

July 11, 2016

## Valley Fliers July Board Meeting

**Meeting Commenced at:** 6:31, Vice-President Botezatu presiding.

**Present:** Botezatu, DeWitt, Patrick, Vader, and Chumbley plus 8 members.

**Absent:** Lawton

### Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Florin moved for approval. Alan seconded. Minutes approved unanimously as written.

### Treasurer's Report

See Alan's report. It was an uneventful month. Alan apologized for the bills being late going as as he was traveling. Revenue was down for a June, as was May. Florin noted the weather hasn't been great. Question from the floor: how much was that due to 63S being down for maintenance? Answer: More in May than in June. Alan noted 88L is not flying that much in July so far. Alan's report may still lack some maintenance costs due to missing bills. Question from the floor: What is our negotiated rate for fuel? Answer: \$4.45/gallon. Alan will be doing the tax report and paying the taxes in July for the last quarter. Our net assets are down \$35k from last year, but we bought a \$90k airplane (and sold 34H for \$20k) in the intervening time so we are doing pretty well.

### Maintenance Officer's Report

See Tom's report.

**9MA** Mike Boatz will be replacing the temperature sensor on #3 cylinder. Question from the floor: Why are we doing the annual on 9MA so soon? Answer: we do an "annual" every 250 hours on our planes. Question from the floor: how long are the planes out for an annual? Answer: Tom says 2-3 weeks. Alan says 3 weeks (too long).

**88L** Nose tire was replaced because it was completely flat. The co-pilot seat stopped sliding. Mike looked at it. To replace the seat part it is \$600 from Cessna, but the kit will include two cables, and we only need one so we will have a spare. Two of the instruments and the mag compass will need to have new bulbs installed.

**117** The pilot seat sheared some pins, and they've been replaced.

**63S** Tom will replace the CO sensor.

### Safety Officer's Report

Hunter had no report.

Comment from the floor: watch out for the helicopter students. Of particular concern are the high speed taxis and quick stops. They've had a couple of runway incursions. They do cockpit checks at runway exits. Their autorotation practices are

also dangerous. They come in at a high angle of descent and will be hard to see in the Cessnas. Sometimes they land on taxiways. Jerome is trying to set up a meet and greet so we can understand their procedures.

Another comment from the floor: With all the issue, we are very likely to see ramp checks at Auburn soon.

Another comment: The Seahawks and Mariner transitions are closed and is under review. Hunter reminded members they can email safety issues to them. Another comment from the floor: The helicopter situation will not improve until the issues are documented. The commenter suggests we sit down with the helicopter folks and discuss the issues. The sooner we talk with them, the better.

## Old Business

**Camera System** Hunter has installed the camera system and is thanked by the board. Hunter has spent 18 hours on the project. **Flight Hours for Hunter** Florin moved to grant Hunter two flight hours as thanks for his work. Tom seconded. Approved by the board.

**VF Rules** Florin tabled until next month.

**ADS-B** Tim moved to table., Alan seconded. Board approve motion.

## New Business

Comment from the floor. We have CFIs instructing non-members in our planes. Alan notes it is difficult to eject a member, but that is one of the only ways we can respond. Hunter noted that relates to one of the rules that was discussed last month. Another comment: we have members with no medical being instructed by non-Valley Fliers instructors, and given that no member is then PIC, it may jeopardize our insurance coverage. Florin notes we should have someone call the insurance company. Alan noted the prohibition on primary instruction being done by non-club instructors was due to issues with treatment of the plane, not due to insurance coverage. Jerome proposed a rule that to act as PIC of a club aircraft you must be a member.

At that point, the board meeting was suspended, and did not resume for approximately 25 minutes.

Hunter moved. Florin seconded. Alan moved to table the rule for discussion, and Florin again seconded that motion. The board unanimously voted to table the topic.

Member noted there is a Beech sport is for sale. The member suggests we could used it or something like that as a replacement for the Cherokee. Alan notes it might be hard to insure, but the member suggest it would not be hard as Airbat's aren't hard. Member suggests it might be good to have a plane we could spin. Question from the floor: would the club consider experimental planes? Board says that might be tough. Alan points out we aren't necessarily in the market for a plane. Question from the floor: would we consider going down to 3 planes. Florin says no, we have a

lot of time out for maintenance. Several other planes are suggested from the floor including getting more high wing trainers.

**Free flight hour won by:** Josh Coggins

**General meeting adjourned at:** 8:05