

Westerly Airport Association Meeting Minutes

19th November 2013

Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Stephanie Shawn, Carol Amedeo, Bette Gueltzow, Jim Gueltzow, Derek Ferris, Sam Grills, Karen Watrous, Sam Watrous, Mike Ferrigno, Sandy Niles.

The meeting was called to order at 1920 hours. Thanks were extended to Ricky Shawn for letting us in to Dooney, as a miscommunication had left us out in the cold!

GREETING, INTRODUCTIONS

No new members or guests were present.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes for the October monthly meeting were read, and approved as submitted. Stephanie suggested that minutes might be handed out for review at meetings, instead of being read aloud. This suggestion was approved in the form of emailing minutes to active members before each subsequent meeting, with a few copies available for those at the meeting who need to see them.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Carol reported receiving an email from Kirsten at the Chamber of Commerce, requesting our Association's 2014 event dates to include in the Chamber's events calendar.

In response, we agreed upon dates for our known upcoming events, as follows:

Sunday, 29th June, PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, 6th September, WINGS OVER WESTERLY

Carol suggested considering another Ocean House fundraiser for the spring of 2015. The date for a Hangar Party is TBD, likely this May. The subject of hosting another Business After Hours for the Chamber was discussed, with no specific conclusions today.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Derek reported the state of the accounts. He will be moving \$6000 from the Association's general account to the WAA Scholarship Fund. The treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

WOW MANUAL:

Carol has the present manual; Sam Watrous offered to add the pertinent information for his area (Young Eagle Flight Operations and related details) by next month, and Stephanie will compile the information together.

OCEAN HOUSE EVENT 18th October 2013

Bernie introduced the topic, remarking it to have been “singularly successful.” All were in agreement. Carol would like to see us repeat this event in the future. She was able to reach the high bidders for all of the auction items, with three more checks due in. Stephanie rightfully remarked that the end of the auction could have been better organized in terms of bidder notification and item payment/collection. A particular problem was the unplanned arrival of extra auction items at the event itself. This well-meaning activity caused a lot of confusion and difficulty with bid sheets and items. Additional discussion ensued about specifics of items and the payment for and claiming of them, and the general need for better organization all around.

90 people attended. The net for the OH event, thus far, is about \$6300.

Carol raised the request that our Scholarship Fund, presently named the “Westerly Airport Association Humphrey J. Amedeo, Jr. Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund,” be re-named the “Westerly Airport Association Humphrey J. Amedeo, Jr. Aviation Scholarship Foundation.” She requested this change in accordance with a suggestion by her professional advisors, in order to assure the perpetuity of the Scholarship. No administrative changes are made with this name change. A motion to make this change was made, seconded, and carried, with one abstention from a member who admits to not understanding the technicalities of the matter.

WAA STORAGE:

As previously discussed, storage of WAA items is secure at Dooney Aviation for the foreseeable future, “as long as Mike and Kevin are here, and Dooney doesn’t sell the place.” Our signs are in the back of the hangar, the WOW and Pancake Breakfast stuff is upstairs in the offices. Some items (such as napkins, plates, etc.) are in plastic tubs still stored at Carol’s home, and should be moved to Dooney to be together with the other stuff.

SAFETY SEMINAR:

As the FAA New England Region FSDO#1 (our FAA office in Bedford, MA) is dissolving the FAASTeam due to budget problems, there are no longer FAA safety seminars available through that office. Members are encouraged to brainstorm Safety Seminar ideas to Mike. It is possible we might be able to get something through the Bradley, CT FSDO office or through AOPA Air Safety.

HANGAR PARTY:

No new discussion, except the emphasis that we will have one this spring.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Niles, Recording Secretary