

# Minutes for EAA Chapter 1397 April 13, 2017

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## Call to Order

We held a Regular meeting of EAA chapter 1397 on April 13, 2017 at BJI. We began at 7:04 PM. Presided over by Jon Blessing, with Dan Leger as secretary.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included: Brian Shaw, Jon Blessing, Gardell Emery, Dan Leger, Jerry Greuel, Gary Gregg, Mark Shorter, Duane Maki, Taylor Mattson, Harold Janssen, Rob Knudson, Arnold Kleinsasser, Tom Omlid, Gary Shadrick, James Williamson, Sam Walsh, Damien Johnson, Paul Shough, Ken Swickard

Guests in attendance included: None

## Approval of Minutes

Jerry move, Harold 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved without change.

## Officers' Reports

Treasurers' report: No change

Balance	<b>\$3459.24</b>
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Approved as submitted.

## Business Meeting

Revised By-Laws. Jon provided an overview of the changes and additions to the by-laws, last developed by Gary Shadwick and Jerry Greuel in 2004. Jerry ID'd a typo. Gary S. asked about Article XIV, Dissolution of chapter. Jon read the article which was part of the original by-laws. Following brief discussion, motion Jerry, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously. **(a) Jon to publish final doc.**

- Jon reviewed proposed Policy Guidance for Chapter 1397 response to death of a chapter member. Sam moved to accept, Brian and Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark Shorter asked about members in declining health who were active in the past but might not be currently active. Jon noted that the proposed policy states that "Exceptions to the eligibility criteria may be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors" in order to cover unique circumstances. All in favor unanimous.
- Moberg fly-in: Bemidji aviation wants to do another pancake breakfast in conjunction. Will combine advertising plans. Include all prior participants in mailing.
- Duane Maki has two tickets for the Duluth air show. \$50 for both. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If interested contact Duane 218.659.2901 or makidm@paulbunyan.net
- Moberg fly in hats: we have ordered 50 hats. Our cost is \$8 and we will sell them for \$10.
- Moberg coffee cup: Dave Quam developed a nice cup with float plane design and Moberg logo. He has arranged with Ink Spot press who can provide cup for \$10 each. Anyone interested in one can order directly with Ink Spot.
- Flying club: will fly out to Breezy point on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for a lunch fly in. Sam to confirm with Dan by Wed, May 3<sup>rd</sup> if weather etc. looks like a go... and if so, Dan will e-mail EAA members. Goal is to get a good showing from Bemidji aviators.
- Floats training: Damien said 30 slots. \$250/hr. for flight training. Typically 5-6 hours of flight time. Ground training as well. Ground school 4/27 to be held at BJI.

- Harlan has acquired a 1947 Stinson upgraded to a -2 with. Found it on Craigslist.
- Paul Wannarka reminded that we are in fire season. Stay out of fire traffic areas (5NM radius up to 2500AGL) 122.925 for fire frequency monitor.

## Program

- Bemidji Aviation overview. Paul Shough did a great overview of history and future plans. Following are the highlights.
  - Started in 1947
  - BJI built in 1945. Grand opening June 1946. Go to [www.Bemidjiaviation.com](http://www.Bemidjiaviation.com) and go to history tab for further historical details
  - BJI Later used as training based for bombing, as well as turboprop testing.
  - Larry Diffley and Mark Shough met in California.
  - Waldo Waddles was previous FBO owner. Larry and Mark Purchased in 1970
  - Started passenger service with Queen airs in the 1980s
  - Began running checks with piper Aztecs
  - Began UPS route in 1994
  - Today (what we do now)
    - UPS is 80% of the business
    - ESOP as of 2006
    - Larry passed away 2011. This was a major turning point in the company
    - Ramp Services
    - Customer/pilot services
    - Aircraft Rental
    - Maintenance
    - Structures Repair; buy non-flying aircraft and make them flyable
    - Paint
    - Engine overhaul
    - Fiberglass and vacuum form parts
    - Avionics
    - Photo flights
    - Fire detection
    - Instruction
    - Passenger charters
    - 107 employees
  - Where are we going
    - UPS wants us to be one of the 3 feeder cargo operators in 10-15 years
    - BJI airport commission asked for a 10 year plan
    - Phase 1 is a 60x160 cold storage warehouse for parts
    - Phase 2 160x160 MRO off airport facility, completed 2019.
    - Phase 3 On airport hangar 2020

## Adjournment

We adjourned at 8:50 PM.

*Daniel R. Leger*

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Secretary  
EAA Chapter 1397

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Date of Approval