

WPA SPOKANE CHAPTER

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 3, 2008

Members Present: Jerry Baur, Al Gilson, Bill Jackman, Duane Lukan, Tom Morris, Gary and Carolyn White

Members Absent: Blake McKinley

TREASURER'S REPORT: Blake had a conflicting meeting and was unable to attend ours. Therefore, we will not have a report for the month of April.

Meeting started at 6:30 PM. We were guests at the Fire House on the South Hill at 18th and Ray where Bill Jackman is stationed.

OLD BUSINESS: A brief discussion took place on whether we would accept credit cards during next year's auction. The feeling of most of the members was it was too expensive to get the equipment and it would cut into the percentage of our profits. It was decided to make an announcement in the newsletter ahead of time to inform members no credit cards would be accepted. Tom Morris approved the motion, Jerry Baur seconded it.

Mirabeau Park sent a letter of apology to Al Gilson about our ill mannered neighbors on March 1 for our annual dinner/auction. Apparently, the representatives for Mirabeau Park felt Gary White and Bill Jackman were not very cordial at the meeting they attended. Bill responded he felt the two of them had left with very specific expectations. Al Gilson recommended paying the invoice. They're embarrassed. Tom Morris said it was a learning experience. Set with 10% and be treated better next year. Jerry Baur agreed. The final bill came to \$3538.57. Al Gilson asked should we book for next year and everyone said yes. Someone asked whether we should think about changing the date of the dinner next year. Some discussion followed, but no decision was made.

Tom Morris gave information to Gary White about the Lower Granite Airport adoption. He had written a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stating the benefits of the airport and the need

for maintenance. Al Gilson suggested revising the letter based upon the mission statements of the Corps of Engineers.

Membership numbers as of 3/28/2008 from John Dobson, state WPA president, is right on target with members as last year. Les Flue from Yakima was able to get a deal of 25 cents off fuel to increase membership. Gary asked if Judy Cocking called people to remind them of their dues and yes she did. In 2007 there were 64 members locally. Currently in 2008 there are 45 members. That's 70% from a year ago and down 36 from a year ago. Gary asked another question. Do we call? Answer from board was no. Tom Morris suggests we get connected with younger groups. Al Gilson recommends we should get with Brent Morrow and sponsor more FAA meetings. One big problem with our group is we need to be doing something for our WPA membership.

Fly outs were mentioned. Bill Jackman volunteered to call Bob Warner to see about the status of scheduled dates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM with fresh apple pie and ice cream available to those who wanted the extra calories. We were then treated to a tour by Bill Jackman of the Fire Station. Next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM at Blake McKinley's business.