

WESTERLY AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

February 24, 2015 - Dinner Meeting at The Bridge

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Bernie Stumpf.

There were 11 members present: Bernie Stumpf, Dotty Stumpf, Derek Ferris, Sam Watrous, Joe Ceo, Richard Morrone, Ann Gordon, Ted Gordon, Suzanne Scully, Carol Amedeo and Sandy Niles.

Secretary's Report: The January Meeting Minutes were not read, as they are posted on the WAA website. Printed copies are available upon request for any member who would rather have a hard copy or is unable to have print capability.

Correspondence: Carol Amedeo reported that a letter was received from Amy Roy, Guidance Counselor at Westerly High School stating that she will inform students interested in the fields of Aviation to apply for the WAA Scholarship Award. Sam Watrous announced that Ben Brennan, a recipient of a repeat WAA Scholarship Award is out West and has been very successful in his accomplishments in Aviation there.

Treasurers Report: Derek Ferris, Treasurer, gave his report. It was accepted as read. He announced that an investment is now in place with Edward Jones Investment Company. Derek also stated that he was very pleased that yearly dues were coming in steadily.

Old Business: Carol Amedeo reported on the Ocean House Event: "Celebrating Aviation in the Fabulous 50's," to be held on Friday, May 8th, 2015. She stated that plans were progressing. The invitations were designed by Bette Gueltzow and that the printing of the invitations is being done by Westerly Sun Graphics. Linda Theodore has offered to address the envelopes. A Committee Meeting will be planned for March at the Ocean House with Toni Scotto, Event Co-ordinator.

Pancake Breakfast: Co-Chairs of the event, Mike Ferrigno and Dean Morrone were absent, therefore discussion on the breakfast was tabled. Mention was made of having the breakfast be a "French Toast Breakfast" instead. Just a thought.

Scholarship Committee: Carol Amedeo stated that the WAA Scholarship packets were mailed to all area High School's Guidance counselors.

New Business: Carol Amedeo announced that Graeme Smith, a pilot who is from Scotland and lives in Newport, will give a presentation at the WAA March Dinner Meeting titled:

“The Battle of Britain Experience:” Flying the Spitfire. Derek to arrange for the venue, possibly Shelter Harbor Inn. A discussion followed. An invitation to attend will be extended to EAA.

Aviation Career Day Report: Sam Watrous stated that high school students interested in Aviation would be invited to attend. Participation in the event, to name a few, could be the Mystic Jet Center, National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Corporate Pilots, Coastal and Newport Flying Schools. It would be wonderful for students to be informed as to what is available in the Aviation field. The event could be held in conjunction with the EAA. Date and time of the event is to be discussed and announced.

WAA Brochure: Sandy Niles to design the fold over, which will state the objectives, and mission statement of WAA, what we are all about, the Scholarship Foundation and our events.

A discussion was held on increasing WAA Membership. Dotty Stumpf offered to be Membership Chairman. Members were asked to recruit at least two new members as a start.

Members discussed having a beautification project for the grounds near the flagpole and all agreed it was a good idea. Volunteers will be needed.

Derek Ferris brought up the possibility of participating in the Chamber Duck Race by purchasing a Duck. Sandy Niles elaborated on the benefactors of this event and why it is a good reason to participate. It was voted on and agreed to buy a duck for the race at a cost of \$150. It was also voted on at this time to donate \$50. to the Chorus of Westerly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Amedeo
In Secretary, Stephanie Shawn's absence