

WPA SPOKANE CHAPTER

BOARD MEETING

MAY 6, 2008

Members Present: Duane Lukan, Blake McKinley, Tom Morris, Gary and Carolyn
White

Members Absent: Jerry Baur, Al Gilson, Bill Jackman

Guest: John Townsley

Meeting started around 6:35 PM. Minutes from April meeting were unanimously accepted by the board members present. Tom Morris made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Duane Lukan seconded it.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Blake McKinley went through the budget with everyone. We have spent approximately 49% which come out to \$5,228.05. There is also \$2,000 set aside for use on the scholarships. Renewals are still trickling in with about half dozen coming from John Dobson's plea statewide for renewals or new memberships. For the Spokane chapter, we are at 81% which comes out to 54 renewals out of 67. Blake is also still waiting from the state a check for renewals at \$12 per person. A brief discussion followed in how to increase our membership such as sponsoring WINGS programs. Duane Lukan brought up a good idea if we could contact or track people who have recently bought an airplane and try to get them interested in our group. Tom Morris suggested we need to grab the younger pilots from Moody and UND and get them interested. The biggest plus or incentive would be to have WINGS programs.

GUEST SPEAKER: John Townsley was introduced to the board members and had been invited by Gary White to talk to the group about the WINGS program. Previous programs during this past year would have counted towards WINGS. FAA SAFETY programs will be put on their website. A participant needs one safety oriented program which lasts about 45 minutes, 1 ½ hours to receive one full credit. They need to receive 3 educational credits, 2 electives, and 1 mandatory. The pilot then needs to show competence in the air. It can take quite awhile or a very brief time. The courses are web based and in order to receive credit you need to be on line. A

person needs to enroll on line or an FAA person overseeing the program can get the names on line. The new WINGS program spends a bit more time on seminars. Electives can be done on line such as aeronautical decision making. Tom Morris asked John who makes the decision on what counts for a WINGS program. John replied either himself or Brent Morrow. There are three levels to the program, basic, advanced and master. Our chapter would be mainly interested in the basic. The other two need an exit exam. The difference between the old WINGS program and the new version is that the old program did not carry over into the next year. The new program goes on the record for recurrency and carries over which is good for 24 months. Gary then looked to see when we could schedule a WINGS event. After John's presentation, Tom Morris gave an update of Jessica Teal, one of our scholarship recipients from November 2007. She has taken the TRACON traffic controllers exam and passed. She put in to train for Spokane Tower assignment. You go girl!

OLD BUSINESS:

Gary gave check to Mirabeau Park for the dinner/auction. As far as we know, things are ok at this time. The WADOT sent an e-mail to Gary stating some improvements had occurred. Tom mentioned he had received notice there is a new maintenance person and said they will try to resurface again. Tom also suggested a work party to clean up the trail and pull weeds. Gary scanned papers for the adoption of Lower Granite. He just needs to send it off. John Townsley suggested to contact and provide written input very specific on how many times the airport has been used by chapter members. Use other knowledge if available. Monthly fly-outs were discussed. Blake mentioned he was not sure how successful they were in the past. Brief discussion followed on the fly-outs should have a reason to go some place. Gary suggested in September a possible Prosser wine tour.

NEW BUSSINESS:

July picnic is fast approaching. Judy Cocking has graciously hosted the event in the past, but has asked to have someone else do the duties this year. Bill Jackman has come forward to host it this year. Hutton Settlement has not been scheduled yet. Blake McKinley said he would call and see whether they are interested in scheduling for this year. The biggest problem is to find enough pilots to commit flying their plane. The Vets Fly Out in the fall doesn't have a coordinator yet. Someone suggested Mike Eller may be interested to head up this important event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 6:30 PM at Blake's office.