

January 11, 2023

Valley Fliers January Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30

Present: Morrow, Glassmyer, DeWitt, Pebworth, Hewitt, Vader, plus 7 members and one guest..

Approval of December Minutes

Alan moved to approve as corrected. Scott seconded. Motion approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handouts. December was down significantly. The fuel surcharge remained the same because fuel prices remained the same. There were a huge number of minimum flying hours for the month. One membership turned over. Alan reminded us that the monthly numbers are always preliminary, the final numbers for the year are provided at the annual meeting. The rents shown are at last year's rate and will go up in the January report. Maintenance was relatively low, but our maintenance costs will jump when 63S gets out of annual. December was a positive financial month. Accounts Payable is negative due to pre-paid fuel and rent. The net cash increase during December was \$3421. The financials do not reflect the aircraft registration costs incurred in December of \$260.

Maintenance Officer's Report

See Jonathan's handouts. NF on those sheets indicates "Not Finished".

727 went in for annual today. It will get the strobes fixed while it is annual. The door won't be fixed until after annual due to parts not having arrived.

9MA the rib collapsed because people pushed down on the elevator to try to pivot the plane. Please don't do that. We got new brakes and repaired the brake lines as well. The cracked seat panel was fixed. The muffler was replaced. Jonathan's handout includes a full list.

117 will get an oil change tomorrow. Alan noted he doesn't know how to reset the fuel status on the new fuel totalizer and that it is very bright. He also noted the fuel flow rate doesn't look right. He also believes the outside air temperature is indicating lower than the actual temperature. Jonathan is a little concerned about the report of gunk around the right wheel bearing and will investigate that. Jonathan will likely wait until 63S gets back on-line to deal with most of those issues.

63S should be back online by Monday. The LED lights will be installed and the dash leather will also be installed when it gets back on line. The engine cowling was adjusted to allow the engine to better come to a temperature that will burn the moisture out of the oil. The long list of squawks has largely been taken care of. The stabilator play was repaired. Two ADs with limited documentation of performance were performed and well documented.

117 will come down for annual when the engine arrives. We think the engine will arrive around April, but we may delay installing it until after the flying season. Sean pointed out that Jonathan has moved our annuals to a schedule out of the flying season.

Sean suggested we may need to get some stickers telling users not to push down on the tail to pivot the planes. He suggested we may want to send an email to the members letting them know not to do it too.

Jonathan asked members to send him a reminder when ADs are near to due so he can get those things scheduled without it requiring next day or very quick response from our mechanics.

Comment from the floor: **727** has hit something and has bent metal on the tail. It doesn't look like it could have happened in our hangar. Jonathan says it might come up during the annual.

Safety Officer's Report

Chris has nothing to report (other than the just-reported hangar rash).

New Business

Annual Meeting Sean noted that Kelsey did some work to investigate moving the annual meeting to the Museum of Flight. Sean's perspective is it may be too complicated. It would have to be on the weekend. Scott noted it might be a great social event for the club, but doesn't feel it would be a good venue for an annual meeting. The consensus seems to be that it is not the best option at this time. We will continue with the plan to hold the AGM on March 8th at Trotters. Alan asked whether all board members will run again? Scott says he is likely to step down.

One of the members introduced Brian, a friend of his who has an interest in the club. Brian has actually sent in a paper copy of the application. Alan confirmed it had been received.

Free flight hour won by: Ed Bryce

Meeting adjourned at: 7:13

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, with food available at 6:00 pm and business beginning at 6:30 at Trotters Restaurant.