

# Minutes for EAA Chapter 1397 Oct 11, 2018

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## Call to Order

We held a Regular meeting of EAA chapter 1397 on October 11, 2018 at BJI commons. We began at 7:03 PM.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included: Dan Leger, Taylor Mattson, Arnold Kleinsasser, Gary Gregg, Jon Blessing, Paul Grand, Duane Maki, Alex Stenberg, Dave Ekstrom, Harold Jansen, Rob Knudsen, Jerry Greuel, Jason Jahnke, Gardell Emery, Jim Bardwell, Dennis Huwe, Brian Shaw, Rob Roed, Donald Myers

Guest in attendance: None

**Secretary's report:** Minutes approved as submitted

**Treasurer's report:** See annual report attachment

## Business Meeting Announcements/Discussion topics

### Old Business

- Annual fly in areas for improvement
  - Car parking issue: create cull de sac around hoist point.
  - Aircraft moving to refueling area: rope it off during mid-day.
  - Port a johns: recommend moving one over to camping area
  - Movie: move to short clips instead of 2 hour movie. Perhaps designate a club photographer to create chapter clips.

### New Business

- Annual report
  - Reviewed document
  - No changes made
  - See end of minutes for complete report
- November meeting will have a safety seminar on engine failure
- Young Eagles flights; Took 3 kids up on Sunday. Have \$100 in an EAA pot for spending. Must have one pilot fly at least 10 kids to qualify for funding.
- **(a) Dan to bring copies of our roster at next meeting**
- Membership dues
  - Mark recommended we go to \$20 a year and A&P and CFI are no longer free, for 2019 dues.
  - Jerry suggested a smaller increase to \$12 a year
  - Jon advocated \$20 is reasonable
  - Dennis advocated we either raise it or come up with some money makers
  - Mark said with \$20 dues we could break it down against expense.
  - Rob K made motion to \$20 a year. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted on all in favor except one. Jerry voted against.
  - Jon advocated board establish plan for use of extra money
  - Be prepared to pay your annual dues at November meeting
- Christmas party
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 12/13.

- Keg and Cork is available
- Keg and Cork is too dark in the basement.
- Rob K motion. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Will do a signup sheet
- Rob K new basic med. Has anyone not done it? He went over forms.
- Rob K has some of Gary Shadrack's books for free.
- Dennis Huwe has 2 sets of snow skis for sale. Make him an offer.
- Jerry Greuel gave us an update on his health

## Adjournment

We adjourned at 7:59

*Daniel R. Leger*

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Secretary

EAA Chapter 1397

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Date of Approval

## **EAA Chapter 1397 Annual Report of Activities**

**October 2017-October 2018**

Following is the Presidents Report for the Annual Meeting, October 11, 2018

### **Officers/Board of Directors**

President:	Rob Roed
Vice-President	Gary Gregg
Secretary:	Dan Leger
Treasurer:	Mark Cook
Immediate Past President:	Jon Blessing

### **Membership:**

Our current roster shows a membership of 74, of that 43 are current with dues.

13 members are A&P's and CFI's

### **Finances:**

October 1, 2017: TBA

October 1, 2018: TBA

### **Elections:**

2017 election of Rob Roed to president, and re-elect of Dan Leger to Secretary

This year's election postponed until November. We need to fill Vice-President and Treasurer. Mark Cook has agreed to continue on for another term as treasurer unless someone wants to take it on.

### **Membership Training:**

0 members attended training this year

### **Educational Programs:**

Eric Hutchins gave us an educational presentation on how to plan and execute a fun, safe, and reasonable trip to Churchill CA, in our April Meeting.

## **FlightSquid.com**

Our chapter participated in the BETA test of EAA's flightsquid.com site. Ultimately EAA is not going to be going with this site but they continue to explore innovative ways to expand and keep the chapters organized.

## **Young Eagles:**

After Rob Roed was elected to president the young eagle coordinator position was taken over by Gary Gregg. We did achieve enough flights last year to get a little over \$100 from EAA that we need to spend by January 1, 2019. We can use it to put towards education or purchase of merchandise from EAA store. A pop-up canopy that can be used at fly-in and young eagles event is being floated for an idea.

## **Moberg Fly-In 2018**

We had great weather on Friday evening. We also had by all accounts record number of pilots fly in on Friday. Sponsors were Downtown Meats, Raphaels Bakery, Keg & Cork, and Bemidji Aviation. Saturday the weather was not as cooperative but we still served over 100 people with the pulled pork meal. We had 28 pilots register of which 7 were members. We had a special appearance by North Memorial Hospital Helicopter and they were very willing to come back again next year. Visit Bemidji was gracious and gave us several door prizes. Brian Shaw contributed a pontoon pump and the grand prize was bought from Bemidji Aviation which included an \$80 gift certificate, flight bag and assorted goodies. Dave Quam also donated some videos and books. We did not have grand prize or pump claimed by any of the pilots so we have for next year.

## **Other "notables"**

### **Meals at monthly meetings:**

We have had very good feedback from members about the monthly meals. The suggested donation of \$5/meal has pretty well covered the cost and the board feels that general attendance has been better as a result at monthly meetings.

We have also purchased a folding table that can be used at monthly meetings, and Gary Gregg just donated a full sized fridge that is at Moberg airbase which makes storage of food for monthly meeting and fly-in much more convenient.

### **Collaboration with Bemidji High School:**

High School teacher Jason Koester, is teaching ground school as part of his physics class again this year. We tried to facilitate a young eagles event last weekend (October 7, 8) to include the class as well as a local Boy Scouts troop and Take a Kid Fishing.

### **Chapter 1397 Moberg Fly-In Video:**

Dave Quam shot video again this year of our fly-in. Keep an eye out on YouTube for it!

### **AirCorps Aviation featured in EAA Sport Aviation:**

A P-51, Lope's Hope, was featured with a very nice article and beautiful pictures. The plane was also on NBC at Oshkosh WI.

**Summary:**

Chapter 1397 has an active core group of members again this past year, we continue to see growth in membership and also continue looking to collaborate with various groups in the area. Much of the growth can be contributed to Bemidji Aviation continuing to offer ground school through the Bemidji continuing education partnership.

Moberg Fly-In was again a success. We did not quite break even on costs but will most likely as part of the cost over-run was attributed to food overage. This food will be used over the next few months. We again enjoyed Kleinsasser Funnel Cakes, and gourmet coffee by Gardell.

Membership dues have been floated several times. We continue to see a small decline in the bottom line year by year but we are still doing very well.

This past year has been a privilege to serve as chapter 1397 president. I want to make a special shout-out to Jon Blessing for being so organized in the past, a great mentor now, and an inspiration going forward. You all have taught me a great deal this past year, and I also appreciate everyone's patience with me as I have taken on this roll. I am always open to input and suggestions (even occasional criticism). Please feel free to contact me by phone at

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Rob Roed