

## Westerly Airport Association Meeting Minutes

16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Suzanne Scully, Sam and Karen Watrous, Carol Amedeo, Stephanie Shawn, Sam Grills, Cas Godek, Sandy Niles, Derek Ferris.

The Secretary's report was read and approved as written.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Carol has written Thank You notes to McQuade's (which donated paper products), Stop & Shop (which donated a \$50 gift card), and Sandy's (which donated strawberries and blueberries). She has not received any thank you notes from our 2013 Scholarship winners. Derek reported that he actually did receive a note recently from Eric Fast, one of the recipients, which Derek will bring for us to hear at the next meeting. Sam shared that Ben Brennan, the other 2013 winner, is very busy doing an aviation camp project.

Carol has the newest Chamber mailing. She reminded us that in order to have our flyers included in the August Chamber mailing, they must be printed and brought to the Chamber by next Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion ensued about whether or not to make the sheet 2-sided (WOW and the Ocean House event)

Printing will be accomplished by several people. Mike will print 100. Stephanie will print 100. Carol will print 200. Bernie will print 100, Sandy will print 300. Derek will print 100.

Treasurer's report: Derek reported the state of the accounts.

The report was approved as submitted.

Kirsten from the Chamber emailed Stephanie during the meeting, informing her that it is only \$100 to have a second flyer, so we will do a separate Chamber mailing for the Ocean House event.

Pancake Breakfast review:

Mike reviewed the breakfast, noting that it went well. Mike was pleased with volunteerism. The extra grill was great; a third would even enable us to not have to pre-cook anything. The foggy weather was actually a plus, as attendance was good. We served 249 adults, 36 children. Tourists saw the signs and came to the breakfast. Mike and Sandy spent several hours in the hanger the night before, painting new signs. Advertising was perfect, thanks to Carol, who both arranged it and paid for it.

Receipts were \$1293. Some tickets were sold in advance

Noted that Everett from Honey Dew donated the decaf, and Carol donated the regular coffee.

Steph got the permission from the Police Chief for sign placement.

Dean suggested orange juice be served at tables in the future, so patrons don't have to carry it along with plates and flatware and coffee. Sandy said we should be sure to serve real juice, not Sunny D punch.

The Ocean House event – Aviation in the 30s and 40s:

A committee meeting will be held next Tuesday, 6:00, at the Pleasant View Inn in Misquamicut. Committee members planning to attend are Bette and Jim Gueltzow, Derek, Stephanie, Carol of course, Bernie, and he will check with Dottie.

WAA Members will receive evites, rather than printed ones, to this event. If members would like printed invitations to be mailed to people they know, Carol must be given the names and addresses. Kate Burris of Sun Graphics has designed the invitations, featuring Bette's aviation painting.

Carol would like to send the invitations six weeks before the event, so September 1<sup>st</sup> is the target mailing date. Therefore, names should be given to her promptly.

Carol will handle publicity for Wings Over Westerly as well as the OH gala, including: RI Monthly, So Westerly, the Sun, The Day, WBLQ, etc.

WAA Storage container:

No one is present who can address this. Bernie has not received any updates from Dean or Dick. We have things stored at Dooney - tables and chairs, leftover pancake breakfast stuff, etc. Carol has a plastic container of cups and such. We have things in a room upstairs at Dooney – it is a locked room, but a shared space. The chafing dishes, etc. at Carol's house can stay there until after our December meeting, then should be moved for storage elsewhere. Mike is fairly confident that we can continue to keep stuff in the room upstairs at Dooney, but it is obvious better solution needs to be found. Example: Sam Watrous is storing the play airplane in his own hangar. It needs a long-term storage solution. It weighs about 300 pounds and is 14 feet long.

Sam reported that Dave Struzik is leaving the area. Dave has been the WOW flight simulator coordinator for WOW in the past, so we will have to figure out another way to do it. Actually, last year Sam Watrous and Dave Robotham supplied the computers and Flight Simulator software for WOW.

Speaking of WOW:

The date this year is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, rain date the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Young Eagles flights are being coordinated once again by Sam Watrous. Insurance for Young Eagles through EAA is secured. Our own event insurance is expected soon by Derek. Noted that Derek has found suitable coverage for far less than in previous years. Yay, Derek!

Sam needs to line up pilots. Sam cannot fly, as his partner has his airplane booked that entire wknd. Bernie will fly, Mike F. will fly, maybe Ross Tracey, Chuck Drake with a Cherokee Six, maybe Conrad, maybe Tommy LaPere... Y.E. Pilots must meet EAA requirements including being current EAA members, and properly qualified pilots according to the EAA program. Sam will handle all the certificates and forms, and so on for the Young Eagles flights.

A letter requesting permission for the event must be written to Richard Lamart of RIAC. Derek has sent the letter, but has not yet received a response; this formality is not expected to be a problem

Eileen Repose told Bernie she will bring the Quonset CAP cadets. The Police, Fire, and Rescue will be included

Jim Cowley knows the date(s) . Sandy stated that Bill Bendokas will certainly be willing to display New England Airlines aircraft.

The food license needs to be secured.

Tom LaPere used to handle trash and Porta Potties. Mike will ask Tommy about this.

Sam will contact Marty about the barricades. Marty's situation is uncertain.

WBLQ: Last year they showed up late, and ran from maybe noon for an hour or so. It was apparent he basically wanted an airplane ride for his son, who is under age for the YE program.)

How is money made at WOW???? Not the primary goal, but we have the food to sell, a raffle, and donation jars to bring in some funds. We used to do really well with corporate sponsors. It requires personal visits to businesses. (Humphrey Amedeo, Dick Morrone, Mike Ferrigno, and Tom LaPere used to secure most of the sponsorships.) Carol will send letters trying to get some sponsorships.

Our biggest expense is the insurance, followed by food, soda, etc.

We will skip the pony rides, although Carol thinks they have been a good draw. The ponies do have a cost associated, and we are not even sure if they can be secured.

Jumparoo Zoo is not donated, but Steph worked a deal to get a discount.

We should cross-sell the Ocean House event with a display at WOW.

We need Washington Trust volunteers, school volunteers, etc. It may be tough to get kids that early in September, as they have just started the school year.

We will do Spotted by a Westerly Sun photographer, and let parents photograph their own kids.

Carol will contact Lifestar.

Sandy has enough beads. Steph will contact Michaels to get stretch cord donated.

Sam Grills will try to get Phil Rossoni and his Walkalong wings.

Sadie will do portraits, will definitely have another artist with her.

Carol will contact Alexandra and Alexis for face painting (calendar winners).

Sam Watrous will work on getting more aircraft for static display.

We need to have applications to join WAA, a table for Angel Flight, classic cars from Cas.

Steph has connection at Chariho – Dean of Students Nikki Scott – and will get a singer for the National Anthem.

Other ideas:

Dennison Pequotsepos, Stand Up for Animals, a magician...would probably have to pay for a magician, so that idea might not work.

Food stuffs – there is not much in stock except “hundreds” of frozen hot dogs. Dean and Nancy have been doing the food service for WOW.

Food prices should go up, 5 cents.

Gate count – last year did not have counter, but recent years’ attendance is estimated at 300-400 people.

Sandy will write new signs.

Atlantic Flyer and AvWeb already had WOW, but it seems AvWeb no longer retained events. AvWeb needs it resubmitted. “Checkpoints”

Shirts for pilots = Stephanie will investigate pricing for T-shirts for volunteers, pilots, and for sale.

Adjourned informally at 9:00 pm.