

OREGON PILOTS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2006
KLAMATH FALLS AIRPORT, OREGON

Membership was called to order at 1000 By Dave Martin, OPA President. A total of 29 OPA board members and guests was present.

A special procedure for the president to authorize appointing an acting secretary was MOVED and PASSED. Kenneth Dunn will participate as board secretary and will become a voting member of the board in November 1006 when he will have been an OPA member for a year as specified by the bylaws. (Dave Martin thanked Ken for his willingness to fill this role.)

Roll Call

Officers

President Dave Martin, present

Pres. Elect Joe Smith, present

Past President NOT present

Secretary Corrine Bott, excused

Treasurer Gail Hill, present

V.P. Legis. NOT present

Prop Wash Ed. Gwen Graham, excused

Membership Services Helen Holman, present

ASEF Exec. V.P. Chris Ruck, present

Chapters and Regions

Albany NOT present

Bandon NOT present

Beaverton NOT present

Central Coast NOT present

Central Oregon NOT present

Corvallis Tyler Parsons, Present

Eastern Oregon Mel Cross, Present
Grants Pass NOT present
Jackson County NOT Present
Klamath Falls Jon McKellar, Present
Lebanon John Atchley and Terry Satrum, Present
Lincoln County NOT Present
Mulino Scott Crockard, Present
Polk County Marcia Noell, Present
Tillamook NOT Present
TTD Bob White, Present
Yamhill NOT Present
Region 1 Southern Oregon, open
Region 2 Mel Cross, Present
Region 3 Brendan Fitzpatrick, Present
Region 4 Oregon Coast, open
Region 5 Andy Andersen, Present

Motion to accept November meeting minutes. PASSED.

Motion to accept this meeting agenda. PASSED.

Ann Crook, Klamath Falls Airport Director spoke about remodel of the new terminal building, less than a year old, and the 10,000 foot runway.

OPA Officers' Reports

President Dave Martin welcomed the board and guests and thanked them for coming. He also thanked Klamath Falls chapter President Jon McKellar for his work in hosting the meeting.

President-elect Joe Smith spoke about wanting to visit each chapter, along with the Region Director to get updates and check the “health” of each chapter.

Treasurer Gail Hill reported \$11,947.24 in total liabilities and equity. For any further questions, please contact Gail. She will send out a proposed budget by U.S. mail as soon as she can. Gail also mentioned the OPA passed an audit last fall. No discrepancies were found.

VP Legislative Not present

Public Relations Position open

Gwen Graham (*Prop Wash* editor). Not Present. Her report was given by Dave Martin: Deadline for next issue submissions is 15 Feb 06. There was a discussion about the value of the *Prop Wash*. There were suggestions of using the web site as a low-cost way to publish the *Prop Wash* instead of printing and mailing hard copies. It was pointed out that we get advertising dollars from hard copies. Also, five copies are sent to each FBO in the state. Plus the governor is interested in the *Prop Wash*. It costs approximately \$2000 to print each bimonthly issue, yet we get a lot of advertising money to help offset the cost. Dave Martin suggested that chapters and board members continue to send inputs via e-mail and that we will continue to produce hard copies.

Helen Holman (Membership) noted losing 109 members last year and gaining only 59.

Chris Ruck (Webmaster) spoke about the website, which is now updated. The membership application is correct on the site. Recently, there have been 17,000-20,000 hits a month on our website. She keeps the website simple so dial-up users can continue to use it. (Much of our membership must use dial-up service.) Chris suggested sharing the cost of running the site (\$165 per year) to each chapter. TTD would like to have a domain. A MOTION was made and seconded to charge each chapter that uses a domain a fee of \$10. Motion was PASSED. The chapter webmasters would control their website but Chris Ruck will maintain authority over the OPA website. Everyone agreed.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Corvallis-- There are two I.A.s on the field now plus two FBOs are on site also.

Eastern Oregon-- Formed 5 years ago. The chapter wants to change the name to **Baker Chapter**. (A MOTION was made and PASSED to approve the chapter's request to change the name. Mel Cross said a total of \$400,000 is coming their way for improvements including a new taxiway and T hangars. The T-33 is going back together. He is also trying to get airport grant money but having some difficulties.

Klamath Falls-- This chapter is experiencing good meeting turnouts and doing fly-outs to different places. There is a recently redesigned website. The chapter has scheduled a guest speaker for every meeting.

Lebanon-- August will be a garage sale. Potluck meals are scheduled for the meetings. Currently, there are about 34 active members.

Mulino-- Approved two \$500 scholarships. Sponsors another second person for the EAA, \$500 value. The annual pancake breakfast is this chapter's major moneymaker.

Polk County-- Does an annual pancake breakfast for its major moneymaker. This year, it moves to a new time of the year: 23 and 24 September instead of near July 4. The chapter has sponsored a YMCA-related model aircraft building program for youth. Holds a potluck for its membership of about 60-90 active members (depending on the meeting program and planned food). Also has a scholarship for aviation program.

TTD-- About 50 active members. Considering a "Ride-Share" program to attract members.

Region 5-- It was suggested that John Cox (V.P. for legislative affairs) explore implications of the threat to reduce the General Fund and the effects it might have on general aviation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Crook (director of Klamath Falls Airport) spoke on the state's Connect Oregon grant program. A major focus is on political involvement. She noted that the \$100 million is to be spent on transportation other than roads. Aviation is included. She spoke on getting AWOS (automatic airport weather stations) across the state as the one of the highest priorities. She mentioned funding for the busier airports as also getting attention statewide.

Dave Martin proposed that chapters might undertake an informal *Take A Neighbor Flying* program. There was much discussion on liabilities and insurance. It was noted that this should not be promoted as "free airplane rides for the general public." Rather, the flight invitations should come from individual qualified chapter pilots to adult friends, community leaders and associates. Ideas mentioned including chapter sponsorship of a free public seminar on what does it take to fly. This could be followed by invitations for lightplane rides by chapter pilots. Gail Hill volunteered to write an article for the *Prop Wash*.

A proposed benefit aimed at individual OPA member pilots was a low-cost Flight Review (BFR) seminar organized by OPA chapters. The plan was organizing a free BFR-related ground school and reduced rates for CFIs to complete the BFR. MOTION was made and PASSED to form a committee on this topic.

Association with AOPA-- President-elect Joe Smith is meeting with Phil Boyer soon. Joe proposed investigating a formal AOPA/OPA agreement regarding two topics. The first would a conference of Oregon-related AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) reps for purposes of recruiting them and coordination of statewide issues. The second would be to assist in keeping the AOPA Airport Directory Oregon listings current and accurate. A MOTION was made to ask Phil Boyer to use Oregon as a testbed for such a system nationwide. MOTION PASSED.

Attracting and Keeping New Members-- Scott Crockard suggested using the FAA database to check on new pilots. MOTION was made to ask Scott to form a committee to get the FAA database and integrate it with current technology to allow easier access. It was noted that the program to give Student Pilots in Oregon one free year of OPA state membership is still in place. A MOTION was made to ask chapter presidents to check Helen Holman's list of chapter members who have not renewed OPA membership and to contact them, noting the importance of maintaining our numbers for viability with state and local governments.

Annual Meeting-- Much discussion to add a keynote speaker, what type of activities to hold, hold our annual with an already set up function. ACTION ITEM; President (Dave Martin) will talk to all Chapter Presidents to see if enough interest is out there to do an annual event.

ACTION ITEM-- OPA President will ask the regional directors to coordinate a map outlining the boundaries of their regions for consideration at the next meeting.

Jon McKellar suggested combining efforts with all other Oregon aviation organizations to ensure all of us stay energized and focused. Much discussion followed. Dave Martin and Joe Smith will contact the EAA and the 99s and invite them to a meeting for their inputs.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Scott Crockard, president of the Mulino chapter, invited the board to meet at its clubhouse for its next quarterly meeting. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to set the next meeting for Mulino on 13 May at 1000.

Board members voted to adjourn at 1430.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Dunn, Acting Secretary

ASEF MEETING

Convened at 1430

There was considerable discussion about the money in the ASEF account as we have not done anything with it in two years, yet we are getting donations in from our OPA membership application form. We have a box to be checked on the application if a person wished to donate money to the fund. MOTION was made to remove the box from the application form. PASSED. Joe Smith will review the ASEF bylaws that Andy Andersen will give to him and report at the next ASEF meeting.

ASEF adjourned at 1500.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Dunn, Acting Secretary