

2021 Valley Fliers Annual General Meeting

March 18, 2021

Officers Present: Eyre, Glassmyer, DeWitt, Botezatu, Walter, Vader

Members Who Voted: 39

Meeting Commenced at: 6:35

Opening Remarks

John called the meeting to order. He reviewed virtual meeting logistics. He said it has been an interesting year. He noted we will discuss maintenance costs later in the meeting. The airport manager asked John to mention that members should sign up for the airport alerts.

Treasurer's Report

See the slides. It was an extremely maintenance-intensive year ("Crazy-high"). The \$82k in maintenance costs did include a small number of upgrades, but not much. 63S had relatively low maintenance costs. 2021 was the first year since Alan has been Treasurer the airport has not raised hangar rent. The hull replacement fees in 2019 were historically high, so that skewed the year-over-year view of fixed costs. Question from the chat: How will Auburn B&O tax effect the club? Answer: We will have to look into that. Alan also showed a comparison of our rates to Evergreen, a similar club. Question from the chat: do we do oil analysis on our planes? Answer: Florin says no, we considered it but it is a lot of work. Some of the board members suggested perhaps it would be doable every other oil change. Alan noted it might be most important for mid or high time engines. John will check on the costs. Correction to Treasurers Proposal slide: \$6k expense was for work on the elevator, not the horizontal stabilizer. Question from the chat: don't we still need to do the windows and glare shield for 63S? Answer: yes, thanks for the reminder. We definitely need to do that.

Results of Online Votes

Minutes Approval: Unanimous yes.

Grant of Hours for Treasurer and Maintenance Officer: Yes

Confirmation of Unconstested Elections: Confirmed

Secretary: Tim Vader

Maintenance Officer: Florin Botezatu

Maintenance Report

See the slides and Florin's handouts. Florin reviewed the repairs and updates to the planes, other than oil changes and compliance with reoccurring ADs. For 88L, he highlighted the #3 cylinder repair as a way to keep it flying until its engine repair, and the new anti-collision light. Question from the chat: How was the burnt valve detected? Answer: one cylinder had zero compression at annual. For 63S, he highlighted the repair of the wing walk panels,

We do still have squawks on the planes. Florin is trying to balance fixing squawks and keeping planes online.

Question from the chat: does 63S have new major wing ADs? Answer: it appears the plane is not in the scope of the ADs.

Regarding 117, Florin highlighted the recent break in the steering rod. We replaced both rods. They weren't expensive. Florin asks members to squawk every instance of shimmy, so we can track what is happening. Alan pointed out we had a lot of damage repair this year, not just wear repair. Florin agreed and said we are having trouble getting enough A&P / mechanic time. Question from the chat: why did we replace all the pieces of the vacuum system instead of going electronic? Answer: we should think about doing that. Comment from the chat: we should consider an annual assessment for the next few years in order to upgrade our avionics. Alan notes we ought to think about taking out the vacuum pump system in

88L. He says we ought to evaluate doing that after the engine and prop work. Alan notes it is about \$8k per aircraft to swap out the vacuum pump system for electronic equivalents.

Regarding 9MA, Florin specifically highlighted the first eight items and the overhaul of the elevators. It consumed a lot of time and money last year, but it should be a nice plane now. It is a great deal for the price we charge for it.

Safety Officer's Report

See Shawn's slides. He stressed that we need to pay attention to the AD requirements and not fly the planes if they are due. He also asked members to pay attention to the weather. Florin reminded folks that our ADS-Bs are reporting on our flying. Alan and John noted they haven't yet had calls about airspace deviations. Shawn also warned members about increased traffic as the weather improves.

Other questions:

Any updates on the updated membership forms? Answer: the board has been working on it. We'll let Mark Aroneck (a member and attorney) review it soon.

Door Prizes

1 Hour Flight Time: Pete Roberts

1 Hour Flight Time: Ben Campbell

1 Hour Flight Time: Nick Webb

1 Free Flight Time: Scott Glassmyer

1 Free Flight Hour: Mark Kornei

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50