

Westerly Airport Association Regular Monthly Meeting

28th January 2014 (rescheduled from the 21st due to snow)

Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Derek Ferris, Sam Grills, Mike Ferrigno, Carroll DeGroff, Sandy Niles.

The meeting start was delayed in hopes that additional members might arrive. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours.

GREETING, INTRODUCTIONS

No new members or guests were present. Some general conversation included Carol Amedeo's desire that the Scholarship Foundation be supported by individual large gifts as well as by fund raising activities of WAA.

Also, it has come to our attention that a 17-year-old senior student at Chariho Regional High School may be a great candidate for a 2014 WAA scholarship. His name is Max Latham, and his plans are to Attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University next fall. An application form should be supplied to him.

The storage of WAA property is still a little unclear, with some items still at Carol's house, but most things at various locations at Dooney.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes for the December meeting were omitted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Corresponding Secretary was not present, so the report was omitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Derek reported the state of the accounts. The treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. It was brought up that with our present available assets, we should be able to offer larger or more scholarships this year. It would also be desirable to work toward endowing the Foundation, so that annual fund raising might be less critical. Also noted that, in light of the decision to omit an Ocean House gala in 2014, additional fund raising event or events will be needed.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

This was the primary agenda item for January, but as a full voting quorum was not present, discussion focused on nominations for vote at the February meeting.

Bernie has graciously accepted the nomination to continue serving as President.

Carol has nominated (in writing) Jim Gueltzow for Vice President, and has reported that Jim is willing to accept.

Derek has graciously accepted the nomination to continue serving as Treasurer, noting that if other nominations came forward, he would welcome stepping down.

Sandy has agreed to remain in the office of Recording Secretary if no other member comes forward to accept the office. She would very much like to step down from this office, and serve WAA in capacities better aligned with her skills and interests.

Carol has graciously accepted the nomination to continue serving as Recording Secretary.

The Board of Directors presently includes the following members:

Due to step down according to the Bylaws:

Mike Ferrigno
Sandy Niles
Joe Ceo
Sam Watrous
Dianne Morrone

Remaining terms of at least one year:

Stephanie Shawn
Steve Christina
Jim Gueltzow

These members volunteered to run for the Board:

Carroll deGroff
Sam Grills (tentatively)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Niles, Recording Secretary