



EAA Chapter 595 July 11th, 2021

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

July Announcements

Birthdays

Nick Lung

July – 7

William Bowers

July - 15

Anniversaries

Nick & Sharon Lung

July – 2

William & Janis Bowers

July – 4

August Announcements

Birthdays

Janis Baker

August - 30

Anniversaries

Events

Notices

This project will take a lot of effort from both club members as well as outside volunteers to become a successful education program as most of us envision. All ideas are welcome both from members of the chapter as well as those that are on our mailing list.

President Don Schwanke called an informal meeting to order @ 11:03 a.m. with 8 members in attendance (with Jared Bird as a guest) @ the airport in Edinburg. Since quorum was not met, the meeting was labeled as informal but the executive committee is able to do any necessary business if needed.

Members were as follows:

Robert Carter	Merle Jenkins
Don Schwanke	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	Monte Vasquez
Ted Miller jr.	
Cindy Vasquez	

Don mentioned that the minutes to last month's meeting are on the website for all to read. Don then asked for the treasurer's report and Byron Engle stated that the chapter is solvent. Ted Miller Jr. Moved to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report, seconded by Robert Carter. Motion carried.

Old business:

RV-12 project. Don had a long conversation with Charlie Becker and Charlie called the donations chief from EAA and they had a 3 way conference meeting with a lot of discussion about the options of financing a project such as this. These are the people that go through this everyday and there were a lot of good ideas that came about from the conversation. The option of Go Fund me was discussed, but Don did some checking on his own and felt it didn't look very favorable with EAA headquarters seeming to think that only about \$2,000 is roughly the most anybody has ever received. Robert Carter then stated they are wrong. Robert said that he knows for a fact that some people in Dallas have gotten over \$90,000 and have built 4-5 airplanes by using it. Don said that he would investigate it further.



Another recommendation is that there is now a 501c3 EZ, which is supposed to be only 1 page to fill in initially. The problem is that there is entirely too much paperwork to fill in at the end of the year. Ted Miller mentioned that to keep the accreditation could be a problem as well. EAA headquarters says that this is something we should think about. Although this initial EZ form is a short form, it costs \$250.00, but it would put us into the full 501C3 status. Don emphasized that he really doesn't know how the Go Fund me operation works, but does feel that maybe we should consider the 501C3 form. Ted Miller then asked if Don knew what the reporting requirements are once we are

established and Don said he doesn't know at this time, but will try to find out. Ted also wanted to know about taxation and what kind of reporting has to be done every year and Byron said that it could become overwhelming. Byron and Ted Miller both felt that there would have to be a tax return filed out every year, even though there may be no taxes to pay. Byron felt a little suspicious about the one page form because it may lead to more complications. It may be worth it to investigate it a little further. Ted also mentioned that maybe there's some kind of maintenance attached to this form. There's a lot to consider and the options will be investigated.

In view of what we can do, fundraising could be another option instead of/in addition to Go Fund me. EAA approves either option. We can actually do whatever we want with this project, including selling it to someone else. The question is, what will be the most logical thing we can do if we cannot get a group together through one of the schools? What other chapters have done is that they find a couple of people who want an airplane, but maybe are not builders, to finance it, establish a flying club so the chapter can bring the expertise to new members and to the owners. This has been very successful. The new owner gets an airplane and the chapter can decide what to do for the next project. Another option is to sell what we have and keep the money in the chapter's account for future use.

Byron suggested that the very first thing that we need to do is find a place to work on it. Robert Carter said that he might know of a hangar that may be available but that we first need to be sure what it is that we are going to do with the RV-12. He doesn't want to go to the owner and say this is what we are going to do and then turn around and do something entirely different. Robert did say that for the time being the hangar is empty and that the owner may want to sell it.



New business:

The membership should begin thinking about the nomination of officers for the chapter. The nominations take place at the September meeting, with elections to follow at the November meeting. Don asked Cindy Vasquez to be the elections coordinator and she agreed to do so. She will be contacting the membership about their opinions until the September meeting.

This is open to anyone who wants to run for a position, or we can nominate a person. The installation of officers will be held at the December meeting/Christmas banquet.

Don Schwanke has an ICOM portable radio for sale and it's got all the toys, bells, and whistles with a microphone and speaker. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Don. Price to be determined depending on the number of accessories wanted with the radio.

Don asked if anyone from the chapter will be going to Oshkosh and nobody will be going this year with the exception of Larry and Norma Wheelock. They are in Terre Haute, IN and will be driving there. Don asked for a status report on Monty's Thatcher CX4 and he said it's completed, but he will wait for Larry Wheelock to return so he can take it to Larry's hangar and put it together. He will then get it weighed and inspected. It's almost ready for a DAR inspection as it sits.

Don then asked if there were any other comments or questions and there were none except the most important question: where shall we go for lunch? It was decided by the members to go to the Texas Roadhouse in Edinburg. Don then asked for a conclusion to the meeting and it was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 14, 2021 @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen @ 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez, Secretary