

Oregon Pilots Association Quarterly Board Meeting  
Lebanon, OR (KS30)  
November 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 10am by Mary Rosenblum, President

Those present were

- Mary Rosenblum – President , Dietz Airpark
- Marcia Noell – Vice President of Legislative Affairs; Independence
- Paul Ehrhardt – President elect 2015, Chair of Maintenance Committee
- Gary Miller- Central Oregon Chapter OPA President - Bend, OR
- Neal White - Willamette Valley Ch Regional Director,
- Jim Sieminski – Lebanon Chapter
- Bill Case – Pres. Lebanon Chapter Oregon Pilots Association
- Katie Braun - Secretary
- Don Blodgett – Sweet Home
- Gail Boyle – Prop Wash Editor
- Dennis Smith – Past President, Chairman of ASEF
- Larry and Danna Knox – Lebanon (KS30) FBO owners
- Robin Ehrhardt – KCVO chapter
- Larry Hagemeister – KS30 and KS12 (Albany) chapter
- John Martinean –KS30

All previous meeting minutes were approved with a small correction about the resolution of the TTD power plant issue with the Department of Energy; The final decision has not been rendered by the Energy Facility Siting Council, so the situation is not yet resolved.

Paul's Updates

- ➔ Old lights and parts are being stored by Paul. Replaced lighting equipment is being accumulated and made available to other airports for repair or new installations
- ➔ Cedar questionnaire/comments boxes are being built by Paul to get feedback from pilots and vehicle drivers.
- ➔ Two \$400 gazebos have been built for two different sponsors and more gazebos with opportunity for locals to advertise are being built and placed at Oregon airports.
- ➔ Please use SIGN IN boxes because the Dept. of Aviation looks at the numbers of people signing in. It is important to show usage of the general aviation airports. Incentives were discussed to encourage sign-ins.
- ➔ BLM & Forest Service needs more education about small airports. Some education of recreational management program (rmp) are making progress learning about small airports.
- ➔ Paul announced adjacent to the N of KCVO will be a permanent space for OPA storage.

Mary's Updates

- ➔ Mary went to Hells Canyon to the Idaho .....and has a letter that they will assist and support in Maintenance of Eastern Oregon airports
- ➔ Thursday is the meeting of the Department of Aviation in Salem & all can attend. Send to Mary any comments in writing if you can not attend
- ➔ Efforts to keep Oregon airports open and not lose the airports forever to BLM.
- ➔ OPA is getting more involved to prevent airports from being closed by Dept. of Aviation.

## General Discussion

- An Endangered Airport Raffle Committee was formed of Marcia Noell, Neal White, Larry and Danna Knox to encourage pilots to use sign in boxes at all 28 state owned & managed public owned airports that are at risk of closing. Passbook and prize drawings were talked about to facilitate signing in when pilots use the airport. Look for the article in Prop Wash. Discussion of someone privately writing an Oregon back country airport book similar to the Idaho and Utah books was pursued without a volunteer.
- OPA Puyallup Fair Booth 2014 for \$575 + \$345 for 1000 glossy, folded brochure was voted on and approved.
- Voted on and approved set calendar date for maintenance on back country airports and signage.
- 7 ft high snow measurement boards with one foot color coded increments were made by Paul to bolt on airport windsock base. Beaver Marsh (K2S2) Airport has a snow measurement board.
- Idaho and Nevada both have Dept. motor vehicles “pilot vanity” license plates & Mary is looking at Oregon having pilot vanity plates.
- OPA possible discounts on fuel, restaurants and such was discussed.
- Voted on and approved moving last quarterly meeting to late Oct or early Nov. Location of Portland last quarterly OPA meeting in 2014 was discussed including possible locations at Lane Community College with possible simultaneous AOPA regional meetings. Other location meetings in Portland, Corvallis, Bend, etc was discussed.
- Paul Ehrhardt – President elect 2015 was approved.
- Treasurer Kim Muinch of Bend was approved as new OPA Treasurer.
- Treasurer pro-tem, Dennis Smith reported all bills paid. Balance \$16,486.91.
- All are invited to work the OPA table Feb. 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-5pm Puyallap 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Aviation Conference and see the 12,000 aviation enthusiasts. [www.washington-aviation.org](http://www.washington-aviation.org)
- Next OPA quarterly meeting is Sat. Feb 15, 2014 at Lenhardts (K7S9).
- May 2014 Tillamook meeting. FYI -Tillamook Air Museum is moving to Madras. Date to be determined.
- Aug. 23, 2014 board meeting will be at Madras before their Airshow which is Sat. 1-4:30.
- Tues. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Lebanon (KS30) OPA/EAA Christmas Party. Meal is a choice of Prime Rib or Cornish Hen for \$18 and for \$25 you get 10 tickets for the drawing. There will be a silent auction. Raffle includes ride in a Citabria Float Plane and Ifly 700 GPS. Please Make reservations by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> [www.heielectric.com](http://www.heielectric.com) or drop by KS30.

Meeting adjourned 2 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Braun, Secretary