

February 14, 2024

Valley Fliers February Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30

Present: Morrow, Wildstone, DeWitt, Pebworth, Hewitt, Vader plus 11 members and 2 prospective member. Sean opened and handed control of the meeting over to Kelsey as he has to go.

Approval of January Minutes

Alan moved to approve as written. Jonathan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handout. It was a really slow month. 63S flew the most. Hopefully we will get more flying this month. January was down significantly from last year. Depreciation is way lower because many things ran out of depreciation, but it will go back up with the new avionics and engine. Maintenance was fairly high, but February may be higher. Kelsey asked why we were down so far in usage this year? Alan noted it was mostly due to having several planes down. Total current assets are up relative to last year, but we will eat away at them with the upcoming annuals. Alan will do the sales tax report in the next few days and will start our tax return soon. The asset acquisition in progress is the engine and avionics work which will become assets and begin depreciating once they go into service. Overall, we are doing ok, but we will need to be careful with our finances for a while. Question from the floor: how long will it take us to get our sales tax refund? Answer: we won't get a refund at this time, it will just be a credit against what we owe in sales tax on our dues and hours.

Maintenance Officer's Report

Jonathan noted this is a very busy season. We went down to one plane because 727 broke an alternator bracket. We stole parts from 117 to get it back online quickly. 727 has an annual coming up and that will include the wing AD. We'll fix the door lock and primer. We will fix the flap bushings.

9MA is ready to come back online. Members shouldn't run 9MA under 2300 rpm to help manage the vibrations that have been breaking things for us. The new panel will have V speeds and RPM guidance silk-screened on it. One member mentioned 9MA has high fuel burn. Jonathan suggests more aggressive leaning might be appropriate. Jon agrees and says you can even lean above 1000'. Kelsey asked if we could have a club write-up about how to lean the 182 correctly. Sean notes Chris wrote a great document that included that information. Kelsey suggests we post that document on the club website. Jonathan suggests you can even lean on the ground. 63S has completed its annual. Jonathan would like to take the front wheel pants off at least until the hangar work gets done. If people have trouble pushing planes back in, Jonathan suggests the old tug be used with the planes that still have pants on the front wheel. The new tug can be used if the wheel pants are removed. Chris notes the new tracks are difficult to move the wheels over. Jonathan has a plan to fix our doors after they are installed.

117's exhaust needed to be fixed. They will fix the door. They will redo the carpet and rework the interior. The door will get a stock handle. He won't redo the rear behind the seats. The panel will be done.

Question from the floor: Will the old tug move the Cherokee? Jonathan says no, but with his adjustments he thinks we will much more easily get across the track.

Comment from the floor: there used to be an adapter to let the old tug work with the Cherokee. Jonathan will look for it.

Safety Officer's Report

Chris notes he sent an email about how to treat 9MA. Members who didn't get it should check their spam folder. It gives items about leaning and manifold pressure. He solicited topics for his annual meeting presentation. He also discussed a couple of runway near misses (not at Auburn).

New Business

Potential New Members

Jake Steinman used to own his own plane. Took a break from flying and then came back to get a commercial. He is hoping to become an instructor. He got sick of renting and we are closer to owning. Alan moved to accept him, Chris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tanner McBride came to a meeting a few months ago and liked what he saw. He works up at SeaTac. He is hoping to complete his instrument rating. Jonathon moved to accept Tanner. Chris seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Reservations: Comment from the floor: please cancel or shorten reservations you won't use. Kelsey suggests we should maybe send a reminder to the membership.

Free flight hour won by: Dale Sundwall

Meeting adjourned at: 7:28

Next Meeting: The Annual Meeting General meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, with food available at 6:00 pm and business beginning at 6:30 at Trotters Restaurant.