

## Valley Fliers March Board Meeting

**Meeting commenced at:** 6:54

**Present:** Lawton, DeWitt, Patrick, Bryce, Vader

**Excused:** Botezatu

### Treasurer's Report

See Alan's handout. 63S is hardly flying (but was in annual part of the month). Two memberships turned over. Fuel rates are headed back up, so Alan is holding off on decreasing rates. Ed notes we should keep our funds for things like ADS-B. Alan believes the cost would be about \$20000 across the fleet. Tom notes waiting may get us more options and lower cost. Eric asks what the turnaround is likely to be on the installation? Alan and Tom agree that depends on what we buy. If the fuel prices go back down and stay down we may be able to lower the rates.

Eric asked why there was a 180 in 117's hangar. It is there waiting to go to Boatz until 117 gets out of Boatz's hangar.

Alan notes we have very good reserves, but we have had some seriously expensive annuals. Alan expects 117's annual to be \$4.5K. Tom says it shouldn't be too bad. The board had a general discussion on the time and costs associated with our annuals.

### Maintenance

117 should be done tomorrow and have steps on it. It should also have new paint on the chipped spots. The prop will correctly clock too. The copilot seat tracks have been fixed as well. The turn and bank indicator was also fixed as well as the wing root leak and cabin heat. Tim notes 117's paint should at least be discussed at the annual meeting.

### Safety Officer

No report this meeting.

### Annual meeting

Ed announced that he will not be running for re-election.

Alan noted we should ask the members what they want in their airplanes as we are going to keep them for a while.

Ed notes that as of now all instructors but Jameson and Pete Roberts have responded and agreed to provide a free biannual. Even Gerry Coon will donate an hour. Alan asked how many free flight hours we gave away last year. Tim looked up and it was three. The board decided we will give away four hours this year. The board then reviewed the draft annual meeting presentation.

### Simulator

Tim asked whether the sim had to be sent back. Eric says no, they just turned down the level of detail.

### Vetting of New Members

After some reflection, Eric is leaning toward not doing more vetting but rather focusing on ensuring incidents are investigated and decisions are made in a timely way. Tom would like to still hear the write-ups the recent members have done. Eric does think new members would have to show up to a meeting in the first three meetings after they join. Their application would not be accepted until they appear at a meeting. Eric does currently interview prospective members.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:45