

EAA Essex Skypark Chapter 143 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 5, 2023

Gathering began at 6:00 pm for socialization

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: 14 members

Announcement that we are a fully recognized Chapter with the EAA.

Question clarification as to when IRS documentation is due. Confirmed March of each year.

Discussion as to whether to prorate annual dues, and when dues become effective, since the

delay in getting the chapter fully recognized. Agreed among members that membership dues

would run as of October of every year. Motion to not prorate the dues (\$20 per year) for partial

year, seconded. Affirmed and adopted.

Discussion about some methods funding the chapter beyond member dues and signup fees,

including Ron Shippee volunteering any ESSTEM check donations to be tendered to the

chapter, including ESSTEM T-Shirts. Ron Shippee also offered to advance the funds for chapter T-shirts, to be reimbursed from a separate account maintained by the chapter.

Discussion as to the members, especially the Young Eagles committee members, to attend

Young Eagles event to be held in the spring at the St. Mary's County chapter event, to learn the

ropes. Reminder that Young Eagles participants receive a complimentary membership to EAA.

Discussion as to the need to populate the various Chapter 143 committees, including: Community Outreach, Builder Support, STEM Aviation, and Young Eagles. The chairs for each individual committee will comprise the Board.

Group viewed an EAA Chapter Video Magazine episode, which highlighted the various youth programs, including Aero Education for Youth 5 and up.

Members were reminded that EAA offers free access to Solid Edge CAD software.

Discussion that we will need to have the EAA chapter website associated with the ESA website (link), once it is launched.

Interesting presentation by Jim, WB3FNS on his investigation of the missing Pan Am Martin Clipper aircraft.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.