

EAA Chapter 1298 Membership Meeting

December 1, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Pledge of allegiance

Treasurer Report

- Chapter balance \$2143.81 Hanger balance \$3547.27.
- Paul was able to get Duke Energy to send our bills to the hanger address as well as obtain the tax deferment.
- 2019 proposed budget is based on 2018 actuals.
- Sonera project is to be purchased by 4 members – Eric Klee, Jack Maher, Don Whiting and Will Nelson.

Lynn asked why we have separate accounts for hanger and general chapter, Merle commented that the idea of combining them will be discussed at the next BOD meeting.

James Chorvat motioned to accept reports as given, All in favor.

James Chorvat wanted to thank all members who have contributed during the year.

Merle reported the Chapter membership has grown by 25% in the last year and commented that was a growth rate we should all be very proud of.

Merle demo'ed the new LED hanger light. It was also mentioned that Tom had suggested using the new bulbs being used by American Aviation. The membership felt the adjustability of the individual lights was of value and motioned to approve the purchase of 3 additional LED lights, All approved.

EAA chapter 1 warbird chapter fly-in was discussed among the membership. Merle asked Tom Etchison to spearhead the effort.

A chapter cookout was suggested for April 13 and it was suggested we might combine with the Chapter 1 fly-in.

Jack Lockwood gave an update on the 'Jim Summerlin' proposed plan. Jack commented that at this point we would support the effort by giving Jim a table at the YE Rally for promoting the program to the parents.

Some discussion on the 'Prep Room'. Joe Rhodes suggested we develop the room into a flight simulator/flight planning room. Joe commented this idea was sparked by what he saw when he visited Sebring recently.

Merle commented that he had recently downloaded a video from EAA national on sectionals, saying this could be used for the youth program or for our own members to brush up on our sectional skills and knowledge.

There was some discussion about WiFi in the hanger for a variety of uses. Karl Bambas commented that they use MiFi, a portable hot-spot that could be used to service the hanger. He noted they (he and Dotty) paid about \$50 for the unit and \$30 a month for the service.

Merle commented that there were no issues from the Hanger Committee that needed to be addressed.

Merle encouraged participation by everyone in the EAA national survey.

Merle mentioned there is now an open Class 2 Board membership open and we are looking for someone to fill that slot. Please contact a board member if you are interested.

Merle distributed 2018 EAA Certificates of Appreciation to 2018 Officers and staff.

Don Whiting mentioned that Kevin (Airport Administrator) would be at our January meeting to give us an update on what is happening and that he also asked if we house an individual with 3 E/AB gyrocopters.

Project status was given by:

- Joe Rhodes
- Steve White
- Merle Wagner
- Karl Bambas
- Frank Brunot

The new Sonerai owners commented on their project and asked for all the help anyone could give them.

Karl Bambas mentioned a plan for a Social Dinner for members and their spouses (if they choose) to get together to promote the camaraderie among members on a more frequent basis than monthly. There is a plan for the 12/15 to hold the first and the requirement for the restaurant is to take reservations and be able to provide separate checks.

Will Nelson mentioned a book, "Propeller under the Bed", as a good read.

Steve White gave a YE Rally briefing for next Saturday 12/8. All interested in attending should arrive around 8am.

Paul Bryant won the 50/50 raffle (\$31.50)

Meeting Adjourned