

EAA475
Chapter Newsletter
July 2020
Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. 13 members were present.

Minutes of June 2020 Meeting

Those present were reminded that the minutes of the June meeting had been emailed to all members and also posted to the Chapter's web-site.

The minutes were accepted and approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented highlighting that more membership dues were paid into the bank account on June, 23rd and the balance of the account was reported.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

Fly-overs/Fly-outs

The members were advised that the planned visits to American Champion, Dayton Air Museum and Rockford ATC are all now cancelled due to the virus.

The members were advised that the Poplar Grove chapter is rebuilding a Curtiss Jenny, and that the members are invited to pay a visit to view the aircraft. Discussion related to numbers of people interested, any preferences regarding how and when ensued. Some members thought that maybe the visit should take place once the aircraft was rebuilt, others thought a visit to see it disassembled followed by a post rebuild visit would work. Six members expressed interest in two visits; one member proposed Thursday evenings while another suggested flying to Poplar Grove for the event(s). One of the members present took an action to determine potential arrangements (including safety considerations) and to report his findings back to the remaining members. It was suggested that a fly-out to Decorah field, in Iowa, was an idea and it was confirmed that the airport manager there has given his approval for such an event. One of the members present stated that there are two breweries close to the field and asked if there was any interest in planning a fly-out visit. He will check to see if the breweries are still conducting tours at this time. One suitable Friday/Saturday night camping trip, along with brewery visits, was discussed. A check for details and arrangements together with safety restrictions will be made and the results text-messed to chapter members.

The mail-run is still scheduled for September 26th and a member asked if the course had been established; it hasn't yet but action is in hand with one of the members to resolve the question.

Fund Raising

It was confirmed that the CUBS 'Brat Stand' is still shut down and is likely to remain so.

Young Eagles Day

The planned Young Eagles Day event is also cancelled for this year due to the virus and associated restrictions. It was stated that there are some individuals being flown (at Oshkosh?). The question was raised if credits earned to date, and originally planned for use this year, will now be rolled over to next year? The action was taken to look into an answer.

Airport Manager's Report

The Airport Manager advised that he and the new Director of Public Works are working on a plan to lay a parking lot at the Heritage Group end of the hangars. Otherwise, there is nothing new to report.

AOB

The members were advised that the Cottonwood chapter is organizing a fly in on July 25th in lieu of AirVenture. It is anticipated that they may be incorporating a fly-by at Rockford airport the same day to commemorate.

The motion to adjourn at 1950 hrs was approved by all.