

April 11, 2016

## Valley Fliers April Board Meeting

**Meeting Commenced at:** 6:31

**Present:** Lawton, Botezatu, DeWitt, Patrick, Vader plus 7 members.

**Excused:** Chumbley

### Approval of February and March Meeting Minutes

Eric moved for approval of February as written. Florin seconded. Approved unanimously.

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### Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handout. One membership turned over in March. We had the quarterly insurance payment in March. The reported insurance costs show a decrease due to our increase in deductibles on the airplanes. We also renewed the PO Box and web site. We do still have invoices coming from Mike Boatz for at least one annual.

Question from the floor: is there a lag between what is shown on the pump and what is reported here? Answer: yes, there is always a small lag. Alan will do the revenue report in the next few weeks. The cash grew last month and will likely continue to do so for the next few months. The funds will continue to grow. We will need to determine what we are accumulating funds for. Eric says we could possibly replace our planes magnetos with electronic ignition and other ideas. Alan notes power flow exhaust would be on his wish list. Tom noted our first power flow exhaust caused us some difficulties. Eric tabled the topic until at least the new business portion of the meeting.

### Maintenance Officer's Report

See Tom's handout. No airplanes are now in annual and all are in good shape for the flying season. Mike Boatz will be retiring from Boeing on May 27th, so he may be more responsive in the future. All engine heater cords are put away for the season.

**9MA** Tom did fairly extensive checking on a high EGT on one cylinder in 9MA with little result. Alan flew it earlier today and it fluctuated too rapidly to be real temperature changes. Tom will continue to investigate. Tom noted 9MA is due for FAA Registration renewal soon. Alan will take care of it soon.

**88L** has an intermittently popping breaker. They are troubleshooting it and issues should be squawked by members.

**117** Tom noted the oil temp has been reported high. Several members commented that its temp was actually low. Tom noted that Mike Boatz has checked it during a run-up, and Tom has recently checked it in flight and it heated up to 180 degrees. Florin is concerned about water in the fuel and carb ice as a result of the low temperature. The copilot door doesn't close correctly because the armrest and seat are

interfering after the last upholstery work. The fixes he has thought of are not easy, so Tom will keep working on a solution.

**63S** Tom researching the squawk on rear intercom.

## Safety Officer's Report

Hunter absent.

## Old Business

**Camera System** Eric reported Hunter has researched and found a camera system identical to one he has at his house. It is \$1000 through Costco. Hunter used to install cameras for a living and would be willing to install it for us. The system will record four weeks of video. The cameras could be live on the web site. The board would have edit access to the video, and members would be able to look at them. Hunter would also need a few hundred dollars in supplies to complete the installation. Florin notes we should give him a free hour flight hour or two. Alan moves for purchase. Tom seconded. Board unanimously approved purchase with up to \$500 in supplies.

## New Business

**VF Rules** Eric says the Valley Fliers rules hanging in the office are not up-to-date. For example, the posted rules indicate instructors are covered by insurance while they are in our aircraft. Eric suggested we should consider enacting replacement rules. Eric has received complaints about how people are treating the planes or operating the planes. Comment from the floor: We need to document the tribal knowledge about how much fuel we should put in the planes, where the oil is, etc. Tim asks if we want to fine people for putting in too much fuel? Answer: no, guidelines and rules are different things. Question from the floor: Aren't instructors covered in our planes? Answer: no. Comment from the floor: We still should have written guidelines. Tom suggests the guidelines should be posted on the door. Comment from the floor: one rule should be "Don't be a Jerk". Tom suggests a member should try to draft the guidelines and bring them to the board for review. Eric notes our rules don't specify the checkouts are to be done by club instructors. It is generally agreed that we need to fix that. Tom will be willing to work on guidelines, if someone will work on rules. Eric will get together with Hunter and work on those rules and / or guidelines. Eric tabled the discussion for next meeting.

**9MA Engine** Alan notes we will be putting a new engine in 9MA in the next year. He asked if we wanted to start looking for an alternative given our poor experiences with Western Skyways. Florin suggests we might talk with flight schools about who would be good. Several options were discussed.

**Uses for Extra Money** Eric re-opened the topic of what we should do with extra money. Question from the floor: How much extra money are we likely to generate? Answer: Alan says 25-30 thousand dollars. Question from the floor: What about ADS-B? Answer: that would take \$20 thousand or so. Alan notes the interior of 63S is getting older and we could upgrade it. Tom notes we could sell 63S and buy a Cessna. A 177 is discussed. A larger engine for 88L is suggested from the floor.

Florin suggests adding a fifth airplane without adding new members. Alan noted that would be a lot more work for Tom. Another comment from the floor: Wouldn't we rather have fewer great airplanes than a lot of marginal ones? Eric notes we could lower the aircraft rates as well. On the idea of a fifth airplane, Alan suggests we look at a lease-back for six months of summer. The plane would be similar to the planes we already have other planes, particularly larger ones, would run our costs up quickly for insurance, fuel, maintenance, etc. Eric notes the board is not scaled to support a fifth plane. Eric tables the topic until next month.

**Free flight hour won by:** John Eyres  
**General meeting adjourned at:** 7:47