

WPA SPOKANE CHAPTER

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2009

Members Present: Jerry Baur, Al Gilson, Marian Heale, Tom Morris, Gary and Carolyn White, Mark Ruggerio

Members Absent: Duane Lukan, John Townsley

Meeting began at 6:35 PM with reading over the December minutes. A couple of mistakes were found. The first one was Bill Jackman listed as a board member as absent. He completed his term in December 2008. The other mistake was our guest, Jeff Beth. A discussion followed that his name is Jeff Scott. After some clarification later by Blake McKinley, our guest's name is Geoff Beth and his radio personality name is Geoff Scott. Al Gilson made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, Gary White seconded it and minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Heale is our new treasurer after taking over from Blake McKinley. Thank you for accepting the position and helping our organization remain fiscally strong. As of January 7, 2009 our total assets were \$10,910.67. Tom Morris asked if we had received any income from the state WPA for renewals. Marian said we had collected \$536.

Old Business: WPA membership renewal has been an ongoing struggle. In the past, Blake would send letters out with about 70% return at last count. A discussion followed with Tom Morris suggesting a membership drive in the schools with aviation programs to entice new members may be a starting point. Then he asked for any other ideas. Gary White replied recruitment at WINGS meetings could be achieved by having membership materials there to sign up anyone who is interested in joining. Jerry Baur said he would work on getting application forms from the state website. Two schools mentioned to try and recruit new members were Moody and UND using discounted student memberships. Gary White gave Marian Heale information on the four scholarship recipients and the addresses of the organizations/flight schools they are affiliated with. So far three of the winners have replied back. One would like to attend, but is out of the country until the end of March. The auction dinner will be February 28 at Decades. So far, \$350 dollars has been given as a down payment. Gary and Marian will take care of the dinner arrangements. Tom made another plea for auction items. It's time

to go out and get procurements. Ticket sales for the event have begun. Each board member present was given an amount of tickets to sell. Even though Dave Lucke is not presently on the board, he has requested a book of tickets. #1-8. Blake McKinley has #9-16, Jeff Hamilton has requested #17-32, Al Gilson #33-40, Gary and Carolyn White #41-48, #49-56 I didn't record a name. Marian Heale #57-64, Jerry Baur #65-72&97-104 Tom Morris #73-80 & #81-88, Mark Ruggerio #83-96. Marian will have the remainder of tickets so if you need more contact her. Ticket price for this year is \$35.00. Tom is planning to contact other WPA chapters statewide. He is also asking Dave Lucke to verify whether John Dobson will be attending the event. The chapter will be picking up the dinners for Addison and Wendy Pemberton as well as Larry and Barbara Tobin. Jerry Baur reviewed the procedure of auction items at the dinner for new board members. He also will be bringing an LCD projector for use during the program. The set-up committee consists of Gary and Carolyn White, Al Gilson and Jerry Baur. We can begin setting up at 4 PM. Tom wanted to make sure we had approved \$200 dollars for the Lone Airport tie downs. Yes, it has been approved.

New Business:

A rather unusual tirade response came from Neal Sealock from the Spokane Airport Board after John Dobson, state president of WPA and Blake McKinley wrote letters in the WINGS newsletter. Suggestions were given as what to do next. Perhaps having a face to face meeting with Mr. Sealock would help us to understand his concerns he really has about WPA. Tom Morris will do some follow up after all the facts are in. At our general meeting on January 21 Jeff Turcott will present a program on Missionary Purposes of Aircraft. Other general meetings are March 12, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Sept. 16, October 21 and November 18. Our board of directors meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month. For the past few years, Blake McKinley has graciously opened his office meeting room for our use. We have greatly appreciated his generosity. After some discussion, the decision was made to begin meeting at the EAA club house for our monthly BOD meetings. That will be Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Last minute work for the auction will be done on February 18th at the EAA club house. Someone suggested putting an ad in GA NEWS for our auction. And to make sure there is an area at the auction for people who want to donate to our scholarship fund. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.