

Westerly Airport Association Regular Monthly Meeting
18th February 2014

Dooney Aviation

Presiding: Bernie Stumpf, President

In Attendance: Dotty Stumpf, Derek Ferris, Mike Ferrigno, Sandy Niles.

The meeting called to order at 1930 hours.

GREETING, INTRODUCTIONS

No new members or guests were present. In the absence of a large attendance or quorum, the meeting was conducted informally.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes from the December 2013 and January 2014 meetings were distributed and approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Corresponding Secretary was not present, but Carol had emailed Bernie and Derek with a correction to the date, published previously by the Recording Secretary, for the Pancake Breakfast, which should be June 29th, 2014. The correction was noted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Derek reported the state of the accounts. The treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Once again, the topic of an audit was raised. Dotty offered to contact Washington Trust to see if they offer such a service. Bernie will look for possible auditors. Mike mentioned that Alisha works upstairs at Dooney as a bookkeeper; Mike will speak with her and with Kristy Armstrong for other leads on auditors experienced in non-profits.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Once again, a full voting quorum was not present, so discussion focused on confirming nominations for vote at the March meeting.

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

Jim Gueltzow has accepted a nomination for Vice President.

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. Suzanne has declined the nomination. Other names mentioned were Roy and Kathleen Gaudette, and Nancy Christina, with no specific decisions on nominations. Sandy 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
Carol Amedeo
Sam Grills

Formalizing the structure of WAA was discussed, with the intent to increase the professionalism and efficiency of our organization. Suggested:

Committees with chairs for major events and undertakings, such as WOW and Pancakes
Monthly meetings for an Executive Committee, formed of officers and board
Chair for organizing dinner meetings

Discussion turned to the WAA Scholarship, with commentary that the Fund is in good position this year to increase the number and/or size of scholarship awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the need to revitalize our Association. Mike shared valuable thoughts regarding his expectations when he first joined WAA, as well as ideas for new emphasis. The WAA has lost its "flying flavor," and it would be great to organize flying events, such as a day trip to Block Island. WAA has enough pilot members and access to planes, so all would be able to go. A number of local pilots would be great WAA members:

Ricky Shawn, Conrad, members of Snoopy's group. WAA should actively participate in Jim Cowley's Poker Run. Even the Bradley Air Museum, a slightly longer trip, or an overnight trip, such as to Patterson AFB and the Dayton Air Museum, could be a possibility. Mike mentioned that he is parking a van on Block Island this summer, and WAA members are welcome to borrow it when "on island."

We might do well to reconnect with some formerly active members, such as Tom Lapere, and Annie and Ted Gordon.

Dotty suggested getting some publicity, such as announcements in The Guide of some of our activities (in the nature of a press release that “WAA members are having some fun, flying to Block Island on such and such a date.”)

Dinner meetings are good; we should do more of them. Haversham Corners? Pleasant View Inn? Sea Goose (they have no min., a private room, and about a \$30 cost for dinner items)
Guest speakers?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2115 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Niles, Recording Secretary