

**EAA Chapter 1298 Board of Directors Meeting  
February 16, 2024 Supplemental Update**

Board Members in Attendance: Karl Bambas, Frank Brunot, Telly Kassimis, Jack Maher, Phil Renard, Bill Smith, Dennis Spitaleri and Steve White

Guests: Paul Bryant, James Chorvat, Harry Singleton and Merle Wagner

Steve White called the meeting at 12:32 pm.

Steve gave an overview of the roof situation and Paul Bryant advised to send a thank you letter to the commissioners.

Paul Bryant spoke to Steve Miller who asked him to call Jennifer Torracco at American Aviation with respect to the tents being seen at the Boy Scout event by a TSA agent. American wants to be notified if the Chapter is hosting a public event.

We are looking at solutions prior to the lease expiration.

Paul stated that we should continue to talk about letters of referral, etc. In addition, Steve will contact AOPA and speak to Charlie Becker about what they might have to offer.

EAA Chapter 1298 deals directly with the BOCC for the lease and year end commitments, which EAA provides the BOCC with a year end report.

Paul thinks we should go down at least 2 roads. Continue with what the BOCC suggested we do for empirical data for actual plane costs and engaging YE parents and community for support. The county is now looking at fixing vs replacing, when it was recommended to replace from numerous contractors.

Jack Maher stated that there may be a hangar for sale at X39. He will also talk to Lucy at ZPH for any insight.

We have a camp for staying at BKV (Frank Brunot to head up) and another for moving elsewhere (Jack Maher to head up).

A sub element might be to partner with the new school to have a Build n Fly and/or a group of experts to support a weekly class such as riveting. Additional discussion around staying vs moving, and if we had to move, we have quite a bit of capital equipment and would need time to move or dispose.

The YE signatures did not upload and EAA is aware.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith  
EAA 1298 Secretary