

Westerly Airport Association Meeting Minutes

17th September 2013 - - - Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance:

Carol Amedeo
Mike Ferrigno
Derek Ferris
Bernie Stumpf
Dotty Stumpf
Stephanie Shawn
Karen Watrous
Roy Gaudette
Kathleen Gaudette
Sandy Niles

The meeting was called to order at 1910 hours. It being noted that several members were in a time constraint this evening, and Karen Watrous had this day learned of the death of her father, an efficient and short meeting was agreed upon.

The Secretary's report –reading of the minutes of August's meeting was deferred to next month.

Corresponding Secretary's report: there was no correspondence reported.

Treasurer's report: Derek reported on the state of the checking accounts and CDs. The report was approved as submitted.

The Ocean House event – Carol reviewed the status of the October 18th event. A follow-up meeting scheduled for last Wednesday was postponed by the O.H. Events Coordinator, and will occur this Wednesday at 2PM. Carol will attend in order to finalize details. A committee meeting will be held at Carol's home on Friday, the 4th of October. Returns are coming in, with several invitees making donations if they are unable to attend. Carol has secured some Silent Auction items. She is also donating a second pair of tickets for brunch at the Ocean House to serve as prizes so that the two best dressed couples at the event may win brunches.

There was some discussion about additional opportunities for raising money, such as a 50-50 raffle, but it was decided to keep these ideas for other venues.

WOW Event –

This event was reviewed first by Stephanie as a resounding success, with perfect weather and 732 attendees. Although we do not consider this a fund-raising event, we did well financially - primarily in the food service. We did run out of many food items.

There is room for improvement in the security of display autos and aircraft. One Corvette owner would not consider returning to WOW, as he reported a new scratch on his show car.

We need a sign “near the big blue plane” (Mark Simmons’s Avenger on display) to define the waiting area for kids ready to be escorted to the briefing room.

In Sam’s absence, Karen reported on the Young Eagles portion of WOW. Eleven pilots flew a total of 123 youths. 25 of these were repeat flyers from other Y.E. events, and six kids registered but did not fly. Sam would like to schedule a make-up day in order to give rides to the C.A.P. cadets who volunteered at WOW. These cadets did not have signed permission from a parent, and could not fly that day.

Carol is preparing a thank-you ad for the SUN, in which the WOW chairs (Sam and Karen Watrous, Stephanie and Ricky Shawn) will publicly thank all of the sponsors and participants in WOW 2013. The lengthy list was read and added to.

Derek made a motion that the funds collected in the donation jars be given the EAA Chapter 334; this was readily agreed upon. Derek also reported in detail regarding the financial aspects of WOW, which presently shows a net profit of \$1977.51.

Additional ideas for WOW 2014 were discussed. Cas suggested selling 10’ booth space at WOW for a fee, perhaps \$50, as an additional way to bring revenue. Stephanie mentioned that T-shirts for sale are a must. It was also noted that the volunteer pilots want the embroidered golf shirts as we provided a few years ago.

WAA Storage container: Still, no progress has been made. One suggestion remains to acquire a wheeled trailer, “POD,” or other container to store on Dooney property. Mike Ferrigno suggests we simply continue to avail ourselves of Dooney’s generous policy of simply allowing us to keep our stuff in the hangar and upstairs. Organizing and consolidating our items would make this more convenient as well as taking less space.

New Business:

Stephanie suggested WAA become involved in the Columbus Day Parade in Westerly. Discussion ensued, with a general consensus that - while this would be a great thing to do - in the past the WAA membership has not been sufficiently supportive to keep it from being another undue burden on the core volunteers. No decision was made.

Stephanie also suggested future activities such as a “haunted hangar” attraction, charging \$5.00 “per kid” to entertain and raise money.

Cas noted that WAA now owns a 55-cup coffeemaker, formerly belonging to his father. Thank you, Cas!

The meeting adjourned, with kind thoughts extended to Karen Watrous..

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Niles, Recording Secretary