

May 15, 2024

Valley Fliers Board Special Executive Session

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:05

Present: Morrow, Wildstone, DeWitt, Vader

Excused Absent: Hewitt

Budget

Alan says the budget is not a panic yet, but we need to get things under control. The situation is delicate, but not dire. When we get things under control, we shouldn't need a huge increase. Alan said the hourly rates should rise \$10 / hour, but the 182 with \$15 / hour due to its higher maintenance costs. Sean moved that the board act at the next meeting on an hourly rate raise recommendation from the Treasurer in an amount that makes sense.

Vacated Maintenance Officer Position

Kelsey expressed her opinion that we need to structure the maintenance officer's position for success in the future. Alan reviewed the history of maintenance costs and sourcing. Kelsey notes that the board seems unanimous in their belief the board needs more visibility to maintenance work and its costs. Alan pointed out that Spanaflight has previously provided estimates in advance and done decent work as an example of how other shops work. Alan also mentioned that earlier today, the club had a mechanic fly from Shelton to work on several things. He didn't get the oil change done, but did fix two squawks on 63S in less than half an hour.

Kelsey discussed plane captains and noted we might have a designated A&P for each plane. Alan isn't sure the plane captains idea was perhaps less structured than that.

Sean sees the maintenance officer less as someone getting their hands dirty and more as a coordinator. Alan agreed. Tim and Alan both noted members used to do oil changes in exchange for a free flight hour. Sean noted we should re-start the maintenance spreadsheet. Kelsey stressed that all members need to help the club maintain the planes. Sean has a couple of people who are considering accepting the maintenance officer role, particularly with help from other club members.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:59