

## Valley Fliers November Board Meeting

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

**Present:** Morrow, Glassmyer, DeWitt, Pebworth, Walter, Vader, plus 12 members and one prospective member..

### Approval of October Minutes

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

### Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handouts. It was a reasonable month. 9MA was online for a part of the month. Alan briefly discussed the email he sent out earlier today regarding 727's rates. He has been accidentally overcharging for the last five or so months. He will be crediting members for those overcharges. No memberships turned over last month. The fuel surcharge did not change from September. The financials presented for October are preliminary because they do not include maintenance costs as we have not yet received Jon's bill. Alan has a large number of undeposited checks, so member's checks won't have cleared yet. He will make that deposit soon. The negative Accounts Payable amount is due to prepayment of fuel and rent. Scott asked if we've moved into the new Quickbooks yet? Alan says not yet. He is looking at software that would automate several aspects of Alan's work. That package connects with Quickbooks online. Question from the floor: Washington had an advisory vote on the ballot regarding aviation fuel tax. Does Alan have an opinion? Answer: It is an advisory vote to the state. Alan suspects the tax increase will stand regardless.

### Maintenance Officer's Report

Jonathan updated the Excel spreadsheet the club uses to track maintenance. We are beginning to stretch the interval between oil changes. Members are still routinely overfilling the oil in the club's planes. Sean offered to put out a message via Schedulmaster reminding members not to overfill the oil. Jonathan is working to get upcoming maintenance scheduled to be less reactive. He will be proactively taking planes down and doing annuals over the winter rather than trying to get as much time out of the annuals as possible.

**9MA** is back offline because the transponder was offline. The transponder will be fixed and 9MA will be back online for IFR tomorrow.

**727** Jonathan apologized for 727 being flown past a seat AD. Several board members noted that all members are responsible for checking on those before they fly the planes. Alan noted there is also a complete strobe kit for 727 as well.

**63S** We are going to switch to LED strobes to avoid the recurring squawks. The replacement strobes are \$400 each.

**117** Registration is coming up next year. Alan noted the over voltage light does not light. Jonathan says that is on his list.

Jonathan asked that members continue to squawk and or text him with issues. Question from Scott: are we starting to have the new folks at the airport scheduled to do anything on the planes? Answer: they aren't ready yet. Buildings are being built to support them. The new guy is Mike and has several people working for him. He continues to talk to other A&Ps.

Regarding engines: 117 is more than 100 hours past TBO. 63S shows as past TBE, but it had a significant field overhaul more recently. Jon is fairly confident that our engines are in good shape. Jonathan has not been able to find anyone who will sell us a guaranteed engine core. Without a guarantee, Jonathan feels the risk or a core is too high. Average core price is around \$11000-13000 without a guarantee. He is now pricing new and rebuilt engines. The rebuilt engines are about \$58000, new engines \$70000. Jonathan's recommendation is to keep flying and monitoring the engines we have and hope that prices will do down.

Regarding the hangar, Jonathan is taking hangar f17 and a nearby office and would be willing to help the club if we need to move. Question from the floor: 117 is looking a little rough When will it be fixed? Jonathan says the wing will be banged out a little more, bondoed, and painted. The strut will also be repaired. Commenter noted the interior is rough too. Alan said the plane looked good when we bought it and started decaying soon after we

bought it. Commenter from the floor further suggested we have folks who damage the planes explain what happened and what to avoid. Several members noted that 117 is our most-flown airplanes.

## Safety Officer's Report

Shawn noted we have had a couple of incidents in the last month. 117 struck a taxiway light. We also had the wing hit on the hangar. The board has received reports on both issues, and the members involved have accepted responsibility. Question from the floor: have those reports been published? Answer: no, but we do need to share them (likely anonymously). Regarding the overflown ADs, Shawn stressed that members should be checking those prior to flying the plane though he noted he instructed in 727 after that AD had passed. Shawn announced he has accepted a job with SkyWest and is resigning as safety officer.

## Old Business

### Hangars

Sean will be sending out surveys from time-to-time. He recently sent one on what to do about hangars being enclosed. 78% of respondents to date would like to keep the hangars after they are enclosed. That will cost members \$20-25 per member per month. There is a lot of demand for hangars at Auburn as it is one of the few airports that is GA friendly and demand is driving up the price.

## New Business

### Safety Officer

Discussed above.

### Potential New Members

Neel Smith introduced himself. He is new to the Pacific Northwest and is new to aviation. He is interested in joining to build time and do so at a good price. He hopes to get a career in commercial aviation.

David Eidsaune has previously been to a meeting. He was an Air Force test pilot.

Tim moved to accept Neel and David as members. Shawn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Hash is moving to Eastern Washington and is selling his share. He introduced Bill, another Alaska captain. Bill was born and raised in Pasco. He flew for the Army and the Navy. He also flies helicopters. He lives in Bonney Lake. He managed a flying club in Mannheim Germany. Brian wants to keep his membership until the end of December, so the board did not vote on Bill's potential membership.

**Free flight hour won by:** Jenna Breen

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:39

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

## Valley Fliers Email Board Actions 10/13/2022 - 11/9/2022

October 26: Approval inactive status for Don McCall