## **EAA Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes** October 17, 2017 Quaker Steak & Lube, Mechanicsburg, PA

President Mike Spangler called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Members present and constituting a quorum: Dirk Berry, Karen Berry, Cassidy, Crouse, Furst, Haunstein, Lamb, Maternowski, Moore, Parks, Probasco, Rose, Spangler, Still, Trygg, Womer.

Also present, Kathy Womer and Nancy Rose

Minutes of the last meeting were available for review on the chapter website but were not formally approved.

Treasurer's report for August 2017 was available but not reviewed or approved.

### Committee reports:

Young Eagles: Jon Still reported that we will host our Young Eagle day on Saturday, October 21, with a rain date of Saturday, November 4. The assignments have been emailed to those who committed to participate. We will have 6 planes flying, three from our chapter and three from the Gettysburg Barnstormers, Chapter 1041. There will be about 24 Young Eagles being flown.

Programs: Ed Womer advised that November meeting will be held at Quaker Steak & Lube in Mechanicsburg.

#### Old Business:

Mike Spangler told us he is expecting the chapter to commit to a fundraising event in the spring. He is working with a group called HypeCXY to encourage them to come through on their offer to provide us with permanent space at Capital City Airport from which we would run the fundraiser. The chapter still needs someone to chair the project.

The board has struggled to complete the required slate of new officers for 2018. Despite many phone calls, we were disappointed by the response and are still seeking volunteers to join the board to help us chart our course. All nominations for positions described in last month's meeting minutes for the upcoming election in November will be made from the floor. In addition, due to the resignation of Mike Marra from the board, Paul Furst is the board's nomination to replace him.

#### **New Business:**

Vice President Jim Trygg reviewed the efforts to clear up our corporate status at both the Federal and State levels. He submitted a written plan and discussed it in detail. Copy attached. In order to clear the record, our chapter will be formally reestablished as EAA Chapter 122, Inc. There are fees associated with the process, but they should cost far less than the challenge and risk associated with clearing up the former tax situation. It was the sense of all present that Jim should do whatever is necessary to keep us legal.

Rick Lamb moved, seconded by Jeff Probasco, to proceed with the plan as described, discussed, and documented by Jim Trygg. The motion was approved by a show of hands, 16-0.

#### Other Business:

Paul Furst will be going to Oshkosh, either November 13-17 or December 4-8, to help build a Lockwood AirCam for the Young Eagles program. (If you are reading this on the chapter website, be the first to tell me at the November 2017 meeting that you saw this note and your acting secretary will buy you the beverage of your choice—really!!) Paul is looking for someone to accompany him and share travel expenses. EAA will pay for room and board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Ed Womer introduced Herb Rose who presented a riveting description of his Pietenpol accident on August 8, 2017. We are so pleased to see him improving so dramatically and wish him our collective best.

Ed then showed the video, "Living in the Age of Airplanes."

Next meeting: 7:00 PM, November 21, 2017, at Quaker Steak and Lube, Mechanicsburg.

Mike Parks **Acting Secretary** 

# CHAPTER 122 REORGANIZATION PLAN October 17, 2017

Chapter 122 was formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of PA back in 1966. Most non-profit corporations are required to file tax returns with the IRS, even though they pay no income tax. To the best of my knowledge Chapter 122 has not filed a single federal tax return.

The Board would like to bring the Chapter into conformance with IRS rules and begin filing 990N tax returns every year. To do that we need to obtain IRS approval to begin operating as a 50l(c)(4) tax exempt organization. This requires filing a 8976 form that declares our intention to operate as a c4.

The glitch is that a law was passed in 2015 requiring the form be filed within 60 days of the formation of the corporation. We are many years past the deadline.

The board decided to form a new non-profit corporation here in PA with the corporate name: EAA Chapter 122, Inc. Once this is accomplished we'll file with the IRS to operate as a 50l(c)(4). Then we'll file with the state a Statement of Merger to bring our present corporation and the new corporation together. The old corporation will then disappear.

Under this merger members automatically become members of the new corporation as do officers and directors. Our bylaws will transfer to the new corporation as well as all assets and liabilities. From all outward appearances nothing changes, our operation will continue uninterrupted. It'll be completely transparent to the membership.

This is what we have to do to become legal with the IRS.

The Board has approved the above Reorganization Plan and recommends its approval by the membership.