris, Bob Taylor, Sandy Niles

- I. No new members or guests were present for introduction.
- II. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Bernie called to mind Bill Grunow, who passed away recently. He had been diagnosed with a serious illness in December, and passed in early March. Bernie sent flowers from WAA to Suzanne, Bill's closest dear one.
- III. The Secretary's report was read and accepted.
- IV. Corresponding Secretary – Carol had nothing to report.
- V. Treasurer's report: Of note, half of the OH deposit came from the Scholarship. . Five prior members' dues remain unpaid. Derek has contacted them, but they are unresponsive. If they remain unpaid, they will be dropped from the membership rosters and mailings. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Wings Over Westerly still needs an operations manual. Carol mentioned that Stephanie and Ricky Shawn might take on the chairmanship for WOW, as Sam Watrous has been elected president of the Experimental Aircraft Chapter 334, and cannot chair WOW. Sam has already mentioned the need for Young Eagles pilots. We do need Sam's info about the Young Eagles process. WAA will provide volunteers as usual to support flight operations, which must be handled by the EAA Chapter for insurance and program integrity reasons.

- B. Regarding the October Ocean House fundraiser, Carol reported that she has spoken with Laura Connolly of OH about improving the food compared with that of last year. There will be more stations as well as more appetizers. Johnny and the East Coast Rockers has been selected as the band. Carol asked for members to supply names of people to whom to send invitations. There will be a return card, which will include the option to make a donation for those unable to attend. Kate Lantini of Sun Graphics is designing the invitations for Carol; Carol plans to donate the invitations. Carol is using Bette's painting from last year as the cover image, and she is thinking about an image of an aviation couple dancing for the event program. Some discussion ensued about the event. The next event meeting will be at Carol's house on Wednesday May 8th. Please RSVP if you will be attending.
- C. Mike is chairing the Pancake Breakfast, but is unable to devote the time to seek donations. The Breakfast is June 30th. Carol offered to send letters requesting donations of food to local businesses that have been happy to donate in the past.
- D. Carol has sent letters to the following local schools: Ella T. Grasso Technical School, Stonington HS, N. Stonington HS, Westerly HS, Chariho Regional HS, Block Island School, and S. Kingstown HS. Stonington has contacted Carol with promise of a possible candidate. Derek reiterated that we should perhaps limit it to two \$1000 scholarships to remain within our available funds at this time. Carol moved that we give a scholarship to Kevin's Allen's daughter, who is a freshman in college. This consideration is in recognition of Kevin's service to this organization. Mike seconded it. Discussion followed. Sandy pointed out that it would be inappropriate to take this out of our Scholarship Fund, which is specifically offered for persons studying in an aviation or aerospace field, but it could come from the Treasury. The Treasury is not at its highest, as we are before any of the year's fund raising events. Carol has most generously offered to donate \$1000 to the WAA for the purpose of giving \$1000 to Kevin for his daughter's college expenses.
- E. Bylaws – The May meeting will include discussion about the Bylaws changes. Derek will include a PDF copy of the Bylaws in the next meeting reminder email.
- F. There is no new information about the storage container.
- G. The May meeting will be a dinner meeting, to be held at Haversham Tavern. We will try to award scholarships at this meeting.
- H. Carol mentioned RIPA and Friends of Slater Museum as organizations that send membership cards. Derek will send the membership card graphic file to Sandy again, and she will print them. Carol will compose a letter to enclose when membership cards are mailed out.
- I. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.