

EAA Chapter 105 Board Meeting Minutes
20 Feb 2025 @ 7:00 pm
Via Zoom

Attending

Mike Whelan, Benton Holzwarth, Bill Jepson, Dick VanGrunsvan, Rion Bourgeois, Ken Howe, Chad Koehnen, James Breazeal, Richard Ecker, Jerry VanGrunsvan, Bruce Rose, Cliff Gerber, and Greg Hughes.

1 Approval of Previous Meeting

Secretary Benton made the corrections Rion requested. The Hangar committee budget was clarified, and he reviewed the January recording to confirm that we did, indeed, move and approve the Scholarship committee's request to make the full, on-hand, restricted account funds available for grants. That vote was ratified at the February meeting.

2 Treasurer's Report

Nothing further after the comprehensive report at the January meeting.. Rion asked about how we should handle donated equipment on our asset list. Jenny would like to save that conversation for the next time she and Rion meet with the accountant, as well as the suggestion that she switch to a cloud version of QuickBooks and look into purchasing a new laptop. The issues are tabled for now.

Committee Reports

3 Breakfast committee

No expenditures to date. When the folks that steam-clean the hood contact Rion, he'll schedule them to come to the breakfast hangar and do their service.

4 Hangar committee

Rion asks if we've spent any money from the \$1500 authorized. Chad bought a motor for the lathe for \$75. We'll still need a motor controller, at about another \$100 and \$50 for extra odds and ends.

Ken has made some progress on the tool inventory and, in the process, discovered that the hangar@eaa105.org mail list wasn't working. He was telling folks to make contact on there, and the messages weren't getting through. Ken has a spreadsheet where he keeps track of who has tools and when they're returned.

Richard gets a \$40 credit on his G3 rent for providing a cellular WiFi hotspot for the hangars. Rion asked for confirmation that it works when Richard's not there -- it does. The Access Points that Chad had were not working well. He's anticipating an upcoming sale and will buy better units for G1 and G3. Currently, there's WiFi in G1, but it doesn't extend to G3.

Rion also asks Chad and Richard, who pay their rent via PayPal, to shoot an email to Rion since Benton doesn't monitor the PayPal payments frequently.

Also, Benton noted that he has advised Chris Crewdson to send his hangar rent checks to Benton, as he visits the bank every month with the Breakfast cash deposit.

5 Poker Run committee

Greg reminded us that a few folks were going to get together and tabulate the events in the area so we can find dates for our events that don't conflict. Picking a date for the Poker Run was tabled, to be taken up at the March board meeting.

Mike will get the committee together for some planning. He has a link to another group's event calendar that he'll circulate.

6 Fly Out committee

James reports that nothing is planned yet. Mike suggests they'll get together and schedule some events.

7 Scholarship committee

The full balance of the restricted funds is available. Greg has a handful of applicants and has discussed a few with Cliff and Jenny. They'll get together in the next few weeks to make some decisions about awards.

He's received the paperwork from EAA and the Ray Foundation to complete the application for the awards and will return the applications. We have candidates for 2025, but nothing has been awarded yet. The Ray Foundation confirmed that our chapter would be granted two scholarships in early January. Ray matches our contribution 3 to 1, so we'll commit \$3k for a \$9k match from Ray for each of the two scholarships.

Additionally, we have chapter money for more scholarships, and the committee will meet to discuss how that will be awarded.

8 Young Eagles committee

Cliff reports Cassandra is taking the lead. She's always invited to our board meetings, but she has a conflict. She is well engaged and is planning to run the events that have been run in prior years and is planning to add more events, but the schedule is not sorted out yet.

Cliff informed her that Richard can help with equipment selection (laptop, etc). Mike listed the gear Richard has provided, including a donated laptop that currently resides with the A/V equipment rack, which could be used for some of the tasks we've identified -- YE registrations and the R/C flight simulator. Another computer for the full-size simulator would not be available as a portable, non-dedicated device. There's also the computer set up with the 3D printers that should probably remain dedicated there. There is the iPad used for pre-flight registration.

Richard will source another computer, likely another Lenovo T14, at around \$125, to be reimbursed by the chapter.

Cliff asked the Young Eagles folks at National if we can get access to the Sporty's training materials that the kids are granted upon registration, just so the mentors can be familiar with what the kids are receiving. It's not currently available but might be in the future.

9 Communications and Membership committee

Cliff and Benton are working on getting the MailChimp charges taken off his personal PayPal account. The problem seems to be that MailChimp insists on connecting to a personal PayPal account and email address and won't let us hook it up to the chapter email and PayPal accounts.

10 Annual Banquet committee

Jenny and Rion are dealing with the prior year's contract to get reimbursed for the cleaning deposit. That seems to be moving forward now.

Bill hasn't talked with CAA yet about our proposed dates. He'll try to reserve Dec 6 (our preference) or Dec 13. We're planning to go with a Potluck this year, so the expenses will be limited to the meeting space rental and perhaps a keg of beer.

11 Pie Auction committee

KitPlanes gave us some free advertising. Check it out on their website.

12 Member Meeting Topic and Food committee

Our February meeting was (threat of) snowed out. Paul thinks he can host us at Lenhardt as his project has moved. We're agreed that we'll meet up at his project at 7S9.

Other options, and fodder for future meetings, are Bruce Rose's Double Eagle, which would meet at Twin Oaks. Phil Mandel has offered to share his presentation, 'What to do When You Lose Power at 300 ft.' Mike received an email from a fellow, Jack Lofton, who is involved in ballooning. He's a member of a balloon club that has a balloon to rent if anyone is interested in pursuing a license.

Our member, David Kissick, has a Cozy Mk-4 project and is interested in presenting it. Mike suggests we add him to the queue as well. Cliff notes he's the gentleman selling an engine on our site, and Rion adds he's worked the breakfast, as well.

After discussion, we arrived at:

March -- Paul Grimstad's RV project on Lenhardt, 7S9

April -- The Teen Flight project at their hangar on HIO

May -- Van's Aircraft, Aurora, if that works for their schedule

June -- Bruce Rose's Double Eagle project at Twin Oaks

July -- David Kissick's Cozy Mk-4 project, if he's available

13 Build and Fly committee

James reports on the first meeting with the cockpit simulator team. Three kids attended, and it went well. He noted that there was a little trouble with soldering the switches; one got a little melty. He's thinking they'll want to re-do that one. Chad has new, temp-controlled irons. The current schedule is to meet every other Sunday. Chad brought Costco pizza so no one was hungry. They'll be working on the cockpit simulator between now and May.

Rion has been fielding enquiries about Young Eagle flights. He refers those to the YE info on the chapter website but also informs people that Build-n-Fly might be appropriate as well.

The EAA program is now working with the Old School Models Fifty-Six kit. Bill reports that it seems to be better quality than the Sig kit that National had been sourcing in the past. Bill bought one on his own dime to see how well it goes together and reports that he likes it. We can get more kits through EAA/AMA later. Build-n-Fly meets on alternate Sundays but the schedule is changing to Saturdays. The Build-n-Fly team is planning a March 15 date at the FlyAways field flying the airplane that was previously assembled..

James adds that the R/C kit program will run from May 3 to June 7, meeting every Saturday. The simulator should be wrapped up by then. The programs and schedules are advertised on the website, and James will push the events on Facebook as the time draws near.

Bill notes that one question to consider is whether to get more than one kit since there doesn't seem to be any problem gathering the youth to work on the projects.

Activities to keep the youth engaged are the cockpit simulator and the foam R/C planes that the kids can take home. Bruce will do foam kits again this year for the Discuss/Design/Build/Fly program.

Miscellaneous

14 PortOfPortland HIO Block Party committee

The Port's choice would be the first Saturday of October or November. Chad is trying to get the organizers to agree to move the event off of the first Saturday to minimize the issues conflicting with our breakfast and the difficulty recruiting volunteers.

15 Ford Tri-Motor and B-25 Flight Experience tours

Chad thinks the Port won't have issues with a visit. He suggests he and Rion meet with the Port's risk people. We get our event insurance through EAA, with the Port as a named, additional insured. We rent porta-potties and provide a crew car for the tour folks to use while they're here. They sell the seats and bring a merchandise trailer for us to man, as well as manage the crowd. The chapter receives a cut of the proceeds and rides to the next venue. Chad suggests he and Rion meet with the Port people to confirm the Port is okay with the event. Rion notes he'll not be available until Friday but will be ready to join a meeting with Chad and the Port once Chad confirms the Port people are available.

16 Brent Anderson RV-4 Gate Guard

This project has hit a snag; the Starks are indicating they're losing interest in placing it on a pylon at the gate. Rion has asked whether mounting it as a weather vane might be acceptable but hasn't heard back yet.

Dick has also heard from a museum that might be interested but it's too early to say more about that.

Greg is currently storing the RV-4 in his hangar at Twin Oaks and agrees that he's okay with storing it until he needs to release the space back to the Starks. He'll give us as much heads-up as he can as his plans settle.

17 G1/G3 Hangar Rental

Our renters and their charges are all sorted now.

18 Bogardus Archives committee

Dick got sidetracked so little progress this month and notes there's more scanning to do to move the project forward. He realized he has 'bushels and bushels' of old magazines from the Bogardus estate, some of which are old enough to be interesting -- some go back to 1928. Dick is still working on the organizing and scanning project. He may have ideas to share by next month. One thought would be to bundle up the magazines in lots of 10-20 issues and loan them out as a library. Chad reminds that he's available to help with scanning when Dick is ready.

Dick suggests he could add a 'historical segment' to our evening presentations as a way to share some of the material. Jenny noted that someone paid \$18 for a page, an ad for a Pitts airplane that was cut out of a Sport Aviation magazine.

19 Teen Flight Scholarships to Airventure Academy Camps

Dick suggests some TF youth might be interested. The camps are fully booked for 2-25 and camps with available space are further out. At the Air Academy program, chaperones are all provided. If we do it on our

own, chaperones and lodging, etc, are all on us. Rion will look at the EAA website and do a little more research. Kids have been flown in Teen Flight planes in the past but insurance would prohibit Van's from flying kids.

With a little more information, we can decide whether we want to make a scholarship to one of the Air Academy camps.

20 Redundant Tools Sales and Wooden Wing Ribs

Ken doesn't think there's much in the way of excess tools for now, some have been winnowed out. Both engine hoists were loaned out the same week. Greg notes that one of the engine hoists, the orange one, is his, not the chapter's.

Richard has an idea to use the ribs as a border on the G1 wall. He also asks for some c-size drawings, diagrams, 3-views, etc, that could be used for wall art.

21 PortOfPortland Bring Your Kid to Work Day

PoP is currently having issues related to the turmoil at all of the federal agencies and their DEI programs. Our chapter will probably not be invited; their event will be limited to port employees.

22 Bogardus Trust Report

The Trust reports to the chapter and the other beneficiaries every year. Rion circulated a statement of the Trust's activities for the year just ended. No further questions were offered.

23 Open Floor

Richard shared links to a couple of images of our Build-n-Fly program building on EAA National artwork. The text was adjusted to reference our chapter. James and Greg are planning to update materials to load into the plastic vertical display stands, one side talking about scholarships (since Greg is doing the legwork there) and the other side advertising upcoming events. Rion offers that if Greg can get the printed material to him ahead of the breakfast, he'll insert the new pages into the holders when he drops off the groceries.

Chad and James suggest that Greg should just send over his static scholarship material to them, and they can update and print the material that is changing month to month and keep the signage up-to-date.

24 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:27.