



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 631 - The Blue Hills Flyers
Rice Lake, WI



Minutes of the Meeting of October 1, 2019:

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at Rice Lake Airport Terminal Building at 6:06 pm. Big Thanks to Chuck Aldrian for providing pizza for tonight's meeting!

July 2nd, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Cumberland Airport):

President Bob asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Aldrian moved. Dave Nielsen 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer Potocnik's Report for End of September, 2019

Treasurer Jeff not available tonight due to a cold. Jeff's September report discussed briefly – looks fine. No action taken.

Young Eagles Discussion - Jack Langland:

- Jack provided Bob with a summary report of 631 YE #s over the years
 - 9738 YEs flown to date
 - 251 YEs flown 2019
- Special thanks to Bruce and Maxine Dakins for spearheading the ground work!
- Big thanks to all that help (Jack likes to delegate and with great help that works well)
- Tentative YE 2020 Schedule – see overall tentative chapter 2020 schedule which includes Jack's proposed YE event dates.
- Kolten Nelson is with us this evening. Kolten went to air academy this summer (nominated by YE Pilot Ed Knutson). Kolten gave a nice speech on his experience and provided a nice thank you letter to the chapter.
- Discussion on whether or not 631 should attempt to have model airplanes at YE events in 2020. Brad's notes a bit sketchy, but:
 - \$500 available from AMA model airplane association?
 - Goal: have model airplanes at YE events and see if interest in this hobby surfaces with some of the YEs. Doug Zimmer has volunteered to spearhead (and maybe Kirby too). Doug is known to be a very good educator; has helped the schools with the Science Olympiad program, etc.
- It is time to start nominating kids for going to Air Academy camp in 2020. Nominations open until mid February. Please speak up to Jack or a Chapter officer if you have a potential candidate. Jack has one candidate in hand from Chuck Aldrian. Age ranges, etc., if Brad's quick notes correct:
 - Young Eagle – ages 12-13 - \$960
 - Basic – ages 14-15 - \$1280
 - Advanced – ages 16-18 - \$1600
- "Flying Start" – a class before Eagle rides. 631 has started to develop a waiting list of potential Eagles. Bruce Dakins who has been tasked with this has

contacted some of the folks who have signed on as a “potential” but they do not seem too interested. The program would consist of a full day: first half of day would be a mini ground school; second half of day would be a longer flight. Let’s keep our list of potentials going and maybe at some point there will be enough serious interest to go with it.

Tech/Safety:

- President Bob noted he read a good article on the 737 Max accidents in the NY Times. Training is lacking. Angle of Attack (AOA) sensor is faulty. Going too fast? (idle the throttle!). Disable the trim switches! See Bob if a copy of the article would interest you.
- President Bob asked if members would have an interest in VMC and/or IMC clubs – something that EAA HQ is kind of pushing. Dave Nielsen, Helicopter Pilot with LifeLink based at Rice Lake, CFII, would be interested in helping with an IMC club if there were others interested. John Ostrem volunteered to look into, and discuss with EAA HQ what VMC/IMC clubs are all about, expectations, etc. and get back to us. Thanks Dave and John.

Old Business:

- Jim Adams, NASA retired, of Cameron has agreed to speak at 631’s November 5th meeting. Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Thank you John Ostrem for requesting this of Jim. Venues suggested at the meeting:
 - Chetek School (Janis Volker could arrange; Jim has spent a lot of time in the Chetek Schools so is at home there; we could maybe invite public; maybe good publicity for 631). A problem with this night at Chetek School, though, is that the school has two other big events that night and so getting the public to Jim’s presentation may not work.
 - John Ostrem has been talking with Tom Hodgson and Tom’s church in Cumberland could be available. Just south of hospital on west side of 8th.
 - Maxine Dakins and Bob Gillette wondered if we could get the town hall facility in Stone Lake.
 - All agreed Chetek out. Brad suggested that whichever camp (Cumberland or Stone Lake) could nail down access and details first would be it. The day after our 631 meeting Ostrem and Hodgson had nailed down details for Cumberland, so presentation will be in Cumberland.
- **631 Christmas Party – Wednesday December 4th at Lehman’s** in Rice Lake. Sorry, Maxine had scheduled w Lehman’s for Tuesday December 3rd, as requested by some, but Lehman’s double-booked that night and we got bumped.
- Thank you Dave Misner for the nice presentation on your Sonex project at the Hayward meeting!

New Business:

- A quick meeting will be held before the **November 5th** NASA presentation to hold **631 Officer Elections!** Think this over. If you have an interest or think someone is nomination-worthy please discuss with the potential nominee (possibly yourself) and then be at meeting to nominate or discuss with a chapter officer ahead of time so we can make sure to have nominations.

- Ray Foundation Flight Training Scholarships for 2020 – Beginning November 1 chapters can once again apply to possibly be selected to be eligible to nominate a scholarship recipient candidate. Brad is signed up for a webinar via EAA HQ in early November to learn more - stay tuned.
- Quick notes from Brad Volker:
 - Thank you for the Thumbs up Award – very nice. Lots of great candidates for future years.
 - Brad read Elmer Wishard’s book “Clear the Prop”– very good; check it out. Let Brad know if you want to borrow, or Google it and order.
 - Brad will get out soon a draft 2020 overall tentative 631 schedule.
- President Bob noted that he ran into VP Ray Peterson’s wife, Doreen, recently at Woodmans in Eau Claire. Bakery business keeping them both extremely busy. Ray is now retired from FAA, but he will continue to do homebuilt inspections for FAA.
- A big THANK YOU to Doug Zimmer and family for making/donating the prop clock as a raffle item at the picnic. Bob Lorkowski paid \$600 for it – will go to EAA 631’s scholarship fund.
- President Bob noted that the annual picnic is becoming a bit much for he and Judy – Bob admitted the main problem is all the stuff in Bob’s hangar that needs to be removed to get the hangar ready for hosting :)
 - Bob noted he did have one complaint that too many non-631ers there. He believe this outweighed by nice donations that the “outsiders” make.

Adjournment:

Chuck Aldrian moved to adjourn. Jack Perry 2nd. Approved!

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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