

November 13, 2019

Valley Fliers November Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31

Present: Eyre, Glassmyer, Neville, Vader plus 9 members and 2 prospective member.

Excused Absent: DeWitt

Absent: Botezatu

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

John moved to approve as written, Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

John distributed Alan's handouts. The checking account reflects a check they won't cash provided we return the engine core. The engine costs are being captured in Asset Acquisition in Progress on the Cash Flow report. We are still waiting on the insurance check. Question from the floor: 28 minimum flying fees; is that up? Answer: it is not out of line.

Maintenance Officer's Report

Florin was not present.

Safety Officer's Report

Richard has provided the 9MA incident report to the board. It has not yet been provided to the pilot. Richard reviewed the recommendations, noting the bylaws limit member liability. Richard noted the club's losses include the loss of revenue and the trips down to Woodland. We can request the member reimburse the associated costs. The report also recommends the club adopt operating rules and guidelines. The investigation team did conclude the pilot acted carelessly. The maintenance to the field was not posted as a NOTAM, which is an extenuating circumstance. Richard asked whether the board wanted to proceed with the adoption of operating rules and guidelines. Richard will distribute to the board a draft of operating rules. Commenter from the floor suggests part of the reason people join the club is because they trust the members to act as pilot-owners. John will provide the report to the pilot. Richard is drafting a list of riskier airports too to provide to members. One commenter mentioned there has always been an expectation members are competent and exercise care before landing on unimproved fields, and asked whether or not we should ask for safety officer sign off. Several members comment that such a requirement is probably infeasible. Richard does suggest the club may consider changing the bylaws to allow the board to charge more than the cost of the insurance deductible. Richard notes this incident has decreased club revenue for the last four months. John suggests we should be able to charge pilots up to the cost of their share. Richard looks at the squawks on a regular basis and has not yet seen a significant trend that he needs to bring to the club's attention. Having said that, if people would treat the planes more like they were owners than renters, it would help us keep our planes airworthy. Comment from the floor: was there a proposal to change the bylaws tonight? John answers: the board is working on them outside these meetings for presentation at the annual meeting. There was some discussion of whether the report should be published on the club web site without redacting the pilot's name. Richard feels the report should be posted as it is.

Old Business

9MA Engine The new engine has arrived and is in Jon's truck. He doesn't have a timeline. He will need to transfer parts from the old engine to the new engine. His plan is to have it ready to put it into the plane by the 23rd.

New Business

New Potential Members

Dan Anderson had to depart prior to the meeting

Scott Perkins was piloting a charter flight and thus not present.

Nariv Shah works for Blue Origin and heard about the club from another employee as Blue. He'd like to have his license by next summer. He has had an intro flight. He is looking to purchase this spring when he could fly during the day. He is doing ground school on his own. He'd like to start flying in March. Question: what is his goal? Answer: just as a hobby. Approval of Nariv will not hold a slot for him, but will allow him to buy in without further board approval.

Logan Kyte is a newly minted private pilot with 100 hours and is working on his Instrument rating. He thinks he would like to get an ATP, but would plan to hang on to his membership as long as possible. He learned to fly from Alternate Air at Boeing field. He has 25-30 hours in 172s,

John proposed we vote on Nariv, Logan, and Scott Perkins. Scott flies King Air charters and hauls skydivers sometimes too. Scott was a CFI but is not current. John tabled discussion Dan's membership until a future meeting. Scott so moved. Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Free flight hour won by: Jeff Montgomery

Meeting adjourned at: 7:39

Next Meeting: December 11th at Trotters Restaurant, with food at 6, business starting at 6:30.