

## Draft Minutes from May 3, 2020 EAA465 Board Meeting

(recorded by Dave Fretwell as Angelia was only on phone access)

Members present: Dave Fretwell, Gordon Hienrichs, Darrell Radford, Dale Ramey, Kendall Pearson, Angelia Hepburn (via phone), plus Marc Dart VMC Coordinator, and Tony Gaspar Hanger Committee Chairperson. Meeting was called to order by Dave Fretwell at 1:30 and closed at 3:15.

- 1. Selection of Ray Scholarship Recipient:** After interviewing the first two ranked candidates (who had a very close score ranking). The Marc moved, Gordon seconded, and the Board unanimously confirmed Aiden Bajema the #1 ranked candidate as the winner. There was discussion about providing some local Chapter funds to allow the second ranked candidate, Sean Thomas, to start his PPL training (we already have \$1120 in a special fund for Young Eagles). It was agreed not to initiate this activity now but rather wait until we may have more funds. It was suggested to ask all adult members to donate \$100 into our young eagle fund if they can afford it (several already have done so). Post Script, Aiden and EAA was informed of his selection by COB Sunday, and by mid-day May 4 Monday Aiden had completed his on-line application to EAA.
- 2. Chapter Strategic Plan:** this was briefly presented by Dave, discussed, and is something overdue in our Chapter. Many of the elements we are already doing, but it will be good to have clear objectives and annual and long-range targets. **Action Requested:** Dave asked all present to provide written input and suggestions (just type them in on the document which all board members have) and send them to him in the next several weeks so the draft can be updated and presented to and discussed at the next Chapter Meeting
- 3. Hanger Survey Results:** Tony presented the results. The general findings were: that there is solid support from the Board to look for a Hanger *but the site selected must support multiple activities, and have visible access from runway/taxiways, and parking for events.* The preferred options, all must meet conditions listed above, are (i) a donation, (ii) lease with option to buy, (iii) or build. A major concern is the ability of the Chapter to find sufficient investment and recurrent cost financing, although the survey showed some pledged financial support. One option for the lease/donation could be gaining access to unused space at the Air Jav occupied hanger. One option for the was the idea of bringing together all N. County aviation related organizations, in particular those working with youth (i.e. EAA chapter 465, Estrella Youth Club, Junior Pilots, Civil Air Patrol/Cadets, Cloud Clippers/AMA, even the city Youth Commission etc.) to pool resources and work together to develop a multi-purpose Aviation Center. **Action suggested:** it the hanger Committee should continue to look at all options for obtaining a hanger/facility for the Chapter including, but not limited to, meeting with several of the above-mentioned groups to see if they were interested in working together and pooling resources – then report back to the next Chapter meeting.
- 4. Flying Start/Eagles program:** Two keys to strengthening our chapter require more and better activities for members, and more adult members - these two elements interact. EAA has developed a new and quite effective flying-start program to draw more adults into the aviation sector including learning to fly and joining Chapters. This program promotes then involves interested adults in free half-day aviation/flying introductory seminar. This is followed by a free Eagle flight like the Young Eagle program with similar benefits, but done on a one by one basis as opposed to the day event we do for young eagles. The intention of the Fast Start seminar is to sort out those adults who may seriously want to learn to fly, from those who are just looking for an expensive free eagle flight in a light aircraft. Most of us have been doing some of the latter but without the initial seminar as screening seminar. **Action:** Kendall has reviewed the flying start program and offered to run the seminar – but other members would need to agree to be on a “roster” to provide the free follow-up flight (this should not be that difficult). The overall idea needs to be presented to the general membership and if there is sufficient interest we can move forward this fall once the virus issue is resolved.
- 5. Glasair partially build Kit and LY 320 disassembled motor.** This is available as a free donation from Ron Steinberger, a member who is also involved in the AMA Cloud Clipper organization. The availability of the plane was advertised national via the EAA. The members went to look at the plane. **Action:** after looking at the plane it was agreed that we should accept the donation which can be used as a project for youth and/or adults, or sold. Kendall indicated that could be initially stored in his hanger and the group agreed to pick it up 78:30 AM Thursday May 7. Ron accepted our offer, and Dave cleared our commitment to EAA which has released the plane to our Chapter