

Valley Fliers October Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:29, Scott Glassmyer presiding

Present: Glassmyer, DeWitt, Vader

Excused Absent: Eyre, Neville

Late: Botezatu

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Alan moved to approve as written, Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handouts. Relatively light month, given that we had only three airplanes. Two memberships turned over. We currently have two memberships for sale. Alan has one new invoice as of this morning, so there will be some adjustments to maintenance costs. We are positive for the year. We are ahead of last year, even after the payment for the prop.

Maintenance Officer's Report

See Florin's handouts.

63S The yoke is sticky at the end of its pull. Jon will respray it with silicon. We will need to replace the wing-walk panels before the next annual.

88L The static wicks need to be replaced, otherwise it could damage our radios. There are ten of them on the plane and they cost about \$100 each. Question from the floor: how many are required? Answer: there aren't guidelines. Jon has the replacement fuel senders and will put them in too.

117 Jon has installed a loaner muffler we can use until annual. The board was thinking of buying a Powerflow. Florin moved to proceed with purchase of a Powerflow muffler. Scott seconded. Florin notes a Powerflow adds a significant amount of horsepower. A Powerflow is about \$4000. Alan notes there are options, including a fairing. Florin doubts they have one for a short stack cowling. The motion carried unanimously. Alan will order the muffler.

9MA The airport manager says the airport does flood during storms. Florin says we need to get it out of there. Florin has spoken to Jon about him overhauling the engine instead. Apparently the whole airport would flood. Several folks ask when the airport generally floods. Answer: unknown. Florin suggests if there are delays we consider having Jon do the work. Trucking the plane away was also discussed as an alternative. Scott asks whether we could put the new prop on the engine and fly it away? Jon says no. Alan asks what it would take to haul it by truck. Jon says you'd need to take off the wings, drain the fluids, etc. then get a wide load permit. Question from the floor: would the insurance cover a flood? Answer: Probably. Alan will call Avemco. He will likely also call Penn Yan and others. Alan asked Jon to put together a proposal with costs for him to do the rebuild.

Safety Officer's Report

Richard was not present so no report was provided.

Old Business

9MA Engine and Insurance Update See maintenance officer report.

Aircraft Tug / Movement The board has been looking at alternatives. John has expressed a preference for a "Nose Picker". Jon says he found a different power tug for about \$1700. Question from the floor: did lines help? Answer: it helps some, but it is still not reasonable. Several commenters suggest we should still repaint the lines. Alan says with batteries and all the Nose-Picker would cost about \$2700. A power winch was discussed, but we would need one for each plane. Question from the floor: were used alternatives considered? Answer: not really. Alan asked whether anyone would be willing to research used tugs? Several members said they would. Alan is interested in what we could find used, and prefers electric. We will discuss next month.

New Business

None Raised.

Free flight hour won by: Shawn Walter

Meeting adjourned at: 7:39

Next Meeting: November 13th at Trotters Restaurant, with food at 6, business starting at 6:30.