

## Valley Fliers January Board Meeting

### **Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30**

**Present:** Morrow, Wildstone, DeWitt, Pebworth, Hewitt, Vader plus 10 members and 1 prospective member.

### **Approval of December Minutes**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

See Alan's handout. It was a fairly down month due to weather and being down one plane. 727 was the most flown plane during December. We had a lot of non-flying fees. Depreciation is lower this month because Alan had accidentally kept depreciating past its 10 year depreciation schedule. Alan also cleaned up some fully depreciated engines. There is a charge not yet reflected for 117 data that the club owes to Chris Hewitt. There were some fuel adjustments in the month correcting for past errors in the fuel vendor (Epic) reports. Rents will go up this month. 9MA is still down and Alan expects the bill for this work to be around \$10k. Jonathan still has bills from last year for 117 baffles etc. that will be reflected in the final financials for 2023. December revenue was down even compared to last year. The new avionics will begin depreciating in January or February. Our current assets are up about \$20k over last year, though some of the upgrade bills will erode them a bit. 727 has an annual coming up and that will likely include a lot of labor. 63S also has an annual coming up, but it looks like a fairly clean annual. The balance sheet shows the depreciation adjustments referenced above. 117 will go into annual this month.

### **Maintenance Officer's Report**

Jonathan started with 117. The engine is now on the stand and he is working on the baffles. The avionics guy shows up next week. We will be buying a new starter and alternator for the engine due to the number of hours on the the starter and alternator on the old engine. Most of the squawks should be fixed when the avionics upgrade is completed. The wingtip will be fixed. The interior remains as it was. Jonathan has not ordered new side panels or carpet for the plane yet. He suggests we use leather cleaner on the seats then just have the kicker panels re-done. Jonathan suggests we put the USB port into 117. We could put in a CO2 detector into the panel too. Some commenters suggest the panel unit might have a life limitation. Jonathan said his does not. Sean was concerned about the costs if it breaks. Jon says he could replace the unit if it failed in 15 minutes of labor. Jonathan suggests the time to put a panel-mounted unit is now while we are putting an new panel into it. Jonathan suggests the money allocated to the plane interior would be better spent on getting nicer equipment into the panel. Upgrading to the Dynon transponder was discussed. Alan thinks upgrading would be reasonable as the functionality improvement is high and we can sell the old transponders. 9MA is almost done. Jonathan suggests we should balance 117's prop when we change the engine. We will need new weight and balance and IFR certification when all the work gets done. 9MA's avionics update is not scheduled yet. Jonathan will have to get the panel fabricated, test fitted, and adjusted before the we do that upgrade. Sean asks if he should warn the club members the 9MA schedule might be pre-empted to do that installation. The board generally agreed that would be a good idea.

727's door handle will be a lot of work. Jon says if it is fixed properly the fix will last. A member reported there are two bald spots on 727's passenger side tire.

Sean asked if we would put into 63S one of the engine monitors we are pulling out of the planes with new avionics. They are the wrong shape. We could possibly sell it and buy a round one, but we will need new sensors either way. The savings might not be substantial.

Kelsey moved to add on to the avionics the autopilot control module in 9MA, USB ports for both planes, and Dynon transponders for both planes and CO detectors for both planes. Alan estimated the cost at just under \$10000 and we should be able to get \$5000 or so for the old transponders. Alan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Sean noted Jonathan does a huge amount of work for the club and thanked him for his efforts.

## **Safety Officer's Report**

Chris thanked members for flying safely. He suggested members shake the plane before sumping the fuel, and suggests members look carefully for water in the fuel. Many of the GATS jars have disappeared recently. If members have one, please return it. If you break the one in the plane please squawk it.

## **New Business**

**Sale of Delinquent Share** Sean says we have an owner who has not paid his bill from a trip to OshKosh and is not responding at all to the club. Alan warned the member that would have to take the share and go after the member for the remaining amount. Member from the floor asked how much the balance was? Alan says a little over \$5000, so more than the value of the share. Alan moved we take the share and sell it immediately, then discuss other ways to recover the remaining amount. There was some discussion of collections procedures. Jonathan volunteered to attempt collection. Tim seconded the motion. A member noted they had previously used small claims court in Idaho and got a lien against someone who owed them money. Jonathan says it does not work that way in this state. To do so requires us to have contract language allowing that and we don't. Alan says usually we catch these things before they exceed share value. The motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Meeting Date** Sean proposes March 13 for the club annual meeting. No one expressed an objection. Sean and Alan noted that all office terms are one year and thus all are open to any member.

**Potential New Member - David Canter** is a recent commercial pilot. He started flying in 2020, then got done through his instrument rating. He may or may not want to pursue a career as a pilot depending on family. He has 860 hours now. Sean moved to accept David. Jonathan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Contract for New Members** Jonathan suggested that we have all member sign a contract that will allow us to collect on our debts.

**Free flight hour won by:** Ed Yoshida

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:45

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14, with food available at 6:00 pm and business beginning at 6:30 at Trotters Restaurant.